

# ST. ANDREWS HERALD

Newsletter of  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

## NOVEMBER 2023



Worship with us in person at 10am on Sundays, or watch live @  
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### Nov 2023 Worship



#### Grow in Faith Together

November 5 All Saint's Day  
Communion & Candle Lighting  
Psalm 34:1-12, 22  
Revelation 7:9-17

*The Blessing of a Family of Faith*



Set clocks  
back an  
hour this  
weekend!  
(An extra  
hour of  
sleep!!)

#### Serving Christ

November 12  
1 Peter 4:7-11  
Acts 6:1-7

*Serving Christ, in the Church*

November 19  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Luke 10:1-11

*Serving Christ, in the World*

November 26  
Matthew 25:14-30  
Matthew 25:31-46

*Serving Christ, in the Everyday*



#### December Worship Notes

On Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 we will have two Christmas Eve services:  
10AM Worship—Family Service  
7PM Worship—Lessons & Carols

## A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

We come into November facing *All Saints Day* where we remember those we loved and lost, facing an election that reminds us of the difficult election year ahead, facing a world spinning into more and more conflict, facing *Christ the King Sunday* that points to a different way, and facing a day of thanksgiving. Our lives could be consumed by any one of these. We have to choose what we allow to fill us, or it will be chosen for us.

I recently read an article in The Week with first-hand accounts from October 8<sup>th</sup> in Israel. One of the accounts was from a woman at the music festival, she threw herself into a thicket of thorn bushes to escape the gunfire. She lay as motionless as possible, stuck for hours in the thorns. And there is those long hours that surely seemed to never end, and she focused on her breath.

*"...breathing and praying in every way I knew possible. Every time I thought of anger, or fear or revenge, I breathed it out," she said. "I tried to think of what I was grateful for – the bush the hid me so well that even birds landed on it, the birds that were still singing, the sky that was so blue." (and finally gratitude for the help that did arrive).*

From: 'They didn't see us a human beings' in The Week, October 20, 2023.

It would be nice to say that God will protect us from every being in a moment like that. But, that is not one of God's promises to us. The promise we do have is that God will be with us. Gratitude is one of the things that can turn our day, our perspective, our lives around so that we can again, see the presence of God even in the most difficult circumstances.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: ***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*** May this be what we choose to focus on, and to be filled with. Thanksgiving, is a day that reminds us to give thanks. On our good days, on our stressful days, on the days when we cannot lift up our hearts, and the days we look in dismay at the mess of the world, may we remember AND may we practice living God's Word for us: ***give thanks in all circumstances.***

Jesus is above all things, and in the midst of all things.

Let us give thanks and praise to God, while lifting up our prayers for one another and the world.

In the Hope of Christ,  
*Pastor Robin*



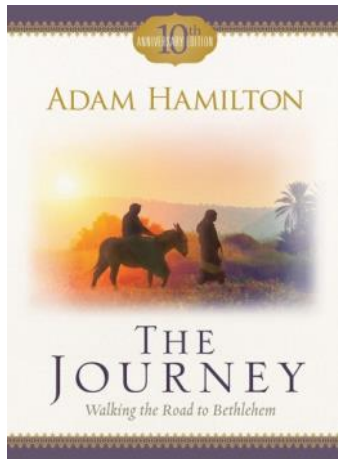


## Adult Sunday School Series Class

9AM in the Chapel

**November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** join Bill Mulligan to explore how artists have explored their faith. What message did Michelangelo share in the statue of David? Why did Massari paint the holy family hanging out the laundry? Learn about these and more.

**Starting November 19<sup>th</sup>** join Pastor Robin for an Advent Study called The Journey.



We will step into the scripture passages that lead to Christmas, as we walk with Adam Hamilton through the Holy Land.

*What is Nazareth like?*

*What was it like to be in Bethlehem?*

*Where did Mary go, when she went to visit Elizabeth?*

*What did it really look like to travel from  
Nazareth to Bethlehem?*

As we consider where all these things took place, may we see more clearly how Jesus entered into this world.

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us.” John 1:14*

## Music Notes



### Handbell Rehearsals

start again Wed. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:45PM



### December Violin Recital

Ashley Butters' Violin Studio will once again present a Christmas recital here at St. Andrews, the evening of Friday, December 8th at 7PM. All are welcome to attend!

***A BIG THANK YOU*** from our  
Concert Series Committee  
to everyone that helped to make  
the Steven Courtney Concert a success!  
*What a wonderful evening of music and fun*  
- singing, clapping  
and dancing in the aisles!  
*A good time was had by all!!*





# Supporting Our Children & Youth

## Story Time With St. Nick

*This is an event to celebrate and to share Christmas together and with our neighbors.  
(especially the little ones!)  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-4pm*

Warm memories of Christmas season are a joy. Come out of Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-4pm as we gather and enjoy a good cup of Hot Chocolate, the sound of children playing, and Christmas cookies! St. Nick will be joining us and sharing family friendly stories that point to Christ and moments of wonder with the children. We will have Hot Chocolate, cookies, and plenty of fun with activities and crafts at the church. All are welcome!



**Ministry Opportunity**  
*Be a Part of Story Time with St. Nick*  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-4pm**

Do you hear sleigh bells?? Christmas is coming quickly and with it comes Story time with St. Nick. As we prepare for another season of ministry there are several opportunities to join in the fun and help reach the community:

### **Volunteers**

*You are the heroes of outreach*

### **Cookie Makers**

*You are loved by all*

### **Setup and Takedown Crew.**

*You are the backbone of the work*

### **And of course, Spread the word!**

*By Inviting you extend Christ's welcome*

If you are interested in helping, please let Rob know!



## **YOUTH RING AND SING NEWS**

It has been a great start to the youth choir. I have planned that this year we will have a theme for each month. Along with the theme will be a Bible verse, and music that goes along with the theme. We will be singing, ringing, and even playing ukuleles! October's theme was **God's Word**. The Bible verse was Psalm 119:105, "*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*" The youth have worked their way through the Old Testament part of the "*Books of the Bible*" song. We will continue by learning the New Testament.

In November, our theme is **Gratitude and Thanksgiving**. The Bible verse will be 1 Thessalonians 5:18a, "*In everything give thanks.*" Songs will include "*Praise Him, Praise Him,*" and "*All Things Bright and Beautiful.*" We hope to share our ringing and/or our singing in a Sunday worship.

Rehearsals in November will be 3:30 – 4 pm, Sundays, November 5, 12, and 19. All youth are invited to join us. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Maggie Beatty through the church.

*All the best songs are co-written by God, y'know! – Bono*

*Maggie Beatty*



# FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

What did Adam say when he was asked about his favorite holiday? (Answer Below)

## Upcoming...

The leaves have changed and the world is filled with colors, which means that winter is right around the corner. In fact, as of Nov 1st we are only 54 days away from Christmas! While I am not rushing us towards Christmas, there is plenty that will be happening in the seasons to come.

November offers a moment for us to gather and pause as we look towards Thanksgiving. On November 19th as a youth group we will gather and celebrate. We will take time to enjoy some turkey bowling, celebrate, and share in a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving feast.

We will not have Epyc or Trailblazers on November 26th. But be ready as we go into December with St. Nick, the Joy of Advent, and Christmas Eve Fun!

A final note: Church in a Bag can be found by the elevator. Kids and youth are welcome to the supplies to keep their bags stocked for Sunday morning. The Bulletins for kids can be picked up by the bags and in the Narthex. When the kids are done with their bags at the end of service please return them to the hooks by the elevator.



## Kids Ring and Sing

Sundays at 3:30pm in Choir Room

Ring and Sing is a music program for all kids! Maggie introduces kids to the joy of music together!

## Epyc Sundays 4-6pm

Epyc is youth group for 6-12th grades in the youth center. We enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and food!

Nov 5th- Epyc

Nov 12th- Epyc

Nov 19th- Charlie Brown  
Thanksgiving

## Trailblazers

Sundays 4-6pm

Trailblazers is youth group for 1st-5th grades in the living room. We enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and food!

Nov 5th- Trailblazers

Nov 12th- Trailblazers

Nov 19th- Charlie Brown  
Thanksgiving

## Rob Cochran

Director of Children and Youth Ministry  
youth@standrewslebanon.org  
717-272-9933

**Answer:** It's Christmas, Eve



## Weekly Schedule at St. Andrews—Fall '23

Sunday	9AM Sunday School (Youth and Adult) 10AM Worship 11AM Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time 11:15AM Adult Sunday School on Psalms 3:30PM Youth Ring & Sing 4-6PM Trailblazers & EPYC
Monday	2nd Mon: 7PM Committee Night (Worship, Admin & Personnel) 4th Mon: 7PM Compassionate Friends in the Living Rm.
Tuesday	9AM Sew and Sew ladies in Youth Center 1:30PM Band Together in Rm 8 AND SAPC Staff Mtg. 1st Tues: 7PM Session 2nd Tues: 6PM Knitting Guild in the Gathering Area 3rd Tues: 7PM Committee Night (CE, Mission, Fellowship, S&F, Prop.) 4th Tues: 7PM Deacons
Wednesday	6:30PM Praise Team rehearsal 7PM WEBS in the Chapel 7:30PM Choir rehearsal
Friday	9:30AM Walking Group @ S. Hills Park
Thursday	2nd Thur: 2PM Grief Support in the Chapel
Saturday	2nd Sat: 12PM Free Noon Meal in Snyder Hall

**LOOKING FORWARD:  
End of Nov into Dec**

We will publish a December-January Newsletter and the deadline is **NOV. 22nd**.

Hanging of the Greens (church decorating) this year will take place between **Sun. Nov 26 and Sat. Dec. 2**. We're looking for people willing & able to help!

### November

2	Grace Oxenreider
3	Jane Long
	Charlie Whary
4	Deb Miller
5	Tom Bechtold
7	Charlotte Allwein
	Reilly Morgan
8	Kelsey McMillen
13	Adrian Muraya
15	Jody DeWald
17	Chris Risko
20	Don Leshar
21	Robert Dowd, Sr.
22	Beth Howard
24	Nell Tice
25	Laura Juppenlatz
26	Nancy Hoff
	Adam Shreve
27	Will Juppenlatz
	Megan Risko



### December

1	Wilma Miller
	Jeannie Tice
2	Shelby Lister
4	Jeff Muraya
6	Lisa Hamme
10	Steve Schulte
15	John Wissinger
17	Marc Hamme
29	Penny Samuelson
31	Scott Stambaugh

### January

1	Sally Renda
	Robert Lowrie
3	Timothy Sensenig
8	Ray Cochran
12	Sharon Schulte
14	Jacob Overholt
	John Spicer IV
18.	Mary Reitz
19.	Grace Hakkinen
21	Karen Fedder
25	Maggie Beatty
	Sarah Flowers
	Susan Strock
26.	Ron Hetrick
	Jean Ditzler
	Gary Strock
28.	Doug Lister
	Karen Uhrich
30	Kate Tshudy

## Fellowship Committee

**Coffee Hour** Are you interested in hosting coffee hour after church?

The Fellowship Committee welcomes your assistance!

Please sign up in the Gathering Area. Ask Carla Dowd or Karen Fedder if you have any questions. Thank you!



## The Pie Clinic

*"Making a good crust is the key to any good pie."*

-Doug Lister

Join us Sat. Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1PM In Snyder Hall.

Sign up in the Gathering Area!



## The New Era Group



Open to anyone interested.... A social group with daytime gatherings for lunch/movies/presentations and other activities.

Always open for someone (or a pair of someones) to come up with ideas.

### Our Next Events:

#### **Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Nov. 9th 10AM**

This is a guided tour of the cemetery including its history. Our guide will lead us, and we'll be getting in and out of our cars. Walking will be minimal and on paved pathways.

The duration is about 2 hours depending on questions and time spent at each stop. The tour will begin at the administration building at the cemetery.

Lunch following the tour will be at Snitz Creek Brewery - self pay.

### **December:**

Dec. 7th: Hymns/Carols Sing-Along, 12PM, Lunch will be brought in and is self pay.

Dec. 10th: Christmas Luncheon After Worship



St Andrews Day—Oct 22, 2023  
Celebrating our past and present,  
50-Yr Members, Bag Pipes and  
Baked Potato Lunch!



## Mission & Outreach Opportunities



\*Mission Spotlight for November:

**Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant**

\*Mission Spotlight for December:

**Instant Brown Rice, Chicken Broth, Gravy**



### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Gift Fair 2023 Sunday, December 3

**8:45 AM to 10:00 AM in Snyder Hall**



**Do your Christmas shopping while helping others!**  
Representatives from charitable organizations will have opportunities for you to make a donation in honor of someone on your Christmas list. Instead of purchasing the usual returnable items, alternative gifts are contributions to non –profit organizations that help those in the community and around the world.



**Organizations participating are:  
Habitat for Humanity, LifeWater International,  
Heifer International, and Lebanon Community Library.**

**Lebanon HS Life Skills Class and Fair Trade will have items for purchase.**



**Coffee/Tea and refreshments will be in Snyder Hall during the fair.**



**\*\*\*Cash and checks accepted by all organizations\*\*\***



#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone who would like to have a prayer shawl, please contact the church office! We have some faithful knitters who enjoy serving  
by creating these to give away!





# Christmas Poinsettias

Please fill in the form and drop it in the basket in the Gathering Area or the basket outside the church office.

We invite members to purchase poinsettias (red or white with four to six blooms) in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or simply in their own names.

These poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the services on Sunday, December 17, **and** Christmas Eve, Sun. Dec. 24.

The plants may be removed after either the morning or the evening service on Christmas Eve, or left at the church.

Please order early.

No orders will be taken after the final deadline of November 26.



In memory of loved ones. \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver my plant to home-bound: \_\_\_\_\_

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If your list is extensive, please use another sheet of paper and print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin. Thank you!)*

**\$8.00 per plant    Deadline: November 26**

Make checks payable to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and designate "Poinsettias".

## Session Notes

The session report for the meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2023:

The meeting opened with the devotional and discussion on passages from Matthew 25. The main theme was how we will extend Christ's welcome to all as people come with great needs.

What followed was a lengthy discussion of encounters that our church has had with homeless people and the difficulties finding resources to help them when this occurs on weekends. We will be looking for solutions on how we can better work with those who seek refuge on the grounds of St Andrews.

The property committee presented a very complete document concerning use of our facilities by outside entities. Anyone interested in sponsoring an outside group should refer to requirements. The document can be obtained from the church office.

The deacons will make a concentrated effort on having contacts to follow up with visitors.

The worship committee submitted the plan for the Christmas Eve services. There will be two services, one at 10 AM and the second at 7 PM.

Submitted by Fred Jones

## St. Andrews Salutations

Thank you, Barry Kohr, for all of the property maintenance efforts that you take care of around the church, including this Fall- frequent clearing of the abundance of acorns that fall from our trees—(*so, where are the squirrels and what are they eating?*)

Many thanks to Anne & Rod Keith for their gardening on the church property. The hard work pays off—everything looks beautiful!

Bob and Karen Regester celebrate their **60<sup>th</sup>** Wedding Anniversary on November 2<sup>nd</sup>! Blessing to you both!



"GRATITUDE IS NOT ONLY THE GREATEST OF VIRTUES, BUT THE PARENT OF ALL OTHERS."  
MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO

## Church Officers:

### Session

#### **2023**

Carla Dowd (Fellowship)  
 Karen Fedder (Fellowship)  
 Rebecca Lister (Christian Ed)  
 William Mulligan- (Clerk/Nominating)

#### **2024**

Frederick Jones (Mission)  
 Stuart Juppenlatz (Stew. & Fin.)  
 Kayla Lowrie (Christian Ed)  
 Lewis Sauerwein (Worship)

#### **2025**

Karen Dielmann (Admin. & Pers.)  
 David Overholt (Mission)  
 Penny Samuelson (Worship)  
 Doug Lister, (Pres. Trustees/Property)

### Nominating Committee

Perry Latshaw,  
 Diane Pomeroy,  
 Lynn Phillips

### Deacons

#### **2023**

Donna Kuntz  
 Lorraine Lowrie  
 Ann Ormond  
 Kathy Wissinger  
 Gwen Yordy

#### **2024**

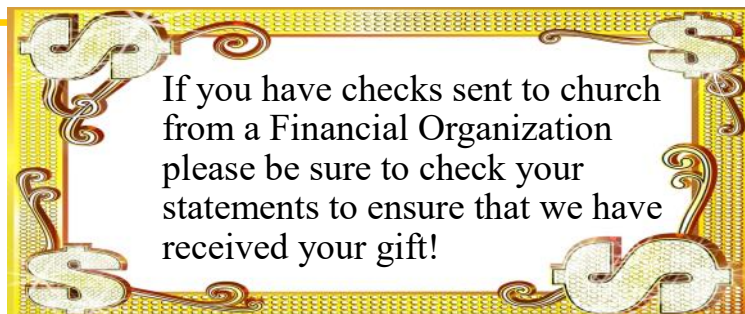
Rosemary Birt  
 John Butler  
 Jean Ditzler  
 Robert Kopp  
 Sue Mechura

#### **2025**

Kathy Crager  
 Lorna Everhart  
 Mary Lynne Mulligan

## Church Staff:

Ministers . . . . .	. . .Members of St. Andrews
Pastor / Head of Staff. . . . .	. . .Rev. Robin Morgan
Pastor Emeritus . . . . .	. . .Rev. Richard L. Cassel
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. . . . .	. . .Robert Cochran
Coordinator of Music Ministries . . . . .	. . .Carole Haines
Organist. . . . .	. . .Lisa Meyer
Contemporary Music Leader/Digital Media Spec. . . . .	. . .Johnathan Shuey
Media Coordinator. . . . .	. . .Lew Sauerwein
Treasurer . . . . .	. . .Marc Hamme
Church Custodian . . . . .	. . .Daphne Hoke
Office Manager . . . . .	. . .Mary Lynne Mulligan



### Church Office Hours

9AM—4PM, Monday—Thursday, and 9AM—Noon, Friday.  
 If you should have an emergency when the office isn't open,  
 please leave a voicemail for Pastor Robin or email her at [pastor@standrewslebanon.org](mailto:pastor@standrewslebanon.org).



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### **St. Andrews Mission Statement**

Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.

#### **Our Values**

##### **Christ First**

We will do all things as a reflection of Christ.

##### **Inviting**

We will extend Christ's welcome to all.

##### **Joyful**

We will vibrantly serve Christ with courage, enthusiasm, and a fun-loving attitude.

##### **Open-Minded**

We will embrace people and consider ideas with empathy and without judgment.

**Know God—Grow Together—Serve Christ**

