

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2024



Worship with us at 10am on Sundays,
or watch live @

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Fall Worship

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

September 29

The Night Sky

Genesis 12:1-9

Genesis 15:1-6

October 6

(World Communion)

Sitting with Guests & God

Genesis 18:1-15



October 13th

God's Way or Our Way

– Rob Preaching

Genesis 21:1-21

October 20th

Stewardship Sun.

What is Ours, Really?

Genesis 22:1-19



October 27th

St. Andrews Sunday

The Best & The Worst

Genesis 25: 19- 34

St. Andrews Sunday



Annual Congregational
Meeting

November 3rd

All Saints' Day

Blessings &

Consequences

Genesis 27:1-29



Genesis 27:41-28:5

November 10th

A Dream

Genesis 28:10-29:12

November 17th

Wrestling Through Life

Genesis 32:9-22

Genesis 32:22-33:4

November 24th

Thanksgiving Service



A Message from Pastor Robin



Dear Beloved People of God,

The other morning, one of the boys was up early, he went downstairs to play and when I came down he asked: *“When it is going to be morning, really? Morning when the sun comes up?”*

“It is morning,” I said. *“The sun is up!”*

He looked out the window, doubtfully.

This is the time of year, I start to notice the shift in the length of our days. The mornings are not so bright, and the evening comes sooner. It is the time of year to settle in and get serious about preparing for winter. (I know the squirrels are busy). It is also a season, where we remember that we have not only the sunlight, but the light of God.

This Fall, we will get to know Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, because one of the first ways, God was known, was as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And there is this passage in scripture, where God is promising Abraham that this childless man will have a legacy. That his descendants will be like the stars - too many to count.

God is also our God. The God of Karen, Alex and Robin. The God of Bob, Nancy and Lew. God is known, even through us. And as we find the darkness creeping in, may we remember that we are in Christ, and so God makes us the light of the world. The light that connects people to Hope, to Jesus, to abundant life.

We gather around God’s Word and around God’s table, as God’s people. In the next few months our gatherings will include: World Communion Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, St. Andrews Day, and All Saint’s Day. There will also be an election, yet no matter what happens, our hope is in Christ. For Christ is the one who saves us.

On All Saint’s Day we light candles to remember and lift up those who have gone before us. With a beautiful painting of the night sky, in the Narthex, we are also invited to place a ‘star’ in the sky for those moments of light, where God works through us or around us. I look forward to seeing the light God is revealing around us. And to see how the Spirit is nudging us, moving us, and working here in our own community.

“Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to (Abraham), ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.” Genesis 15:5-6

May we move into this darker season, drawing nearer to the light of Christ, seeking to reflect more of the light of Christ into the darkness.

In the Hope of Christ,
Pastor Robin



From the Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Fall

Hello Apple Cider Season! I love a good mug of hot apple cider, especially if it is mulled. The right seasoning added makes all the difference. The same is true of youth ministry! The right connections and moments build the community of students and the congregation. In many ways this ministry year we have each started seeking how we can best build these moments together.

I would like to encourage you to see the connective moments as we go through the year. Whether it is a more unified journeying through the scripture that the church and students are doing together in Bible in a Year. Or the upcoming Bible Trivia nights that is for everyone to participate. Maybe your connection is through helping volunteer with our Sunday School programs or nursery. Possibly you join us for dinner as a maker or sponsor. Or, you take a moment to ask the students about the lessons and teachings they are going through with Epyc, Trailblazers, or Sunday School.

Never underestimate the value of the students feeling that they are seen by the congregation. Likewise, I see you, and the support you have shown through the years to the students, families, and ministry that is Youth Ministry. I am grateful for all that we have journeyed through and look forward to how we continue to Know, Walk, and Serve Christ and the community.

Conversation Starters

Have you wondered how to start a conversation with the students? Here's a great connection point what are they learning in Sunday School or Youth Group? Feel free to ask the students what they are getting as take aways from the year. Or come alongside and volunteer and see the kids in action! Below is a list and description of the Youth Curriculums we are using:

Karen and Mary Lynne's Class: Basics of Bible stories.

Melynda's Class: Dwell, Bible narrative and life application.

Tim's: Chosen DVD series, discussing the Life of Christ and who he is in both our lives and history.

Trailblazers: What's in the Bible, learning the value of the bible in our lives and its applications to our life big and small.

Epyc: The Bible Project, going through the books of the bible from Genesis to Revelation and seeing the narrative of God's work and its application in our lives.

Epyc and Trailblazers Dinner Makers

Epyc and Trailblazers is in Full Swing! If you would like to help with dinner this year, there are two options available:

Option 1: Come make dinner and join us in an evening of fellowship.

Option 2: Sponsor a dinner. You can Coordinate with Astrid and I to sponsor a dinner that Astrid will make for the youth group.



Looking ahead!

Sat. Oct 26th (Time to be determined) **Seyfert's Corn Maize.**

Sun. Oct 27th: 2-4pm Pumpkin Carving with Dr. Overholt, under the canopy.

Trunk or Treat is Thursday October 31st 6-8pm. Theme this year is Carnival, get those games ready for a fun night with the community.

****Donations of candy would be gratefully accepted - to Rob by October 24th!!**



December 1st 2-4pm St. Nick is coming for story time! This is a fun filled afternoon for the family and community. We will have a photo time with St. Nick, stories, cookies and more!



From the Director of Children & Youth Ministry Cont'd...

Bible in a Year

Bible in a Year will be launching Oct 27th with St. Andrews Sunday! Have you tried to do the bible in a year before? It is tough getting through Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The plan we will be doing is reading 5 days and Journeying through Old and New Testament together. You can find a sample week below of what the reading schedule looks like. Alongside this plan is also an Audio Bible resource that follows this reading schedule. If you are interested in a Bible Study Buddy sign up in the Gathering area for the 'Bible in a Year'.

Sample Week:

- [] Judges 7-8; Luke 22
- [] Judges 9-11; Psalm 17; Luke 23
- [] Judges 12-16; Psalm 146; Luke 24
- [] Judges 17-18; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- [] Judges 19-21; Acts 2



Bible Trivia

Who doesn't love a good Team Trivia Night! Starting in January Bible Trivia nights will begin. This is a no stress or pressure time of intergenerational gathering and fun. Consider who you would like on your team and sign up in the gathering area. If you have additional questions ask Rob.

Christian Education

"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher." Luke 6:40 (ESV).

THANK YOU! To all those that helped make this year's Kickoff Breakfast such a success. We had great food (Thank you Fellowship Committee), Fellowship around the tables, and a great response to some of the sign-ups for upcoming events. If you signed up for something during the kickoff breakfast, please be patient. We will be contacting you once we have gathered all the information.

Sunday School Classes:

Youth

Kindergarten – 2nd grade: Room 1
3rd – 5th grade: Room 4
6th – 12th grade: Room 7

Adults

9:00: Chapel - Ken Gries (Holy Spirit)
11:00: Chapel – Rick Borger (Psalms)

We are still in need of adults to be the second person for our Youth Sunday School classes. If you are willing and can help, during Sunday School (9:00 – 9:45), please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area or contact Karen Fedder. Please note that you will need to have your child abuse clearances. We can help you get them.

EPYC/Trailblazers (Youth Ministry) needs volunteers, dinner makers, or dinner sponsors. A dinner sponsor provides the items necessary, and Astrid will prepare the meal! If you have any questions about these opportunities, please contact Rob Cochran.

Followship and WEBS groups are continuing. If you have any questions about small groups, please contact a member of the Christian Education committee.

We are in the planning stages of resurrecting the men's group. If you have any interest at all, please sign up in the Gathering Area or talk with Rob Cochran or Jack Kopeski.

Submitted: Ken Gries (Christian Education co-chair)

YOUTH RING AND SING NEWS

Rehearsals have begun! Sundays 3:30 – 4 pm, All youth are invited to join us.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Maggie Beatty through the church office!



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



Where is God calling you to Know, Walk or Serve?

Our Sign-up Center has moved!

Still in the Gathering Area, but now on the wall to the right of the window.

We've made more room and easier access for all to read, ponder, pick out a group, class, activity, etc. to be a part of.

Look for these - and maybe more!

The New Era Group Activities

Bible in a Year

Bible Trivia

Follow-Ship Groups

Liturgists (our Sunday morning readers)

Nursery Volunteers

Youth Volunteers

Youth Group Dinner Makers or Sponsors

Sunday School Helpers





Celebrate St. Andrews Sunday - Sunday, October 27th,

We honor our 50-year members during worship as we celebrate the past and present of St. Andrews, complete with a bagpiper in worship!



Immediately following worship we will have our

Annual Congregational Meeting

to elect officers, approve the pastor's terms of call, and attend to any other business of the church.

Following the meeting we'll head downstairs to Snyder

Hall for the Baked Potato Luncheon!

Bring a topping and we'll supply the spuds!



It is a day of celebration - we hope you will join us!



New Era Event
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Guided Tour of The Ephrata Cloister

Followed by Lunch/Ice Cream at
Fox Meadows Creamery
Check Details in the Gathering Area



Nov 3rd
Set clocks
back an hour
this weekend!
(An extra hour
of sleep!!)



The Fellowship Committee is looking into a group outing to Sight and Sound daytime performance of Noah on November 11, 2025. This will be a school holiday so all age groups should be able to attend. we need to get an idea of how many people would Be interested in attending so that we can check on ticket availability. Please respond by email to the church: office@standrewslebanon.org



Hanging of the Greens! (church decorating)

will take place Sun. Nov 24 right after worship
We're looking for people
willing & able to help!





Music Notes



Chancel Choir, Handbells and Praise Team Rehearsal Schedule:

Praise Team at 6:00 pm Wednesdays in the sanctuary

Handbell Choir at 6:45pm Wednesdays in the Music Room

Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm Wednesdays in the Music Room

New singers & ringers are always welcome to join us in leading worship to sing & ring our praises to God. Our music groups share their love of God and music as they sing and play in fellowship with each other. Come join our music family!

Singing brings your heart, soul, mind and strength together to focus completely on God.



Applause...Memorable Music at St. Andrews

Concert dates are set for the 2024-25!

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

The Hershey Handbell Ensemble,

under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich, will present a wonderful program of holiday music.



Friday, February 28, 2025 , 7:30 p.m. Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Band will present a concert of New Orleans Style Jazz in celebration of Mardi Gras.

Friday, May 9, 2025 7:30 p.m. Chamber Ensemble and the Show Choir from Lebanon High School under the direction of Mark Naimoli. This concert will showcase the outstanding singers from our local high school in celebration of National Music Week.



Oct-Dec



October

- 1 Diane Pomeroy
- Tim Peelen
- 2 Bob Hearson
- 4 Nancy Leshar
- Virginia Phillips
- 6 Paul Kilgore
- 8 Jere Shiner
- 9 Ann Andrews
- 10 Barbara Moyer
- 15 Lorraine Lowrie
- Sue Mechura
- Carol Schiller
- Fiona Tshudy
- 23 Colleen Tuisl
- 26 Andy Timm
- 29 Donald Beatty
- Karen Register
- 30 Lorna Everhart
- Michael Hains
- 31 Katelynn Sensenig

November

- 2 Grace Oxenreider
- 3 Charlie Whary
- 4 Deb Miller
- 5 Tom Bechtold
- 7 Reilly Morgan
- 8 Kelsey McMillen
- 13 Adrian Muraya
- 15 Jody DeWald
- 20 Don Leshar
- 21 Robert Dowd, Sr.
- 24 Nell Tice
- 25 Laura Juppenlatz
- 27 Will Juppenlatz

December

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

Grief Support Group of St Andrews



Meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month. Join us!

Losing a loved one is a very difficult experience. Whether it's a close friend, spouse, partner, parent, child, or other relative, few things are as painful as losing someone you love. After such a significant loss, life may never seem quite the same again. But in time, you can ease your sorrow, start to look to the future, and eventually come to terms with your loss.

St. Andrews is here to help in your time of grief. Our Grief Support Group gathers on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM. We share thoughts and feelings, and comfort and support for each other. Anyone is most welcome to join us.

All Saints' Sunday - November 3rd

This day we remember and lift up those who have gone before us. If you or someone you know is in a season of grief, you are especially welcome!



From the Deacons

Visitor's Bags & Invitation Center

Please help direct any visitors you meet (or bring with you) to get a Visitor's Bag as part of our welcome to St. Andrews! They are on the table at the Invitation Center in the Narthex, just outside the sanctuary.

In addition to the bags there are Invitation flyers & cards for upcoming activities to attend! Pick some up to share with everyone!



Mission

Monthly Mission Spotlight:

October one pound box of pasta, 24 oz can of spaghetti sauce or diced tomatoes

November 9 oz cans of tuna or chicken

December 2 in 1 shampoo/ conditioner and men or women's deodorant.

Free Noon Meals:
Oct 12 - Music Ministry
Nov 9 -
Dec 14 -Adult Sun. School



**Peace and
Global Witness
Offering
Oct. 6**



Session Highlights

Session Meeting: August 13, 2024

Action Items:

- 1. Motion to change the dates of regular Session meetings as follows:
from September 3 to September 10;
from October 1 to October 8;
from November 5 to November 12.*
- 2. Motion to accept Karen Dielmann's resignation from Session,
effective 31 December 2024.*

Continued discussion of St. Andrews' Goals for 2025 as outlined in the previous Newsletter.

Please note: Minutes from Session meetings are available through the church office.

Christmas Poinsettias

Please fill in the form and drop it in the basket in the Gathering Area or the basket outside the church office starting Nov 3rd.

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 22, **and** Christmas Eve, Tue. 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 24.



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 24

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

Church Officers:

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

