

# 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.

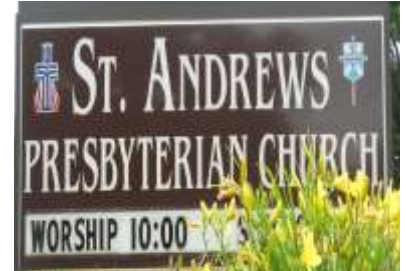
## SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS / FALL KICK-OFF 2025 NEWSLETTER



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

[www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive](http://www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive)

On YouTube by early afternoon.



### **Worship Notes**

As we gather together around God's word, we continue going through the whole Gospel of Luke. In this section, Jesus is on the *Road Trip to Jerusalem!*

Aug 31      Luke 11:37-12:12  
*Hindering & Hiding*

Sep 7        *Kick off Breakfast at 9AM!*  
Luke 12:13-34  
*Stress & Perspective*

*"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life..."*

Sep 14      Luke 12:35-59 & Ephesians 6:10-18  
*Be Ready!*

Teacher Commissioning during worship

Sep 21      Luke 13:1-17  
*It's Worth Trying One More Time*

Sep 28      Luke 13:18-30  
*What is the Kingdom of God like?*

*"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened." Luke 13:21*

Could the Spirit use us to be the leaven for the Kingdom of God,  
here in Lebanon County?



## A Message from Pastor Robin



Dear Beloved People of God,

It is good to pause and take a moment to write and reflect. It has been a good summer. Long days that, looking back, seem all too short. Spark Park connected children in the neighborhood. Thursday's Table gathered our community and opened our circle to neighbors and guests. Our downstairs Sunday School rooms hosted a youth group from Road Island to and from their mission trip in Virginia, and an adult church group working with Lebanon Habitat during Mission Week. Mission Week brought so many opportunities to serve together and to serve with someone new.

Water Day, with the big water slide, was a great day to be outside and to welcome our neighbors. At 9:30am two boys from across the street came over asking, if they could come. In the afternoon, as I was inviting someone to youth group, another Mom said: *I have a question about youth group.* She shared how her son had started asking questions about God. There is a place for him here, I said.

In some places, I hear people say the church is disintegrating. It is heart stopping...but amazingly, that is not what is happening here. The Spirit is moving, and it is time for us to get ready for people who have never been to church but are seeking God.

In early August, as Bryan Smith shared in worship, and one of the points he made has stayed with me. The call to Encourage. He shared how when he and his wife were reviving their faith, a couple from the church walked with them, encouraging them. *We need this.* We need to encourage one another, to call and check on one another, to remember that no one sits alone, to encourage someone to seek God, in the good times and in the overwhelming challenges. And we need to be ready to welcome in any neighbor that might come seeking God and *be ready to encourage them.* Encourage them to come to worship, but also to walk with them, encouraging them to live into faith. It is not something we explain, but something we do, just as teachers, coaches, friends and so many others have done for us.

The world is changing, and one of the things that is changing is people are more and more open to Spirituality. May we not miss the moments to listen, to share and to invite people into a journey to seek and find God with us.

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## A Message from Pastor Robin continued...

Fall is just before us. I am so looking forward to hearing about your comings and goings and being back together, worshipping God. The Gospel of Luke continues to lead us to the good news of Jesus Christ for ALL PEOPLE, and for us. Sunday school, WEBS, the Youth Groups, Follow-Ship Groups and more small groups are scattered through the week.

Each Fall is a time to consider *where we need to grow as disciples*. I encourage you to prayerfully consider this as the season changes. I am here to help, to guide, to offer possibilities, to learn from you and to encourage you to keep going. God is good. The Spirit is with us. Christ is calling!

May God be with you,  
**May Christ's love fill you,**  
May the Spirit challenge and use you.

In hope and wonder,  
*Pastor Robin*



**Water Day!**

**Spark Park Days**  
Tuesdays July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
10-11am



*Thursday's Table*  
Eat, play & pray together



## From the Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Where did the Summer Go?? Back to school is right around the corner and the students, families and educators are getting ready. As this new school year begins, let me ask that you keep students and educators in prayer this year. Our prayer is always of value and a support to the community.

Of course, as the school year begin, we will also begin our 25/26 year of ministry and discipleship. Coming from the heels of a successful and fun filled summer of outreach. We continue the momentum with Sunday School, youth group and our range of Fall and Winter activities. This starts with resuming Sunday School, Ring & Sing and Youth Group.

**Sunday September 14th:** 9am Sunday School / 10am Church

3:30pm Ring and Sing / 4-6pm Trailblazers and EPYC

If you would like to volunteer, participate, or know more please feel free to ask. It will be a year filled with continued growth and seeking God for all ages.

### Trunk or Treat

As is my summer tradition, I call and bother our local police department over the course of the summer looking for the date for Trick or Treat. While I have yet to get an answer to the date, I have good news on the theme. Kim B. and Doug L. faithfully sought out students and families for input and arrived at, drum roll...**Children's Stories!**

What a wonderful and fun theme! I can't wait to see the sign up sheet, which will be going up in the Gathering Area soon, and all the wonderful stories listed. I can't wait to see the trunks dressed up, the costumes, and all the opportunities to love on our neighbors.

### Sacraments Workshop

Sacraments are a core piece of our collective worship. They draw us together in faith and the bond of Jesus Christ as His Church. On **September 28th**, we will hold a Sacraments Workshop for children and families. This is an opportunity to explore and understand our practice of worship in Baptism and Communion. This will be an interactive, engaging, and fun moment of discipleship that will include baking bread, play, and learning. **Please sign up by September 14th** so we can have enough ingredients and resources for everyone.

- In Christ's Hope, Robert W. Cochran, Director of Children and Youth Ministry



**Follow-Ship** = Learning to follow Jesus Together. We have seven groups going now. Groups meet twice a month at various locations. We start with some fun getting to know each other question and then go on to the Bible study lesson. Currently, Cornwall Manor group which meets on Thursdays and Sunday afternoon group meeting at church have openings. It also would be great to start new groups in September. If you are interested contact Gayle Reilly or Mary Lynne in the office.



## Christian Education

As the summer winds down our church family looks forward to the beginning of a new study season! This season brings fresh opportunities for learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth for every age group. Christian Education isn't just about lessons, it's about relationships. It's a time to gather around God's Word, ask honest questions, encourage and pray for one another, and discover how God's truth shapes our daily lives. Whether you are a long-term attendee or brand new to our church, there's a place for you in our classes or small groups. Our teachers and small group leaders have been prayerfully preparing, and we are excited to see how God will work through each lesson and conversation.

We invite you and your family to join us starting with our Kick-off Breakfast on **Sunday Sept 7th beginning at 9:00 am** in Snyder Hall. Come enjoy breakfast & fellowship as we begin another year of Christian Education. Sunday School begins on **September 14th** from **9:00 am – 9:45 am**. We will have classes for all ages from Pre-K through adult. Once again, this year there will be two adult classes:

9:00 am: Topic: Various Leaders; starting with Colossians – Gayle Reilly (*see notes below!*)

11:00 am: Topic: Psalms - Rick Borger

Small groups are also an important part of our discipleship pathway. We currently have several Follow-Ship Groups and our WEBS (Wednesday Evening Bible Study). We are hoping to create additional Follow-Ship Groups so if you are interested in leading or participating in one look for the sign-up at the Kick-off Breakfast.

The WEBS Group will begin their study season on Wednesday September 3rd at the **NEW TIME of 6:30 pm** in the Chapel. The group will use the book "10 Things Jesus Never Said" by Will Davis Jr. Books are not needed, but if you want one, the cost is \$14. Sign up in the Gathering Area or contact Ken Gries.

Have you been reading or listening to the Bible in a Year? Have you collected your 1st – 3rd quarter stickers? They are in the Narthex on the invitation table. Even if you are behind in the readings, but you intend to finish, please contact the church office and let us know. We want to celebrate with you! There will be an end of the Bible in a Year celebration in October. More details to come.

Isaiah 30:21 states: *"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying 'This is the way; walk in it.'"* Let's make this study season a time of listening to God's voice as we walk our discipleship pathway - together.

Respectfully, *Ken Gries – Christian Education Co-chair*

### **9AM Adult Sunday School Class starts Sept. 14, in the Chapel.**

*Are you listening or reading through the Bible with Dwell? Do you have questions? Join us!*

*Do you want a closer relationship to your brothers and sister in the LORD? Join us!*

*Do you want a deeper connection with SAPC? Join us!*

*Are you in the choir? Join us and leave when rehearsal starts. No problem.*

We will be working our way through the Letter to the Colossians.

No long term commitment. Come one Sunday a try us out. Bring your questions.

We will all learn together with the help of the Holy Spirit.



## Mission

Monthly Mission Spotlight:  
September: Peanut Butter and Jelly

**Free Noon Meals:**  
**Sep 13 - Friends of LCCM**  
**Oct 11 - Chancel Choir/Bell Choir**

### Mission Week 2025 Wrap Up!

Thanks to all who joined us for Mission Week **Sun, Aug 3-10**

The activities included: Clean up, Assembling Crisis Kits, and Card Writing at St. Andrews, Quittie Estuary and local Rail Trails; tours of local missions (Chestnut Street Community Center, Jubilee and LCCM); a trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg; Bingo night for Developmental & Disability Services, Point In Time Count (Survey of Homeless); Served Free Noon Meal

Our week ended with worship on Sun. Aug. 10th with a special message from Bryan Smith ,  
Exec. Dir. of Lebanon County Christian Ministries

A lot of effort is put into mission week planning (*starting now for next year*) and the committee is always looking for opportunities to serve. Please feel free to share your thoughts with any Mission Committee member, anytime!



Card Writing.



Crisis Kits

Cookie Baking



Habitat on Walnut



Welcome Center @  
Quittie Park

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Church Grounds  
Clean-up



DDS Bingo



Point In Time  
Count



## RING AND SING



Singing, playing ukuleles, bucket drumming, chimes and bells...  
**Music Camp 2025,**

and the fun continues in **Ring and Sing**  
**starting September 14, 2025, at 3:30 pm.**

Youth of Trailblazer and EPYC age are invited to participate. This year's plans include songs from around the world, hymns, participation in worship, and a Christmas skit. Each rehearsal has a goal that centers on music and worship. However, it turns out that there is also laughter and often a blue "Jolly Rancher" at the end. Contact Maggie Beatty (717-304-2379 or [memab3@comcast.net](mailto:memab3@comcast.net)) with any questions or for more information.

## Fellowship Committee

**Save the Date - Fall Kick-Off Breakfast -Sun, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9AM,  
In Snyder Hall**



*Are you ready for some football?* With the NFL season approaching, we are looking for 10-12 wannabe general managers to join us for a lively game of Fantasy Football. To sign up, talk to Tim Peelen or Rob Cochran or sign up in the gathering area. The draft will occur online (ESPN) sometime before the **first game on September 4.**



### New Era Group

**St. Andrews is getting on the Ark! Join us for “Noah” at Sight and Sound Theater** in Lancaster County on Veteran’s Day, **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.** The church has purchased 35 tickets. Ten will be given to children age 12 and under at no charge. The other 25 seats will be sold to adults on a pay what you will basis. Rob will be attending as EPYC chaperone for the kids. Please sign up in the Gathering Area starting on September 7. First come, first served! If you haven’t been to Sight and Sound before, please join us; it is always a phenomenal show.

There is an updated church directory in the Gathering Area and in the Workroom. If you want your own updated church directory (names, addresses & phone #s) let the church office know.

### August Birthdays

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

### September Birthdays

2 Winnie Brill  
3 Tim Chevalier  
4 Fay Peterson  
Ken Tice  
Dave Tshudy  
5 Joanne Fairlamb  
6 Dan Dowhower  
11 Lexi Lowrie  
13 Jim Reilly  
16 Nadine Jones  
17 Annette Chevalier  
18 Danielle Chevalier  
Barry Kohr  
John K. Goetze  
20 Nicholas Chevalier  
Gayle Reilly  
23 Claude Miller  
25 Bonnie Tenney  
26 Summer Hakkinen  
27 Lew Sauerwein

### October Birthdays

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 Don Beatty  
Karen Regester  
30 Lorna Everhart  
Michael Hains  
31 Katelynn Sensenig





## Introducing our New Members - 2025

It has been a joy this year to welcome each one whom the Spirit has brought, and to enfold those who have decided to make St. Andrews their church home. Now, may we find moments to know God, as we share stories and get to know one another, more and more.



**New Members Joined – July 2025**  
Deborah Casadei

Carey Gerstner



## **New Members Joined - June 2025**



Nancy & Gerry Stehr



Sandy & Joe Prentice



Jae Ra Lee

## Deacon Doings

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!

Contact a Deacon -If you're not sure who's your Deacon call the church office!

## Grief Support Group of St Andrews

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

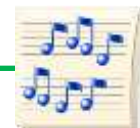


**Losing a loved one is a very difficult experience. Whether it's a close friend, spouse, partner, parent, child, or other relative, few things are as painful as losing someone you love. After such a significant loss, life may never seem quite the same again. But in time, you can ease your sorrow, start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



## Music Notes



### Chancel Choir and Praise Team Rehearsals Regular rehearsals resume Wed, Sep 3rd

Praise Team at 6:00 pm Wednesdays in the sanctuary

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

New singers are always welcome to join us in leading worship to sing our praises to God.

Our Chancel Choir and Praise Team share their love of God and music as they sing and pray in fellowship with each other. Come join our music family!

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

**Bells of St. Andrews resume: Sept 17.** Handbells rehearse at 6:45 pm Wed. in the Music Room.

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

First concert is **Principally Harps!** on **Friday, November 21, at 7:30 pm** Principally Harps! Blends the talents and expertise of two of America's finest concert harpists, Mindy Cutcher and Janet Witman. Audiences describe their performances as "artistry in tandem." The program will include musical styles from classical to Broadway and even some new arrangements for Advent and Christmas!



### **Friday, March 6, 2026, at 7:30 pm, Inspiration! An Evening with Perfect Harmony.**

Perfect Harmony is a dynamic vocal trio specializing in storytelling through music. Vocalists Ric Zimmerman, Kat Prickett and Sarah Poague are known for their stunning vocal blend and stellar harmonies in original arrangements sung acapella and also accompanied by their band with piano. They sing all styles of music from folk to Broadway to gospel.

Our **Season Finale on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 7:30 pm**, will feature the **Summit Hill Bluegrass Band**. Band members, Max Alison on bass, Ron McVey on fiddle, Keith Kupp on banjo, and Denny Kopp on guitar will present a program of toe-tapping music including gospel, bluegrass and country with a little comedy sprinkled throughout.

## St. Andrews Family Creativity

At this year's Lebanon Area Fair:

Kitty Zackey's quilt won best in show!

Pauline Charles received 4 ribbons (including a blue one!)



Adelyn in  
local  
theater  
production:  
**The Lion  
King Jr.**

Such talent among us!

## Church Officers:

### Session

2025

Paul Kilgore (Admin. & Pers.)

David Overholt (Mission)

Penny Samuelson (Worship)

Doug Lister, (Pres. Trustees/Property)

2026

Rick Borger (Clerk / Christian Ed

Karen Fedder (Fellowship)

Ken Gries (Christian Ed)

Bill Mulligan (Worship)

2027

Fred Jones (Nominating)

Gini Badger (Stewardship & Finance)

Bob Dowd (Mission)

Tim Peelen (Fellowship)

### Nominating Committee

Maggie Beatty

Diane Pomeroy

Glenn Royer

### Deacons

2025

Kathy Crager

Lorna Everhart

Katie Martel

Mary Lynne Mulligan

2026

IvaJean Conley

Jean Ditzler

Karen Register

Astrid Santiago

Gwen Yordy

2027

Judy Borger

Rita Solie

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



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 9AM—4PM, Monday–Thursday, and  
 9AM—Noon, Friday.  
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 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.

