

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ *Our Values* ~ **Christ First – Inviting – Joyful – Open-Minded** ~ *Our 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.

EASTERTIDE NEWSLETTER 2024

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





Celebrating Easter! Worship @ 10AM

March 31st Easter Worship and Communion Psalm 22:25-31 John 20:1-18 *Seeing Jesus* *Community Easter Egg hunt 11:15AM

April 7th Second Sunday of Easter Daniel 3 John 20:19-29 Special Music with Ring & Sing Fun with Marian & Friends: Meaningful Message from Marian

April 14th Third Sunday of Easter Psalm 62 1 Kings 19:11-18 *"Silence is..."* Rebecca Lister Special Music with Bells of St. Andrews

April 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter With a message from Laurie Funk Cofounder of Chestnut St Community Center

April 28th Fifth Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-33a Luke 24:33b - 49 *Easter Keeps Coming!* May 5th Sixth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday & Communion 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Matthew 13:1-9

May 12th Seventh Sunday of Easter Confirmation John 21:1-14 John 21: 15-19 *A New Day*

Pentecost

May 19th Acts 2:1-4 *Can You Hear Me Now?* Rev. Aqueelah Ligonde, Ministry Architects Consultant

Pentecost Potluck after worship And Ministry Architects Congregation-Wide Wrap-Up in Snyder Hall

Wear **RED** for Pentecost

On Sunday, May 19th



A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen! Hope Wins Forever!

I remember the joy of last Easter. So many of us together, the beautiful music, colorful flowers and the news that is always good! But, the next Sunday, it felt like it was over. And I wondered why don't we celebrate for all of the 50 days of Easter?

Somehow, we have a rhythm where we ponder and prepare in Advent, and then Christmas comes and goes too quickly (maybe we are missing our chance to celebrate all 12 days of Christmas as well). The new year starts and before we know it Lent has arrived, and we reflect and prepare for 40 days. It is good to reflect, to ponder and to prepare. *But, we also need to celebrate!*

This year, let us celebrate Easter for all 50 days! Let us celebrate the whole season from Easter Sunday to Pentecost!

Easter morning brings the women to an empty tomb, and without knowing where to look, Jesus appears to them. Jesus showing up revealed life in a new way. And then, over the next 50 days, Jesus appeared again and again. He appeared along the road, in locked rooms, and beside the lake at dawn, with breakfast. As we go through this season of celebration, let us look for Christ in the world. On page 11 in the newsletter is a list of words, offering ways to seek Christ, to seek the hope and life that Christ brings, in each and every day. Take this list, add to it, and look like the children look for easter eggs. Look with delight and anticipation for ways Jesus appears and works in our lives. We will have cards in color ready on Easter Morning. As we gather to celebrate in worship, we will bring in our own moments to share where we have found a bit of Easter in each day, in each week.

Easter worship will be full of messages of hope! Marian & Friends will bring so much fun with her puppets but will also share her story and what God means for her life. Our own Rebecca Lister will share how God is using her Epiphany word to reveal more of the divine presence. And we will welcome back Laurie Funk to share the story of God's leading in the Chestnut Street Community Center, and to share where God is working right now, in the streets of Lebanon.

God is good! All the time! Let us celebrate Easter, for more than one day, for all 50, rejoicing in what God has done.

In the Hope of Christ, *Pastor Robin*





Cross in our front yard

This year as we began the season of Lent, a cross was added to our front yard. The idea came out of the worship committee and below is a picture of our cross builders/installers!

As people drive by on 12th Street this cross offers them a moment to consider, a moment to pray, a moment to connect to God.



The two sides of the cross offer two perspectives, and allow for so many options:

Jesus take my debts, Jesus give me hope. Jesus take my guilt, Jesus give me forgiveness Jesus take my regrets, Jesus give me peace Jesus take my pain, Jesus give me relief Jesus take my wounds, Jesus give me healing Jesus take my anxiety, Jesus give me joy

If any artists, would like to enhance this project, talk to Rob or Pastor Robin.



May we offer Christ to our neighbors, as they go by.

Christ meets us where we are.

Fellowship Committee

Pentecost Potlack





Ministry Architects Wrap Up!

Pentecost Sunday, May 19th 11AM join us in Snyder Hall for a Potluck Lunch. Bring a dish to share, and come celebrate this wonderful day.

After lunch, our Ministry Architects Consultants, Aqueelah and Anthony, will lead us in a time of reflection and celebration as well as a time of looking ahead. Two years ago we began a journey with Ministry Architects to help us dream about what "next" looks like for our ministry together, and above all to seek God's leading for us as a congregation.

On Pentecost, we gather together again to celebrate and reflect on the past. We will also revisit St. Andrews mission and vision with an eye on where God is calling our church in the coming year. Come join in this celebration and this important conversation.

All are welcome!



The New Era Group

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



Mt. Gretna Theater "Burt and Me" Thursday, June 20th 2PM Matinee

20 Tickets have been purchased @\$34 per person. (Lunch first 12Noon at Porch & Pantry - Self Pay) Please RSVP before May 19th

Chestnut Street Community Center Tour

Thurs., April 18 11AM

Lunch to follow at Snitz Creek is self pay. Sign up in the Gathering Area! Please RSVP before April 11th Questions: Contact Carla Dowd



Christian Education



Adult Sunday School April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th in the Chapel

9:00AM: The Resurrection Leader: Rev. Ivo Meilands

11:00AM: The Psalms Leader: Rick Borger

May 5th,12th,19th

May 19th will be the last Sunday School until Fall

9:00AM:

Leaders: Confirmands

11:00AM: The Psalms Leader: Rick Borger

WEBS (Wednesday Evening Bible Study): A new study will begin on April 3rd. The group will be looking at what is needed to be a disciple of Jesus. What does Jesus require of us? The group will be using the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) to discuss what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Gries kwgries1968@gmail.com or 717.679.0677.

Epyc News

Spring Youth Schedule

April 7th Ring and Sing Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm 14th Ring and Sing after church No Epyc or Trailblazers 21th Ring and Sing 3:30pm Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm 28th Ring and Sing 3:30pm Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm May 5th Youth Sunday Ring and Sing 3:30pm Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm 12th Mothers Day No Ring and Sing, Epyc, and Trailblazers 19th Ring and Sing 3:30pm Epyc and Trailblazers 4-6pm 26th No Ring and Sing, Epyc, and Trailblazers

Past Event Photos



Warm Hearts

He is Risen! What life is found in those three words. Around us creation itself rises from the cold and death of winter and blooms into new life. But, the students are the ones who start anticipating this new life the most! Looking from inside their classrooms and eagerly awaiting the bell to spring into the warmer weather and the anticipation of days of freedom. This is of course one of the many reasons I love youth ministry, the kids get this new life and the joy and promise that comes with. Even as we begin to look at the end of the school year this is anticipation of things to come in the Spring.

What is ahead in Spring? Well, plenty! First and approaching very quickly is Youth Sunday, May 5th. The students are working and preparing a day for us all to gather in worship. I oray you join us in person or online as youth Sunday is an incredible way to see how the students are connecting and growing.

Also this Spring we will have another Let's Play Day: 'May the Fourth be With You'. Let's Play Day is a great community outreach and connection to a multitude of community members and resources. Please take a moment and check out the separate write up for what to expect and how you can join in the fun.

And finally I have to mention because summer is nearly here. Spark Park Days are right around the corner! If you would like to help with Spark Park Days we are looking for a couple of things. Anyone who would like to come and run a craft, story time, or any family bonding activity please see me to sign up. But also, we need some master grillers! This year we are including in our Thursday Night gatherings a time to BBQ and eat as a community, please see me if interested.

In Christ's Peace

youth@standrewslebanon.org

April-May

Let's Play Day: 'May the Fourth Be with You'

May 4th, St. Andrews and SARCC will host the another Let's Play Day.

Let's Play Day is a gathering of community here on our property to share in and celebrate the work of childhood: play (Fred Rogers). This year the work has continued to build the bonds deeper into the community and continuing to love our neighbor. Some of the incredible things to look forward to are going to be, face painting, live music, a karate demonstration, 'mad science' on the lawn, food trucks and so much more!

Of course, help is needed! Volunteers are needed to help with the organizing and carrying out the day from setup to take down, to welcoming everyone who gathers with us. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Rob or sign up in the Gathering Area. This is an incredible moment to share, especially as we look towards summer and launching our summer outreaches.





Mission Week Aug 4-10

St. Andrews Salutations



In spite of the solemn occasion, the members of St. Andrews helped Bob Maurer's family celebrate his life in a most cheerful, meaningful way. The Gathering Area was filled with joyful reunions, memorials and love of friends from all walks of Bob's career and his family's lives.

Special thanks to Pr. Robin, Daphne Hoke, Jean Ditzler, Ann Ormond, John Butler, Lorna Everhart & Bob Kopp and the church office for making sure everything went smoothly during the visit.

Thank you, also, to the members of SAPC for the many loving expressions of sympathy and beautiful memorial bouquet in honor of Bob.

Sincere blessings to all, Carol Maurer and her entire family

A Celebration of Life service for John Wissinger will be on **Thursday, April 11th at 11AM** at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church with a reception to follow.

A graveside service for Charlotte Allwein will be on **Wednesday, May 15th at 2PM** at Grand View Memorial Park in Annville.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They will rest from their labors, and their deeds follow them." -Romans 14:13



IN MEMORY

Tom Jackman Dec. 9, 2023

Barbara Kalbaugh Jan 9, 2024

Charlotte Allwein Jan 10, 2024

> Bob Maurer Feb. 6, 2024

John Wissinger Feb. 29, 2024



Applause... Memorable Music at St. Andrews

The Concert Series Committee invites you to our third concert of the season featuring the Perseverance Band of Lebanon on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

The Perseverance Band, consisting of 28 musicians, is one of America's oldest military style concert bands providing 167 years of continuous musical service to the community of Lebanon and beyond. The band was organized on March 2, 1857, by the Perseverance Fire Company to lead the parade celebrating the arrival of the company's new fire truck. The band then continued to play for many civic activities including ceremonies, concerts, parades and serenades for prominent citizens. On October 3, 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War, the entire band enlisted in the service of the Union Army and was assigned to the post of the 93rd Regimental Band of the Pennsylvania Volunteers serving at Gettysburg. The fame of the Perse Band spread throughout the state!

Under the direction of Wayne C. Fox, the band performs traditional band music including overtures, marches, show tunes and stirring patriotic and sacred selections. The diverse concert programs present familiar classics as well as challenging new compositions. The band has performed concert programs in Lebanon, Lancaster and Dauphin Counties and in New York City. Audiences comment on the exceptional quality of the music and the professional level of the performance. Most of the finest musicians in the area play with the band.

Plan to come out for an evening of outstanding musical entertainment followed by a reception with refreshments and a time for fellowship.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors from the community. Postcards are available to hand out as invitations! See you on April 26th at 7:30 PM!

Calling All Our Faithful Bakers!! Goodies and treats are needed for our reception after the concert. Drop them off in the kitchen at the Gathering Area. Questions – see Carole Haines or Ann Ormond. Your contributions are so greatly appreciated.

Family Celebrations

We celebrate with the following families:

Beckie & Don Dreibelbis on the birth of a grandchild born Jan 2 - Stella Maeve Dreibelbis

Carol & Paul Kilgore and Aunt Margaret on the birth of a grandchild/niece born Feb. 16 - Mae Kilgore Bartlett





Ellie & Pierre Maeder on the birth of a grandchild born Feb. 23 - Luke Pierre Maeder

Lee & Tanya Samuels and Penny & Craig Samuelson on the birth of a son/grandson born Mar. 9 - Andrew Warren Samuelson

Karen & Bob Regester on the birth of great-grandchildren born Jan 11 - Norah Lynn Nnoko & born in March - Chardette Elizabeth Cashman



Carla & Bob Dowd on the wedding of daughter, Avery, and Ryan Zellers on March 16



- 2 Henry Overholt
- 3 Veronica Juppenlatz
- 5 Elizabeth Burkholder
- 7 Bill Mulligan 8 Fred Jones
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- 9 Benjamin Sensenig Alexia Sky Silva
- 17 Barbara Shreve
- 19 Brennan Mulligan
- 20 Judy Borger
- 23 Joy EubanksLois Lee26 Rob Cochran
- Pat Yates
- 27 Wanda Bechtold
- 29 Beth Hamme
- 30 Bill Birt



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 Jean Gigler
 Julie Ogurcak
- 25 Alexandria Allen
- 26 Avery Dowd
- 27 Valerie Chevalier
 Matthew Peelen
 28 Marianne Kopp
 - Marianne Kopp Artemus Tuisl



Let us know when we can celebrate with you.

Contact the office with information and pictures.

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This is such good news, thay we are celebrating for 50 days. May these Jesus is Alive!

words open your eyes to the moments Christ appears. Seek a word each day. Be Surprised! Capture the moment with a picture or a few words. Fill in the open spaces as the Spirit leads. We will share what we seek and find on Facebook and in Worship



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