

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL - MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Worship will be in person, Sundays at 10am and online @
www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive
YouTube posted by early afternoon.

Apr - May 2025 Worship



Apr 6

Psalm 51
Luke 7:36-8:3

Apr 13

Palm/Passion Sunday
Luke 19:29-40
Luke 23:1-49

Apr 17

Maundy Thursday
The Living Last Supper

Apr 18

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Apr 20

Easter Sunday
Luke 24:1-12
Remembering & Marveling

Apr 27

Luke 8:1-15
Seeds of Good News

May 4

Luke 8:16-21
Lifting up the Light

May 11

Youth Sunday
Luke 8:22-25

May 18

Luke 8:26-39
Go and Tell

May 25

Luke 8:40-56
And both were healed



*On Pentecost a chorus of
languages filled the air,
and everyone understood!*

Pentecost

JUNE 8, 2025 10AM

Would you like to share & speak a language
as a part of our Pentecost worship?

Please email Pastor Robin by May 25th.

pastor@standrewslebanon.org

A Message from Pastor Robin



Dear Beloved People of God,

We trek slowly through the darkness of Holy Week to come into the wondrous light and love of the resurrection. This signals a new day, for all who had lived under the curse of death are offered the gift of life! We go through seasons of our own life, some dark and difficult and some full of joy and light! As we journey toward this Easter, I am reflecting and rejoicing.

Last August, marked Rob's 10th year at St. Andrews. I am still amazed at the leap of faith he took to move his family and start ministry here, having no idea who the pastor would end up being. Rob has a heart for Christ, and it is a blessing to see this more and more as he follows the Spirit in ever expanding ministry opportunities. He continues to pour the love of God into our children and youth, while expanding that into the neighborhood and community with Easter Egg Hunts and Spark Park Days, as well as working with the Lebanon Coalition to End Homelessness. Rob is one of those people in ministry who makes the people around him better, lifts up their ideas and weaves in his own. In this last year, he has moved into the Ordination Process for the Presbyterian Church.

2025 marks 15 years Carole and Lisa have led us in worship and in so much wonderful music. They are a delight to work with and have grounded our music and worship through so many transitions. In 2019 they led the choir to Carnegie Hall and then found themselves needing to rebuild a choir after the pandemic. With perseverance they have built and re-built the Chancel Choir and the Bells of St. Andrews! Carole has revived our Concert Series expanding the love of music we have here at St. Andrews into our community. Their work blesses us and glorifies God, every week.

April 30th will be the 10th anniversary since I was installed here at St. Andrews. The words God gave me in 2015 were 'Trust the Journey.' As a congregation you hired a single pastor, with big gaps in experience. You offered space to grow, an abundance of grace, and so kindly offered your wisdom and advice. You have been so amazingly faithful, and my life shifted, and you welcomed Troy, then Reilly and we truly found out what support was when Dashiell was born. I am beyond grateful that you offered me maternity leave, when it was not required and have cared for me and my family, as I sought to care for you, all of God's beloved people here at St. Andrews.

The night I was installed the sanctuary was filled with music and flowers fresh cut from a garden. Pastors from the community graciously made time to come and worship with us. And our Emeritus Pastor Dick Cassel offered his blessing with a card and a bottle of scotch right in the middle of my desk. The benediction was the one thing I prepared for the installation service. It was all written out, and yet when the moment came completely different words spilled out of my mouth: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" We are on an amazing journey together; it is far from over. I am still living into those words I was given so long ago, Trust the Journey.

Continued...

The last few years had brought a few staff changes and have formed a staff that fits St. Andrews so well. As Cliff retired, it was a relief to have Mary Lynne step in. She is more than capable and helps all of us stay organized. She can finish almost any sentence with a song. She laughs easily, will work on anything that is needed and can get a whole day's worth of work done, while I am trying to find the right songs for Sunday. Speaking of the right songs, it is not simple to bring together different styles of music in worship. Johnathan has been the perfect fit for us. He leads us in new songs and songs that stay in our hearts and our minds. He stepped into the congregation right as we were upgrading the Tech for worship and we quickly discovered how much we needed him. He is willing and helpful, and I am so grateful he is here at St. Andrews. Johnathan also is great at bringing laughter into our staff meetings. Lew quietly learned our streaming system and seamlessly stepped in when we needed it. He truly is a lifelong learner and continues to learn and improve our media in worship. Any problem that arises, Lew rises up to the challenge, researching and working on the problem, so that online worship is ready for all who worship right where they are. Lew continues to use media to connect us to God, through online prayer requests, to one another with the online friendship register and offering the peace of Christ, in all of our languages. As a congregation you have formed a staff that works so well with the congregation and continually seeks to follow Christ.

It has been a decade of ups and downs, and yet as a congregation you have been so faithful. You have continued to look toward God, you have courageously been open to what is next and to all who the Spirit brings. You have continued to support and encourage your staff, and it is time to celebrate! A celebration is being planned for May 4th to honor Carole and Lisa's 15 years, as well as Rob's 10 years, and my own. May there be many more years to serve Christ together, right here at St. Andrews. I am beyond grateful to serve as your pastor and to continue of this wondrous journey of faith with you. Eastertide is the perfect time to celebrate together and to celebrate the life that God continues to give to us as a congregation.

As we move into this season of Eastertide, may we remember and marvel at the good news. And may we celebrate together! At the installation service a decade ago, the Rev. Larry Van Hies offered us a charge, "The mission field is just past your front doors."

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!
May we go into this season sharing the good news of Christ who is alive and who brings love and grace and LIFE! We need this. Our neighbors need this. Our world needs this.

*In the love and hope of Christ,
Pastor Robin*



Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13th 10AM

Together we go through the highs and lows.

*We praise Jesus in
the Triumphal Entry!*



*And then we move
through the gospel,
into the shadows of
Holy Week.*

*Special Music from Ring & Sing,
and a reading of the passion narrative.*

Good Friday

April 18th 7PM

This is a service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae, the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." With scripture and song, we ponder the shadows around the Crucifixion.



Maundy Thursday ('Holy' Thursday)

April 17th 7PM

You are invited to:
THE LIVING LAST SUPPER
7PM April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday

An evening of reflection around the table. Disciples offer monologues and the Chancel Choir offers meditative music in: "The Living Last Supper" by R. Schram.

Communion will be offered to all who feel led to come to Christ's table.

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'The Living Last Supper' is a dramatic musical experience for Holy Week written by Ruth Elaine Schram. An evening of reflection around the table where the Disciples offer monologues accompanied with beautiful anthems sung by the Choir.

Communion will be served!

Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen!

April 20th 10AM

Music and flowers abound
as we worship!

Fellowship & Community Easter
Egg hunt after worship.

**COMMUNITY
EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

LET US SEEK AND FIND
TOGETHER!

20 April 11:15AM

- Worship at 10AM
- Egg hunt groups by age
- Snacks for kids and really big kids

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From the Director of Children & Youth Ministry

I just had a conversation with a student recently about the 'traps' they set out for things like Elf on a Shelf, Leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day, and the Easter Bunny. It was wonderful listening to the lighthearted play and imagination of the student and the fun that they have in their family's tradition. I wonder, for each of us what are those traditions around holidays and play that brought joy as kids? As you consider them, can you remember the childlike imagination and faith you had?

These connections of Play, Joy, Imagination, and Faith are foundational in the work of our summer ministry. We encourage Play with Spark Park, Imagination in creativity with music and art, Joy is throughout in the work, and Faith is the foundation that enables all. As Summer approaches please consider coming alongside in Faith and participate in the Play, Joy, and Imagination of the outreach of the summer!

While there will be plenty to look ahead to in the summer there is a lot happening right now in this season. Please take notes of the dates listed below.

Spring Happenings

- April 20th - 11:15am Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs for ages 0-99. Rain or Shine!
- May 10th - 10:30am Epyc Free Noon Meal
- May 10th - 2pm Epyc and Trailblazers Youth Sunday Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- May 11th - 10am Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition
- May 18th - 4-6pm Last Epyc and Trailblazers of the School Year

Summer Upcoming

- June 16th-20th Music Camp! Sign up available mid-May
- July Spark Park Days and Summer BBQ!
- July Bible Trivia
- And So Much More!!



Summer Sharing Adventure

Looking for an Adventure in your backyard this summer? St. Andrews will offer an opportunity to adventure right here in our community with our local mission partners. Through Summer Sharing Adventure we will explore the work that happens in Lebanon to support and help anyone in need.

Keep a lookout for more information as summer gets closer!

'Inviting - We will extend Christ's welcome to all.'

Getting to Know St. Andrews

April 27th after worship, Pastor Robin will lead a gathering for all who would like to get to know St. Andrews. We will share some of our own faith stories, as well as take a tour of the whole building. All questions are welcome as we talk about what it means to be Presbyterian and hear about St. Andrews; where we have been and where God is leading us.



If you would like to know more about the congregation or if you are interested in membership please come and be a part of this gathering.

The Deacons will host a light lunch.

Please RSVP to the church office by Palm Sunday, April 13th.



Ring and Sing Choir



Schedule:

- Rehearsals (3:30-4:00 pm) – April 6, 13, and 27 and May 4 and 18.
- Participate in worship – April 6 (ring), April 13 (sing) and May 11 (ring & sing)

All youth, ages 6 through teens, are invited to join us for Sunday afternoon rehearsals. Even if you have not participated before, you are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Maggie Beatty at memab3@comcast.net.



St. Andrews Music Camp

Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20

Save the dates!

10:00 am - Noon, Lunch 12-12:30

Youth ages 6 through teens

Come and join in the fun: boomwhackers, recorders, ukuleles, chimes, bucket drumming, learning more about rhythm and names of notes, and LOTS of Bible camp songs!



You're Invited to a Galactic Fiesta to celebrate the following milestones here at St Andrews!

Robin Morgan: 10 years since her installation as Minister
Robert Cochran: 11 years as Youth Director
Carole Haines: 15 years as Music Coordinator
Lisa Meyer: 15 years as Organist

Date: Sunday May 4, 2025

Luncheon at 11:30AM

At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Snyder Hall

RSVP no later than Sunday, April 20, 2025 to
Mary Lynne Mulligan at the church office 717-272-9933
or by email: office@standrewslebanon.org

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH US!

The Fellowship Committee

**Easter Sunday - April 20th - Ice Cream Cake
for Fellowship Hour**

**Save the Date - Church Picnic June 1st!
A Potluck of Sides & Desserts!!**



New Era Events

**Thurs. April 24 – 10:30am Men’s Rescue Mission Tour
Lunch afterward – self pay
Sign Up in the Gathering Area and Mark Your Calendars!**



**Fri. June 13 - 9:15am Meet at at the church - Join our walking group in the
church neighborhood. If rain - meet inside the church!
At 10am - breakfast refreshments (provided!) and
New Era Event planning!**



Coffee Hour

Are you interested in hosting a coffee hour after worship?
The Fellowship Committee welcomes your assistance!
Please sign up beside the Coffee Counter window. Ask Karen Fedder or
Tim Peelen if you have any questions. Thank you!



April Birthdays

- 3 Veronica Juppenlatz
- 7 Bill Mulligan
- 8 Fred Jones
- Jack Kopeski
- 9 Benjamin Sensenig
- Alexia Sky Silva
- 19 Brennan Mulligan
- 20 Judy Borger
- 23 Joy Eubanks
- Lois Lee
- 26 Rob Cochran
- Pat Yates
- 27 Wanda Bechtold

May Birthdays

- 2 Panka Peelen
- 3 Kathy Wissinger
- 4 Astrid Santiago
- Ember Lowrie
- 6 Ted Etter
- Pat Bender
- 9 Sheri Timm
- 12 Kayla Lowrie
- 17 Lee Moyer
- 20 Jean Gigler
- Julie Ogurcak
- 25 Alexandria Allen
- 26 Valerie Chevalier
- Matthew Peelen
- 28 Marianne Kopp
- Artemus Tuisl

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 Melynda Cochran
- 14 Luke Tshudy
- David Sensenig
- 18 Betsy Sensenig
- 21 Margaret Kilgore
- 22 Robert Regester
- 23 Robin Morgan
- 26 Pauline Charles



Music Notes

Applause...Memorable Music at St. Andrews

The Concert Series Committee invites you to the final concert of the season featuring **The Lebanon High School Chamber Singers and Show Choir on Friday, May 9, at 7:30 PM.**

The Lebanon High School Chamber Singers and Show Choir are select auditioned choirs under the direction of Mark Naimoli. These talented singers will present a varied program of music that they have rehearsed and performed during the school year for concerts, choral competitions, and other musical events.

Plan to come out for an evening of outstanding musical entertainment in celebration of National Music Week with a variety of wonderful music showcasing these talented singers and their director from our local high school 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 May 9th at 7:30 PM!



Calling All Our Faithful Bakers!! Goodies and treats are needed for our reception.

Drop them off in the kitchen at the gathering Area. Questions – see Carole Haines or Ann Ormond. Your contributions are so greatly appreciated.

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMBER SINGERS
AND
SHOW CHOIR
MAY 9TH 7:30PM
CONCERT
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
600 S 12th Street, Lebanon, PA
717-272-9933



Mission

Monthly Mission Spotlight:

April: Adult and children toothpaste, 5 oz or larger

May: 9 Oz. cans of chicken, tuna or salmon

Free Noon Meals

April 12: Deacons

May 10: EPYC/Trailblazers

June 14: Property

In February the congregation donated 98 pounds of flour and sugar to LCCM.

The “One Great Hour of Sharing” special offering envelopes are in the pews and the Narthex, please consider giving. The Fish Banks are also in the Narthex for anyone in the congregation to take and fill with coins. The Fish Banks will be collected and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 13.

Plans are being made for Mission Week 2025. A tentative date has been set for August 3-9 pending approval from the Session.

-Submitted by David Overholt

Deacon Doings

We're here for you!

New to St. Andrews and want to connect?

Visiting our church and have questions?

Homebased or in Continuing Care and want to have Home Communion?

Been at St. Andrews for years? You each have a Deacon to pray for you!

We're here for you!

Contact your Deacon

If you're not sure who your Deacon is contact the church office!



Liturgists Needed

Would you be interested in participating in the Worship service?

We are looking for liturgists to read scripture, and would love to have you participate!

If you are interested, please sign up in the Gathering Area or contact the church office.

Church Officers:

<u>Session</u>		<u>Deacons</u>
2025		2025
Paul Kilgore (Admin. & Pers.)		Kathy Cramer
David Overholt (Mission)		Lorna Everhart
Penny Samuelson (Worship)		Katie Martel
Doug Lister, (Pres. Trustees/Property)		Mary Lynne Mulligan
2026		2026
Rick Borger (Clerk / Christian Ed)		IvaJean Conley
Karen Fedder (Fellowship)		Jean Ditzler
Ken Gries (Christian Ed)	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Karen Regester
Jack Kopeski (Worship)	Maggie Beatty	Astrid Santiago
2027	Diane Pomeroy	Gwen Yordy
Fred Jones (Nominating)	Glenn Royer	2027
Gini Badger (Stewardship & Finance)		Judy Borger
Bob Dowd (Mission)		Rita Solie
Tim Peelen (Fellowship)		Sheri Timm

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
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.

