

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

Newsletter of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

LENT 2024



Worship with us in person at 10am on Sundays, or watch live @
www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive

February - March

February 4th Worship & Communion;

Rob Preaching

Hebrews 9:1-5, 11-15

Hebrews 9:23-28

Walking in Mystery

February 11th Worship

2 Kings 2:1-14

Mark 9:2-9

The Moment After

LENT

The Lord's Prayer

February 14th Ash Wednesday

Genesis 2:4-7

Romans 8:31-39

Remembering God's love for us

Week 4: March 10

Matthew 6:9-15

Matthew 18:23-35

Forgive us our sins as we forgive our sinners

Week 1: Feb 18

Psalm 8

Matthew 6:1-13

*Our Father who Art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name.*

Week 5: March 17

Matthew 4:1-11

John 11:17-44

*Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Week 2: Feb 25

Isaiah 55:1-9

Matthew 20:1-16

*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven*

Holy Week

Week 6 March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Maundy Thursday – March 28

Worship & Communion

Week 3: March 3

Luke 11:1-13

John 6:22-39

Give us this day our daily bread

Good Friday – March 29

Tenebrae Service

Easter – March 31st

Worship & Communion with

Fellowship and Easter Egg Hunt!

*(April 7th, Mark your calendars,
Marion & Friends will join us in worship!)*



A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

February invites us into the season of Lent. It is a season that invites us to simplify, and to simply draw near to God. This year, the Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, that falls right on Valentine's Day. We will gather in Snyder Hall at 6PM for a soup supper (all soup makers are invited to bring soup!). We will eat, and right there around the tables worship and share communion. It is a day to remember the love of God, that is with us in the dust.

In the spirit of simplifying and in the Spirit of focusing on God, this year we will be spending Lent, in the Lord's Prayer. We will take just one line per week, to consider each part of the prayer and to spend some time praying just that line. We will have prayer cards, one per week, that offer prompts for your own prayers.

This is a prayer remember learning before I had any idea what "glory" or "hallowed" meant. This is the prayer Jesus gave us, and so perhaps it is the best way to learn, re-learn, or re-connect to prayer. I found this to be true for myself a few months ago on a spiritual retreat. As we walked into evening prayer, we were handed a slip of paper, with one phrase such as: *Thy will be done* or *Give us this day our daily bread*. All of them were one line of the Lord's Prayer. And as we prayed, when the line on our paper was spoken, the space was for us to fill in. To let our prayers focus on God's Will, on what we truly needed for the day, and even on those we needed to forgive. It was a way of praying as a group, that was new to me. This way of praying instantly helped me slow down and focus on the depth, the invitation to pray in each line of the Lord's Prayer.

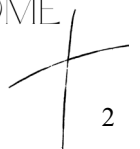
As we walk through the Lord's prayer, my prayer for each week to offer a meaningful invitation to turn to God, to offer prayers to God and to see God's heart for our prayers. May these words we pray together, be words that draw us together in worship and in our journey of faith.

May God bless us on this journey of prayer.

*In the hope of Christ,
Pastor Robin*

OUR FATHER,
WHO ART
IN HEAVEN
Hallowed
BE THY NAME

Thy Kingdom
COME



Lent Discipleship Opportunities for Adults

Let us Know God more and One Another

Lent Prayer Cards as we slowly move the Lord's Prayer in worship we will have prayer cards, one for each week, for you to pray each day. May these prayers draw you nearer to God, and deepen your understanding of the Lord's Prayer. Prayer cards will be available in the Narthex as well as the Church Office.

LORD'S PRAYER WEEK 1
Matthew 6:9 & Luke 11:2

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.

Pause

Consider where you are.

Consider where God is.

*Let the awareness, and any words,
be your prayer..*

HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

Lift up names of God.

*Let your prayer of praise
be your heart's reflection of who God is.*

The Lord's Prayer, is the prayer
Jesus gave us to pray.

These words are always right.
We hold these words in our heart.
And together we say them out loud.

This year, for Lent,
let us slow down and take just
one line
to pray, each day.

There is one card for each week.

One the back are a few guiding words.

Yet, the simplest
way to pray, is to start with that
one line,
and pray into it.

Fill that space between the lines
with the words of your heart.

Always take a moment to pause,
letting the Spirit lead you,
in the silence.

Adult Sunday School

February 18, 23 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, in the Chapel

9AM Growing Closer to Christ in Prayer

Leader: Gayle Reilly

11AM The Psalms

Leader: Rick Borger

FOLLOW-SHIP

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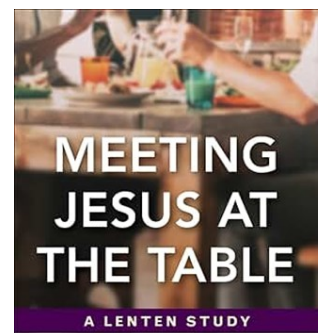
'Drop-In' Follow-Ship Group 7PM Thursdays in the Gathering Area
Thursday (Feb 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21)

Pastor Robin will be leading an open Follow-Ship group, in this season of Lent. Follow-Ship is about learning to follow Christ together. Come and see what a Follow-Ship Group is like. If you have wondered what a group is, or not yet found the right group, come and join us for one or all of the evenings. Let us enjoy time to gather around God's word and get to know one another, on another level. *If you are interested, but the time does not work for you, please talk to Pastor Robin.*

WEBS - The Wednesday Evening Bible Study

WEBS will be starting a Lenten study on Wednesday February 21st
at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

The WEBS group will be using the book "Meeting Jesus at the Table" by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. No book is needed for the study, but if you would like a book the cost is \$14.00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.



All classes are open to anyone. Please come and join us!
As we move forward into 2024, please be on the lookout for more opportunities. If you would like to lead a class, or help with Follow-Ship groups, Sunday School, the Nursery, or Youth groups, please contact Ken Gries, Rob Cochran, or the church office.

Winter Youth Schedule

February

- 4th No Ring and Sing
Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm
- 11th Ring and Sing after church
No Epyc or Trailblazers
- 18th Ring and Sing 3:30pm
Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm
- 25th Ring and Sing 3:30pm
Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm

March

- 3rd Ring and Sing 3:30pm
Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm
- 10th Ring and Sing 3:30pm
Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm
- 17th Ring and Sing 3:30pm
Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm
- 24th Ring and Sing 3:30pm
Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm
- 31st Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt 11:15



A Warm Welcome

Youth ministry is a wonderful challenge! In our world of constant bombardment and demand on attention, offering a truth to students that invites them to pause is wonderful. Deeper still is the opportunity to walk with them as they learn to engage with their faith and how to exist in the world with constant demand. Of course this work comes in many ways from our Sunday School teachers who volunteer their time to love on Students, to the youth group volunteers showing students you can be an adult with faith and have fun, to our dinner makers helping feed the body and care for the soul, and so many more of you! With our recent Annual Meeting thank you to everyone who showed interest, stopped and talked, and just asked what happens with the youth ministry at St. Andrews!

Now of course being in late Winter and Spring right around the corner. it is time to start looking ahead to Spring and Summer! This Spring we will celebrate our community here with another Let's Play Day Partnered with several community organizations and celebrating Spark Park. We will open our doors to our neighbors and celebrate! Moving into summer there is plenty of to expect from Spark Park Days, with some new additions, to Mission and Book club. Of course all of this needs you! Never underestimate the connection of a simple gesture that can be made in sitting with a people, even students. I once had a volunteer who would come to youth group, turn on a football game, and watch it with the students. It may not have seemed like much to him, but the students appreciated him as a grand father figure, and loved him for how he taught them. Loving are neighbor, loving students is as simple as showing up. They will notice.

In Christ's Peace

Rob

youth@standrewslebanon.org

Past Event Photos



For Our Children & Youth

Murder Mystery March 17th 4-6pm.

Who does not enjoy a good family board game night! Maybe you break out the deck of cards, or a favorite board game, or maybe you dust off that copy of Clue. Of course, Clue is a classic & fun game. A great way to build mystery and intrigue and a little suspense and to bond together. In that spirit we will be hosting a Murder Mystery on St. Patrick's Day. Which of course means our game will be themed as, Irish Intrigue. Participants are welcome to come dressed in character, character assignments will be given out the week before.



This is a lighthearted and relaxed event intended to be an easy introduction into the fellowship and fun of the youth ministry. Revealing the grace that is a community of believers who can gather for fun and gather to grow in faith.

Easter Egg Hunt, March 31st 11:15am

The Tomb will be found empty, and new life is promised in the resurrection! In this hope and promise we celebrate in many ways, and one of them is sharing this hope with our neighbors through an Easter Egg hunt!

If you are interested in helping with this event, we will need several positions filled! We need people to help with the:

- Registration table
- Fill goodie bags
- Hiding and collecting eggs



This is a great opportunity as well to invite family, friends, and neighbors. Revealing God's love in our faith and celebration on Easter Morning, and God's love in action to the community!

YOUTH RING AND SING NEWS

It has been a great first half of the choir year. The youth musicians have worked on a Bible verse each month that illustrates the theme for that month. Challenge them to tell you from memory: Psalm 119:105, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, and Acts 20:35. They were also able to participate in worship by singing and ringing. January's theme was God's strength and our verse was Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." For February, our theme will be God's Love and our verse will be John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." One of our musical selections will be "What Wondrous Love is This?" We will also plan to share in worship.

Rehearsals for February: (No rehearsal on Feb 4th)
Sunday, February 11 (rehearsal will be **after worship 11:15-12:15**),
Sundays February 18, and 25 (rehearsals will be 3:30-4 pm)

All youth are invited to join us. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Maggie Beatty at memab3@comcast.net.



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

-Maggie Beatty

Fellowship Committee



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
Soup, Communion & Ashes
February 14th, 6:00 PM
 Sign up in the Gathering Area!



The New Era Group

Our next event:
"History of Lebanon" music and the
spoken word with Lee Moyer
February 29 – 11:30AM

Lunch is included - \$4.00
Sign up in the Gathering Area!



February Birthdays

- 5 Daniel Peelen
- 10 Barbara Hains
- 11 Jill Kreiser
John Butler
- 15 Nansi Alexander
- 20 Dick Houtz
- 21 Sarah Hamme
- 24 Louise Rahalewich
- 26 Rick Borger
- 27 Kaitlyn Mulligan
- 28 Carol Smith-Kilgore
Ken Gries



March Birthdays

- 2 Bill Kalbaugh
- 2 Carole Haines
- 3 Mardon Fedder
- 4 Ken Peterson
- 5 Gwen Yordy
- 6 Rev. Tom Jackman
- 7 Bruce Kurtz
Ann Ormond
- 9 Beckie Dreibelbis
- 10 Perry Latshaw
John Reitz
- 12 Amanda Moslander
- 14 David Overholt
- 17 Connie Dowhower
Donna Kuntz
- 18 Katie Martel
- 20 Christine Nelson
- 22 Robin Gries
- 23 Rosemary Birt
- 27 Lee Samuelson



April Birthdays

- 2 Henry Overholt
- 3 Veronica Juppenlatz
- 5 Elizabeth Burkholder
- 7 Bill Mulligan
- 8 Fred Jones
- 9 Benjamin Sensenig
Alexia Sky Silva
- 19 Brennan Mulligan
- 20 Judy Borger
- 23 Joy Eubanks
- 26 Pat Yates
Rob Cochran
- 27 Wanda Bechtold
- 28 Scott Shreve
- 29 Beth Hamme
- 30 Bill Birt

Response Team

Lebanon is experiencing a rise in needs across the community. From homelessness to shortfalls of basic supplies and needs for families. Every opportunity to help has been different and demanding of grace, problem solving and action.

We are looking at the question of how can we respond to situations as they arise in the church and community and best use our resources. As such we are in need of a team to help build and execute our ability to help as a congregation. This will include needs such as being bi-lingual, physically capable of moving items, grace filled in stressful circumstances, providing moments big and small of stability and so much more.

If you are interested in helping build and respond to the community needs arising around us please sign up for the Response Team. A dynamic calling to minister to our neighbors. Let the church office know of your interest in being a part of this team!

Lent 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

*Feb 14th 6PM Soup Supper
worship, communion and ashes*

WORSHIP 10AM EVERY SUNDAY

The Lord's Prayer

HOLY WEEK

March 24th 10AM Palm Sunday

March 28th 7PM Maundy Thursday

March 29th 7PM Good Friday

March 31st Easter Sunday

10AM Worship

11AM Fellowship

11:15AM Easter Egg Hunt

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Mission

Mission Opportunities in 2024:

- *Donations for Mission Spotlight each month
- *Volunteering to serve a Free Noon Meal
- *Donations for Special Offerings
- *Donate @ Christmas to the Angel Tree and Giving Train
- *Shop at the Alternative Gift Fair
- *Sign up for any of the projects for Mission Week August 4-10, 2024

Our hope for 2024 is to continue the work of the Mission Committee in helping St. Andrews support the social and spiritual needs of our community. As homelessness becomes more prevalent in Lebanon, we are hoping to partner with the Lebanon County Coalition to End Homelessness. We also hope to continue encouraging the congregation to volunteer in local ministries.

We humbly thank the congregation for their generous support this past year. God has blessed St. Andrews this past year and pray for His continued love and guidance in 2024.

-David Overholt, Co-Chair Mission Committee

GIVE US
THIS DAY
Our Daily
BREAD

LORD'S PRAYER  WEEK 3
Matthew 6:11 & Luke 11:3

Gracious God,
I SEE YOUR PROVISION IN:

TODAY I NEED

O Lord, in your mercy, hear my prayer.

MISSION SPOTLIGHTS



February: Pasta and sauce (no glass jars, please)

March: Oatmeal and canned fruit.

Session Notes

Session Notes January 9, 2024
7 PM Chapel

The meeting was started with a reading/devotion from Isaiah 52.

The contributions of the 3 Elders finishing 6 years of service were reviewed : Bill Mulligan, Carla Dowd and Rebecca Lister. New Elders were welcomed: Rick Borger and Ken Gries.

Ministry Architects will be finishing up this spring- the final discussions will be postponed until May to allow Aqueelah to preach on Pentecost.

Gwen Yordy presented a report on behalf of the Deacons. She thanked everyone for signing the Christmas cards for the shut-ins.

The session approved a change in communion dates from January 7 to January 14.

Mission sought special offerings for Blanket Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peace and Global Witness. The reported that Mission week is scheduled for August 4-11.

The financial report was reviewed by the Treasurer highlighting that our financial position is better than we had anticipated.

Election of Bill Mulligan for Clerk of Session and Marc Hamme as Treasurer was made and Approved by all present.

Meeting nights for committees were reviewed. Discussion was held on the presentation of the Annual Reports and an Activity Fair to be held on Jan 28 to allow the congregation to speak with the various committees. Committees were encouraged to have exhibits to demonstrate their work and food. The Congregational Meeting will be brief.

There was discussion of making the newsletter seasonal rather than monthly.

Pastor Robin expressed her hopes to celebrate Eastertide for 50 days. This would include the possibility of a cross in the front yard with messages on each side. Doug Lister will check about digging restrictions. We will be careful not to limit sight lines for traffic.

Rebecca Lister and Bill Mulligan were elected as our commissioners for the Jan 17th meeting of the Presbytery.

We anticipate working on our website this year.

The meeting was closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Samuelson



Concert Series

Applause...Memorable Music at St. Andrews

presents

Andy Roberts

And

“The Four Piece Quartet”



Friday, February 9, 2024

7:30 PM

FREE CONCERT

Reception following the concert - Handicap Accessible

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Church Officers:

Session

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)

2026

Karen Fedder (Fellowship)
 Rick Borger (Clerk / Nominating)
 Ken Gries (Christian Ed)
 Jack Kopeski (Christian Ed)

Nominating Committee

Don Dreibelbis,
 Robin Gries,
 Lorraine Lowrie

Deacons

2024

Rosemary Birt
 John Butler
 Jean Ditzler
 Robert Kopp
 Sue Mechura

2025

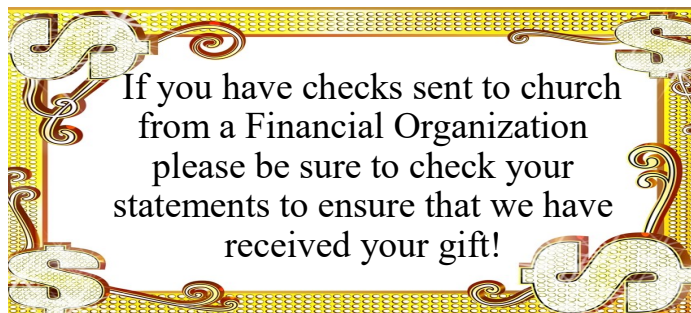
Kathy Crager
 Lorna Everhart
 Bonnie Houtz
 Mary Lynne Mulligan

2026

Gwen Yordy
 IvaJean Conley
 Karen Register
 Astrid Santiago

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.

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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.

