

# 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.



## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024

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at 10am on Sundays,  
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### Summer Worship

### Revelation

### *Our Hope and Our Challenge*

#### Psalm 23

#### *Where the Shepherd Goes*

June 2 (Communion)

Isaiah 40:6-11

John 10:1-11

Psalm 23:1

*Focusing on the Shepherd*

June 9

Psalm:139:1-6

Matthew 6:25-34

Psalm 23:2-3

*The Stop and Go Traffic of the Shepherd*

June 16

Psalm 139:7-12

Psalm 23:4

*Never Alone.*

June 23

Psalm 139:13-18

Psalm 139: 23-24

Psalm 23:5-6

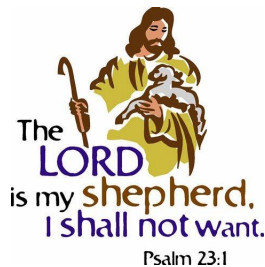
*The Table that Brings us all Together*

June 30 – Rob Cochran Preaching

Isaiah 43:1-13

Romans 8:18-30

*Beginning of the End*



July 7 (Communion) Church Picnic

John 17:1-5

Revelation 4:1-11

*The Throne of God*

July 14

John 1:29-31

Revelation 5:1-13

*The Lamb of God*

July 21

John 14:1-4

Revelation 6:1-8, 7:9-17

*The Multitude*

July 28

John 16:20-22

Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5

*The Alpha and the Omega*

### Mission & Everyday Life

### *Connecting to God and One Another*

August 4 – Mission Week Starts!

Luke 18:35-43

Acts 8:26-40

*Intentionally Open*

August 11 –Preacher Susan Blouch,

Ex. Dir. Lebanon Rescue Mission

Luke 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus

*Jesus Seeks and Saves*

August 18

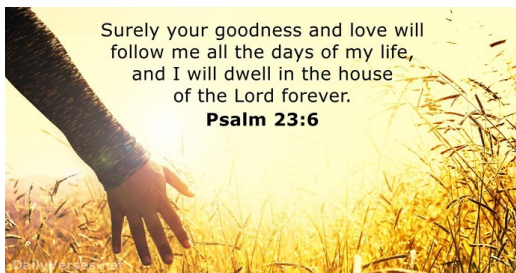
Rev. Ivo Meilands preaching

August 25

Genesis 41:46-49, 53-57

Luke 12:13-21

*Generous Living*



## A Note from Pastor Robin



Dear Beloved People of God,

It has been such a joy this spring to celebrate the whole season of Easter! This has also been a season for us to celebrate how God has led us into a new season as we finish our time walking with Ministry Architects, and now going forward as the Spirit nudges us and leads us.

As I reflected during our final gathering with Aqueelah and Anthony, I found my heart being overwhelmed with gratitude. I am grateful for the Vision, the Values, and the Discipleship Pillars, such important grounding pieces that were formed out of our conversations. I am grateful for those God has brought into our family of faith, and how walking with new companions on the journey of faith changes us as together we learn more about God's love, and how to live into God's love. I am grateful that as a congregation we are filled with more hope, more joy, and filled with more of the Spirit. Thank you to the Transformation Team (Tim, Bob, Kayla and Maggie, you are all amazing!). Thank you to all who showed up and were a part of the conversations and the task forces. Later this summer, the Elders will look ahead and discern our next steps, as we reflect on the conversation from May 19<sup>th</sup>. *The Spirit of God has moved us, and we are going to keep moving!*

And now, *it is summertime!*

Summertime feels like sabbath time to me. So often, life does not really stop or slow down as it did during grade school, and yet somehow we must create more space to linger, in the longer days. Rob is already preparing for Spark Park Days. With Tuesday mornings ready for little ones from the neighborhood to gather and play, and then Thursday evenings creating a space for an evening BBQ. A time for families, friends, neighbors, for all of us to have an evening, once a week to gather, share a meal and share a bit of summertime. (Also, mark your calendars for our all-church BBQ Picnic on July 7<sup>th</sup>!)

For our worship together, in June we gather around Psalm 23. This Psalm that so many of us have inscribed on our hearts is a Psalm for every season of life, and one that invites us to abide with God today, and in all of our days. In July we turn to Revelation, seeking hope and perspective in these turbulent times, just as the visions were given to John as a gift of hope for the early church in a hostile world. I have not preached a series on Revelation before, yet this series of 4 hand holds to ground us when the news from around the world is so complex and difficult. Mission Week will kick off August 4<sup>th</sup>! We will look for purposeful ways to connect with God and our neighbors, through the whole month. The mission committee has wonderful ministries in our community to connect with this year. Make sure you set aside time that week to love and serving God.

As we look towards this summer, I hope each one of us finds space to connect to God, right where we are. To rest, abiding in God's love and care. And also, to look, unafraid at the world around us, intentionally seeking to connect more to our neighbors and so to Christ.

This summer, every week that you are in town come be with your family in faith, as we worship, play, reflect and serve. It will be a joy to share this season together.

*May the God deepen your faith,  
May the Jesus, our Shepherd, guide your steps  
and may the Holy Spirit open your heart to God and neighbor.*

In the Love and Hope of Christ,  
*Pastor Robin*

**W****L****O****R****D**  
is my shepherd  
♥ Psalm 23:1



Wednesday Outdoor Worship  
7PM Under the Awning Jun 12, Jul 17, Aug 28

*You're Invited*  
Bring a Chair, Bring a Friend,  
and Seek God With Us.

**Spark Park Days**  
Starting June 18th

Invites all our neighbors:

**To come and play!**



**Tuesdays 10-11 am**    **Thursdays 5-6 pm**

A great time to for  
children to play, in the  
neighborhood.

Community time with  
food, fellowship and  
play!

Special guests & activities through the summer!  
See [www.facebook.com/standrewslebanon](http://www.facebook.com/standrewslebanon)  
for upcoming events



**CHURCH  
PICNIC**

Join your church family

**July 7th**  
**Right after**  
**Worship**



## From the Youth Leader

### Youth Ministry Musings - Summer...and beyond!

*"School's out for summer. School's out forever."* The number of kids singing Alice Cooper's end of the school year anthem is incredible. I have even heard some of the teachers and school workers I know quietly singing along as they look forward to summer break. Of course, with summer right around the corner everyone is eager for every manner of summer fun and St. Andrews knows how to have all manner of summer fun! You will find plenty of ministry and happenings in the following pages of what the youth ministry is up to for the summer.

Yet, while we enjoy these warm days, cool pools, and all manner of summer fun. Let me throw a chill into the air and wish you a Merry Christmas! Yes... I know that is almost cruel, but I promise to wish you a happy 4<sup>th</sup> in the middle of the winter. I do have a reason in bringing this up. Before we know it fall and winter will be here, and school will be back in session. I want to highlight broadly a few upcoming things for this Fall and Winter.

Sunday School, just finished, but will return very soon! If you are interested in being involved there are a multitude of opportunities from adult to student. Please consider joining in with an amazing team and helping continue creating foundations of faith in our Sunday School ministry.

While I am not trying to rush us through the summer, there is joy in the seasons of ministry that we embrace as a church. Trunk or Treat will be before we know it. Our Trunk or Treat theme this year will be Carnival. With Carnival as our theme this is a great opportunity to consider a game with your trunk this year. If you are interested in being on the planning team for Trunk or Treat, please let me know. And of course, St. Nick will be coming to town again! Look for more details very soon and if you are interested in helping plan, please let me know.

I look forward to this summer's season and the new ways of outreach and connections we will make in the summer. So, let's play and enjoy, and come hang out, volunteer and see the work of reaching our neighbors and the families of Lebanon.

-Rob Cochran

### Sunday School and Youth Leader Wrap Up

Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> after church, we are looking for all Sunday School Teachers and Youth Volunteers to take some time after service to celebrate and reflect on the 23/24 ministry year. If you have helped in any capacity with Sunday School or Youth Ministry in any capacity, we would love to also celebrate you on this day as well with lunch. Please let Mary Lynne in the office know if you are available to attend.

## For Our Youth

### Spark Park Days

For the third in a row summer St. Andrews will love on our neighbors through Spark Park. With all manner of fun, and fellowship we have a summer to look forward to filled with opportunity. From bugs to books and karate to puppets and one of the biggest things I am looking forward to: Backyard BBQ!

Spark Park Days kick off June 18<sup>th</sup> and are Tuesdays -10am and Thursdays - 5pm. Tuesdays will be our fun and activity time, and Thursdays will be our Backyard BBQ and fellowship time. All are welcome!

### Mission and Book Club.

Every other Saturday, starting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-3pm, Epyc students will have the opportunity to serve our greater community through a variety of local mission work. After the mission work, we will gather at local coffee shops and take time to reflect on the work and a book, *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis, we will be reading over the course of the summer.

### St. Andrews Pool Days

Summer requires time by the pool! As we've done in the past we will have St. Andrews Family pool days. Dates are June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see Rob or one of the Lowries.

## Coming this summer...MUSIC CAMP - 2024

Purpose: Campers will have opportunities to broaden their experiences in rhythm, melody, voice, and instruments. They will work individually and as a team to create special music experiences.

When: July 15 - July 19, 2024

Time: 11 am to 2 pm (Lunch included!)

For: Ages 6 and up. Registration limited to 20 youth.



### Activities will include:

Learning more about our voice, rhythm, and the musical staff.

Learn new songs to sing.

Playing instruments: ukulele, autoharp, guitar, boom-whackers, chimes.

New this year... recorders!

Special sessions on:

The pipe organ - How does it work, and what are all those buttons and pedals for?

The piano in the sanctuary - This one has an interesting history.

Bucket drumming - Always wanted to be a drummer? Here's your chance!

\*\*If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Maggie Beatty

([memab3@comcast.net](mailto:memab3@comcast.net)) or the church office.

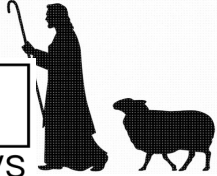
Register for this camp by contacting:  
St. Andrews office - [office@standrewslebanon.org](mailto:office@standrewslebanon.org) 717-272-9933

## Christian Education

**Follow-Ship:** Most groups will continue through the summer. If you are interested in forming or joining a group, please contact the church office.

**FOLLOW-SHIP**

@ ST. ANDREWS



### WEBS Update

The **WEBS** (Wednesday Evening Bible Study) Group is taking a break for the summer.

We will begin our next study season in September.

This Summer come join us for our once a month **WOW** (Wednesday Outdoor Worship) Wednesday evenings June 12, July 17, Aug 28 at 7pm on the side yard of the church...under the awning!

Have a restful summer!

### THANK YOU!!

The Christian Education Committee would like to express our gratitude for the dedicated Sunday School teachers, helpers, small group leaders, music leaders, EPYC/Trailblazer volunteers, meal providers, and of course our staff. Thanks to all of you our Christian Education season was a success. The devotion and love you show for students of all ages at St. Andrews is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of you for investing your time, energy, and love into helping the congregation.

It is because you serve that we all can know God and grow in our faith together.

-Ken Gries

## Property Committee Update

The Property Committee has been very productive in the first five months of 2024.

The masonry work was completed in the front of the church. It ran over the budgeted amount due to extreme deterioration of the old block that was below the visible surface, but Witmer Restorations did a great job with the final product and we can look forward to these repairs lasting for years. Other repairs will still be necessary in other areas around the building. They will be addressed at a future date.

The flower boxes are now filled with beautiful arrangements thanks to the work of committee members led by Rod and Anne Keith.

The elevator is finally fixed. It was a long time coming, but during this process we found a new elevator repair company who was very responsive to our needs and fixed it for a fraction of our original quote.

We've got a Port-A-Potty and trash/recycle cans outside near the Spark Park ready for our summer activities.

We are currently making plans to do jobs around the church during Mission Week in August. If you are aware of any repair that our committee or members of the church could do please let us know.

Doug Lister, Property Chair



# Fellowship Committee

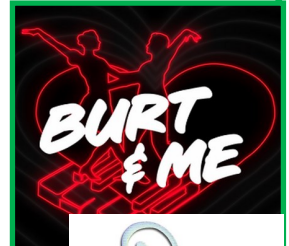
## The New Era Group

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



**Next Event:** 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 June 9th**



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

The Fellowship Committee welcomes your assistance!

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



## Church Barbecue Picnic. July 7th

Join us for a picnic on Sunday, July 7th right after worship

(outside, if the weather is good).

Entree compliments of the 'Lowrie BBQ Team'

We're planning on pot luck sides and desserts.

Bring your favorite!



## June Birthdays

- 1 Bob Latshaw
- 2 Barb Kopeski  
Alexander Silva
- 3 Isaac Santiago
- 5 Craig Samuelson
- 8 Gini & Barry Badger
- 10 Karen Dielmann  
Ian Tshudy
- 13 Megan Fedder  
Melynda Cochran
- 14 Luke Tshudy  
David Sensenig
- 18 Bob Dowd, Jr.  
Betsy Sensenig
- 21 Margaret Kilgore
- 22 Adam Burgis  
Robert Register
- 23 William Gelgot (Sr.)  
Ralph Heister  
Robin Morgan
- 26 Pauline Charles



## June-July-August Birthdays

### July Birthdays

- 2 Janis Herschkowitz  
Ann Widger  
Rod Keith
- 3 Joan Umbenhauer
- 5 Dick Cassel
- 6 Don Dreibelbis
- 7 Carla Dowd
- 11 Vasantha Ross
- 12 Betty Ann Seiser
- 16 Bob Ogurcak
- 19 Nicki Overholt  
Kathy Crager
- 20 Evalyn Lansberry
- 21 Bill Blank
- 25 Robert Kopp
- 26 Pat Herschkowitz  
Mardi Messer
- 29 Stuart Juppenlatz  
Craig Lowrie

## August Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Etter
- 2 Karen Shalters
- 3 Jeff Burgis
- 5 Michael Yordy
- 6 Rebecca Lister
- 7 Helen Leaman  
Brynna Lister  
Lisa Meyer
- 9 Adelyn Cochran  
John Hakkinen
- 10 Roz Presby
- 11 Mary Lynne Mulligan
- 13 Tom Shott
- 14 Shawn Burgis  
Judy Kurtz  
John P. Goetze (son)  
Teagan Lowrie
- 15 Ford Rau
- 17 Johnathan Shuey
- 18 Cliff Shiner
- 21 Anne Keith
- 22 Dennis Shalters
- 27 Maureen Goetze  
Linda Rau

# Mission

## Monthly Mission Spotlights

**JUNE:** Ground coffee (12-oz cans or bags),  
Boxes of Tea Bags (approx. 20 bags, any flavor)

**JULY:** 9-oz cans of tuna or chicken

**AUGUST:** 1-lb bags or boxes of rice, all varieties



## **Free Noon Meals**

**June 8th - Property leads**

**July 13th - Session leads**

**Aug. 10th - Mission leads**



## Mission Week

Make plans to join us for Mission Week  
**Sun, August 4 thru Sat, August 10**



Look for sign up sheets for the activities in June and July.

Mission T-shirts will be ordered - if you don't have one or need a replacement for your old one, look for a sign-up sheet in June!

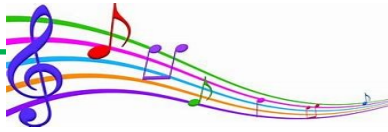
The Mission Committee has lined up many volunteer activities in which the congregation can participate. These activities will run daily from Sunday to Saturday, and close with worship on Sun. Aug. 11th with a special message from Susan Blouch, Dir. of Lebanon Rescue Mission.

The activities will include: Clean up at St. Andrews and local Rail Trails;  
tours of local missions (Chestnut Street, Jubilee and LCCM);  
a trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg;  
opportunities to work at a local Habitat for Humanity site in Lebanon;  
and a new opportunity to work with the Lebanon Coalition to End Homelessness.

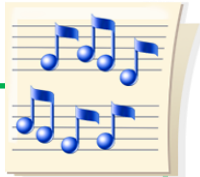
The full list and times for each activity will be made available at the end of June and sign-up sheets will be posted in the Gathering Area through July.

We hope everyone can participate in this week of local mission!





# Music Notes



## Come Join Our Summer Sunday “Sing-In” Choir!

This summer we welcome singers from our church family to join with the Chancel Choir to sing the morning anthem and help to lead our hymns and songs of praise for worship. Meet us on Sunday morning at 9:30 in the music room for a quick rehearsal. Come join us for a Sunday – with no additional commitment. Experience a new dimension of worship singing your praises to the Lord under the cross in the choir loft.

*“He who sings, prays twice.”*

### Applause... Memorable Music at St. Andrews

**Friday, December 6, 2024, 7:30 p.m.**

The Hershey Handbell Ensemble, Dr. Shawn Gingrich, Director, will present a program of holiday music.

**Friday, February 28, 2025, 7:30 p.m.**

Ben Mauger’s Vintage Jazz Band will present a program of New Orleans Dixieland Jazz in celebration of Mardi Gras.

**May, 2025 Concert** – TBA

The Concert Committee wishes to thank everyone for their help and support in making this past concert season a success. Many thanks to all!

## Our Church Family

### High School Graduation!

Ben Sensenig is Graduating! Ben will be attending Catawba College in North Carolina where he will major in Business Management. Take a moment to congratulate Ben and his parents (Betsy & Dave) as they celebrate this completion and new beginning in his life.

Also take a moment and highlight a favorite scripture or write an encouraging note in the Bible in the gathering area that will be given to Ben.

Let us know when we can celebrate with you.  
Contact the office with information and pictures.



Where did you grow up?  
Pin it with a number and write your name next to that number. 😊



Have you seen this in the hallway outside the Gathering Area kitchen?  
Another way to get to know each other better! Let’s have everyone participate!

## Session Notes

Session Meeting - May 7, 2024:

The Session began the meeting by having discussions of faith with the confirmation class. We were privileged to have conversations with Adelyn Cochran, Ray Cochran, Matthew Peelen, Jeff Muraya, Alexia Sky, and Alexander Silva. Please join us in inviting these young people into official membership.

The Property Committee reported that the elevator has been fixed and is ready for use.

The Worship Committee reminded us that Wednesday Outdoor Worship (W.O.W) will begin on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm under the canopy outside. *(Once a month: Jun. 12, Jul. 17, Aug. 28)*

Christian Education recognized that Ben Sensenig is our high school graduate this year. May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday School as we take a break for summer.

Session approved an updated policy for the Stewardship & Finance Committee.

Submitted: Ken Gries



### From the Deacons

#### Visitor's Bags

Please help direct any visitors you meet (or bring with you) that we have Visitor's Bags just outside the sanctuary in the Narthex at the Welcome Center to the right of the Sanctuary doors!



From Romans 12: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: ...ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ...the giver, in generosity; ...the compassionate, in cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers...<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

*We continue to pray for all of you, and we ask that you let your Deacon know what joys we can give thanks for, and what concerns we can help with and pray for.*

**Church Officers:**

<u>Session</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
<b>2024</b>	Don Dreibelbis Robin Gries Lorraine Lowrie	<b>2024</b> Rosemary Birt John Butler Jean Ditzler Robert Kopp Sue Mechura
<b>2025</b>	Karen Dielmann (Admin. & Pers.) David Overholt (Mission) Penny Samuelson (Worship) Doug Lister, (Pres. Trustees/Property)	<b>2025</b> Kathy Crager Lorna Everhart Bonnie Houtz Mary Lynne Mulligan
<b>2026</b>	Karen Fedder (Fellowship) Rick Borger (Clerk / Nominating) Ken Gries (Christian Ed) Jack Kopeski (Christian Ed)	<b>2026</b> Gwen Yordy IvaJean Conley Karen Regester 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
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Treasurer . . . . .	Marc Hamme
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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.

