

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



~ *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.

Worship will be in person, Sundays at 10am and online @

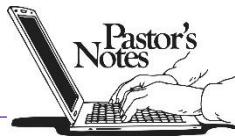
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YouTube posted by early afternoon.

Feb - Apr 2026 Worship

Feb 1	Luke 20:45-21:4 Communion <i>What We Take and What We Give</i>	HOLY WEEK
Feb 8	Luke 21:5-24 <i>Difficult Days</i>	Mar 29 Luke 23:13-31 (Palm Sun) <i>Pressure</i>
Feb 15	Luke 21:25-33 <i>Seasons & Signs</i>	Apr 2 (Maundy Thur) Living Last Supper
LENT		Apr 3 (Good Fri) Luke 23:32-56
Feb 18	Luke 21:34-38 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> <i>Attending to Your Heart</i> 6PM: Soup, Worship & Communion in Snyder Hall	Apr 5 (Easter Sun) Luke 24:1-12 <i>A New Day and the Unexpected</i>
Feb 22	Luke 22:1-23	EASTERTIDE
Mar 1	Luke 22:24-38 Communion Preacher: The Rev. Dr. David Roquemore	Apr 12 Luke 24:13-35 <i>Walking Together</i>
Mar 8	Luke 22:39-53 <i>Pray</i>	Apr 19 Luke 24:36-53 <i>An End and a Beginning</i>
Mar 15	Luke 22:54-71 <i>Deal with Denial</i> 3PM Rebecca Lister's Ordination	Apr 26 Isaiah 63 <i>New Things</i> Preacher: The Rev. Rebecca Lister
Mar 22	Luke 23:1-12 <i>Confrontation</i>	

A Message from Pastor Robin



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February is always a difficult month for me. It is the shortest month, but those short cold days feel so long. And it starts with what our culture offers as a sign of hope – a groundhog who comes out of his hole for a moment. And as far as I can tell, it never offers hope. Yet, what I need in this season is encouragement! You can make it through this winter. You have done well so far...anything besides, 'sorry 6 weeks more of winter.'

Thankfully, our hope is not in a groundhog surrounded by cameras, but, in Christ who knows how long a night can be. Christ knows what it is to feel like darkness is overtaking the light, and yet He refuses to let go of the light. For me to hold onto the light, I need more light. I need to focus on the light. The liturgical season of Lent always offers me the help, the practice of seeking the light, the hope of Christ.

This year, Lent begins on Wednesday February 18th. That evening at 6PM we gather bringing soup for a soup supper and worship around tables in Snyder Hall. Stepping into Lent, puts me back on a clearer path, because it is a season that brings me back to the practice of faith. Christian traditions emphasize the practice of faith, in this season, some through fasting or patterns during the week, or scripture reading schedule. All of these are useful. This year, I encourage you to add a practice of faith to your daily life, like one would do scales on a piano or drills for volleyball yet seek a practice that is for your faith. As we worship together one practice you will be offered is to create space near the end of the day, for a reflection journal. This is tied to an ancient practice called the prayer of examen. It offers a practice of looking back at the day, considering a moment of gratitude and a difficult moment of least gratitude and then seeking God, inviting God into those moments. In this, we seek to see the light of Christ in each end every day. This 5-minute practice offers us a way to change our days, to lean into God, especially in the cold days that can feel unending.

As we consider adding a few moments of reflection near the end of our day, I find myself reflecting on what is before us and what is behind us. Back in the Fall, many of us completed the Bible in a Year! If you would like to do this again or maybe try it this year as a faith practice, we have all the tools you need simply call the church office. I have also heard a few of you mention that the devotionals in the Dwell app have become an enjoyable way to daily practice your faith. We are continuing to fund the church subscription to the Dwell app. If you are not yet connected to this subscription please talk to Rob. As I look ahead, Rob and I will begin a new season of podcasting as we slowly go through Paul's letter to the Philippians. I am looking forward to pondering and digging into God's Word in a new way.

A Message from Pastor Robin...cont'd

As I look ahead, I also find myself looking back to a moment when Rebecca Lister sat down with me and shared this glimmer of an idea for considering ministry. This glimmer became a fire that fueled her through a Master of Divinity, while she continued to teach at LVC. That glimmer has become a light of Christ leading her to Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, VA as their sister in Christ and their pastor! As her home church, we get to pray and cheer for her always! And we will host her ordination service on March 15th. As a congregation, it is our job to send her out. To send her out to preach the good news in this world full of bad news. To send her out to love as Christ loved. To send her out encouraging her to use all her energy, intelligence, imagination and love to serve God and to care for God's people. I so hope you plan to come on March 15th, to support Rebecca in this transition. Bring something for the reception after in the Gathering Area, for we so need to celebrate! Near the end of April Rebecca is planning to preach at St. Andrews and share more of her journey.

Reflection can lead us, in unexpected ways. Reflection can help us see more clearly what is behind us and what possibilities lie before us. May we seek to make reflection a pattern of our faith, intentionally seeking God in the best moments and difficult moments, even as we offer all of these moments, all of this season to God.

"I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace." Philippians 1:7

In the Hope of Christ,
Pastor Robin



AT THE END OF DAY

*"Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening
and the day is almost over."
Luke 24:29*

Bible in a Year

St. Andrews continues to offer the subscription to the Dwell App. If you are interested in doing the Bible in a Year, we have all the resources ready for you! See Rob to get what you need.

Many have also found the daily devotions on the Dwell App to be meaningful. If you are not yet connected to our church subscription, please see Rob. It is a wonderful tool to use throughout the week.



The Bible From FAST to SLOW

Starting - February 2, 2026 Find on your favorite podcast platform, or St. Andrews' YouTube channel.

Since many of us completed a FAST journey through the Bible in a Year, you are now invited to switch gears begin a SLOW journey through Philippians. We will slowly move through Paul's letter to Philippi, pondering God's Word, and seeking a way to practice, and to live into God's Word.

Rob and Pastor Robin will post 2 Podcasts a month and offer a faith practice, as we dwell together on God's Word.

There is a time to go FAST! And there is a time to SLOW down. May we listen, may we live, may we find God's Word that is for us.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

7PM April 2, 2026



You are invited to: 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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From the Director of Children & Youth Ministry

I remember when we first moved here being told, 'You have to see Lebanon High Schools Musical, they do an amazing job every year'. That year Melynda and I took the kids to see Lebanon's production of Tarzan, and it was amazing! This has been continually true over the years, and I am grateful to have a community that shows up and supports community theater. But I am also grateful for a community that sees and supports the students. Winter is a wonderful time to see our students in the full range of activities.

Our students have a full range of activities that they participate in and are perfecting their skills with. Of course, we have students in North Lebanon and Lebanon musicals this year. We also have a range of winter sports, tech competitions, and personal endeavors. I have the great joy of working directly with the kids and hearing the work and passions in their lives. Their beauty in the passions that we all share and can learn from one another.

If you are interested in seeing the students in action, I recommend connecting with their parents and attending, if appropriate, one of their events. The easiest is to go and watch the upcoming season of musicals from the schools across the county. However, you support or connect with the students, thank you all for being a congregation that cares for the next generation! In this action we share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Schedule Updates:

February 8th: Ring and Sing after Church, NO youth Group

March 15th: No Ring and Sing, No Youth Group

March: (*Date TBD*) Game Show Night! Students will have a fun evening of appetizers and Game Show Challenges, run by our 'Taskmaster' Doug!

RING AND SING



The members of the Ring and Sing had full Fall and early Winter seasons. They practiced their bucket drumming, ukuleles, chimes, and singing. All of these activities included practicing rhythm, melody, reading notes, and solfege. Thank you, Alexia, for helping them learn about solfege, not just how to sing the syllables, but how to do the hand signals. This small, but sincere group also shared the skit, "Ornaments for Christmas," with the church family at the Christmas luncheon. It is a joy, and lots of fun to work with them!

As we start February, 2026, Ring and Sing members are working on handbells, and will be playing in church in February. Along with other songs, they are also preparing special music for Lent and Easter. We rehearse **Sundays from 3:30-4 PM. If you know a young friend who is age 6 – 16 years old, please invite them to join us.**

The schedule: 2/1, 2/8 (short rehearsal after worship, no afternoon rehearsal),
2/15 (play in worship), 2/22
3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29



For more info., contact Maggie Beatty (memab3@comcast.net) or call the church office.

Christian Education

Lent is the season in the life of the church that is set apart for reflection, repentance, and renewal as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Lent invites us to slow down, listen more closely to God, and intentionally grow in faith through prayer, scripture study, and community. This year we invite everyone in our congregation to take part in Lenten study opportunities. Whether you prefer group study or individual time for study, prayer and reflection, there is a place for you. There will be a Lenten study Sunday School class at 9:00 Sunday mornings in the Chapel. The WEBS (Wednesday Evening Bible Study) will begin a Lenten study on Wednesday February 25th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Please watch the bulletin and website for updates. The Fellowship curriculum will be geared toward the Lenten season as well. For those who wish to have more of an individual experience, there will be devotionals under the tv in the Gathering Area. Also, don't forget that the church has renewed its subscription to the Dwell App for 2026. There are many devotions and reading plans available there as well. If you want more information on how to install the Dwell App, please talk to Rob Cochran.

Lent is not about perfection. It is about intention. It's about making space for God to shape us, often through simple, faithful practices and prayer. We encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one of the Lenten study opportunities this season as we seek God's grace and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Respectfully,
Ken Gries – Christian Ed Co-chair



Follow-Ship groups meet twice a month to “follow Jesus together”.

Are you missing out on the fun? There is room for you.

Ask around. Over half of our attending congregation is in one.

If you are interested in more info, sign up in Gathering Area
and Gayle Reilly will reach out to you.

Music Notes

Chancel Choir, Handbells and Praise Team Wednesday Rehearsal Schedule:

Praise Team at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, Handbell Choir at 6:45pm in the Music Room
Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm 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

The Concert Series Committee invites you to our second concert of the season featuring **Inspiration! An Evening with Perfect Harmony! on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 7:30 PM.**

Perfect Harmony is a dynamic trio of friends, Ric Zimmerman, Kat Prickett and Sara Poague who call The Barn at Paradise Station in Lancaster County their home. They are known for their stunning vocal blend and stellar harmonies in original arrangements sung acapella and accompanied by band members: Katrina King, Mark Butzer, Jim Martin and Micah King. The concert will include all styles of music from folk to Broadway to gospel. They are grateful to share their gift of music with folks from all walks of life.

Plan to come out for an evening of inspiration and 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 March 6th 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 Carolee Haines or Ann Ormond. Your contributions are so greatly appreciated.



**The Presbytery of Carlisle invites you
to celebrate the Service of Ordination
for the Rev. Rebecca Lister**

It will take place at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m.

A reception will follow and we ask those who are able
to bring some savory goodies to share!



The New Era Group
is looking for our next activity!
Got any ideas?
Talk to Carla Dowd,
Karen Fedder or Fred Jones!!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Benta Samuelson
4 Daniel Peelen
5 Jack Shuey
9 Ysatis (Izzy) Jimenez
10 Barbara Hains
11 Jill Kreiser
John Butler
15 Nansi Alexander
17 Louise Batdorff
21 Sarah Hamme
24 Louise Rahalewich
26 Rick Borger
Joe Prentice
27 Kaitlyn Mulligan
28 Carol Smith-Kilgore
Ken Gries



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Bill Kalbaugh
2 Carole Haines
3 Mardon Fedder
4 Ken Peterson
5 Gwen Yordy
7 Bruce Kurtz
Ann Ormond
9 Beckie Dreibelbis
10 Perry Latshaw
John Reitz
14 David Overholt
17 Connie Dowhower
Donna Kuntz
18 Katie Martel
20 Christine Nelson
22 Robin Gries
23 Rosemary Birt
27 Lee Samuelson
28 Samantha Strock
31 Sandy Prentice



April Birthdays

2 Henry Overholt
3 Veronica Juppenlatz
5 Elizabeth Burkholder
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
Jessica Goetze
26 Rob Cochran
Pat Yates
27 Wanda Bechtold
29 Beth Hamme

There is an updated church directory in the Gathering Area and in the Workroom. If you want your own copy of the church directory let the church office know.



The Fellowship Committee

Soup Supper, Communion & Ashes

February 18th, 6PM in Snyder Hall

If you can bring a soup please sign up in the Gathering Area!



**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 Fred Jones if you have any questions. Thank you!



THANK YOU!! From the Sew 'n' Sews (sewing group)



Dear Wonderful Christmas Shoppers,

The Sew n' Sews thank you so much for your generosity and support during the Christmas season. We are using the funds raised for our ongoing charity projects, which benefit these organizations: Align Ministries, Mission Central, Tanya Weaver's Project Africa, the Hershey Medical Center and any/all sewing needs within St. Andrews.

Feel free to join us each Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 AM to sit and sew, or sit and talk.

Many hands make light work :). All good wishes for a happy and healthy 2026!

Ronda Martin, Sue Mechura, Mary Millard, Ann Ormond and Nancy Stehr
The St Andrews Sew n' Sews

Deacon Doings

We're here for you!

New to St. Andrews and want to connect?
Visiting our church and have questions?



Not able to get to church? Need to re-connect after being away?
Homebased or in Continuing Care and want to have Communion?

We're here for you!

Contact your Deacon

If you're not sure who your Deacon is (we have new Deacons coming on board this month)
contact the church office!



Mission

Monthly Mission Spotlight:

February: Dish and Laundry soap (plastic bottles or boxes), dish sponges

March: Toothpaste (5 oz), Children & adult toothbrushes

April: Oatmeal and boxed cereal with less than 6 grams of sugar per serving

Free Noon Meals

February 14: WEBS (Ken Gries)

March 14: (Astrid Santiago)

April 11: Deacons

The Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, **February 8th**. Please bring a can of Soup (low sodium) or other canned food item to donate to LCCM. Donations will be collected in the Narthex.

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering begins **February 18th**. The Fish Banks will be available in the Narthex.

Easter Flower Ordering Time!

Didn't we just get done decorating with poinsettias for Christmas?? Well, it's that time again. We will again be decorating the church with lilies, tulips and daffodils.

Orders will need to be placed no later than March 1st. The cost will be **\$8 per plant**.



Please fill in the order form below or that will be outside the Church Office and in the Gathering Area starting Feb 1st, and drop in the baskets next to the forms. Please make checks payable to St. Andrews and designate "Easter Flowers." The plants may be taken home following the 10AM Easter Sunday service or delivered by the Deacons to home-based members.

Easter Flower Order Form 2026

The final ordering date is March 1st



Name _____

Number of lilies _____ tulips _____ daffodils _____

1) In Memory of Loved Ones,

By _____

2) In Memory of _____

By _____

3) In Honor of _____

By _____

_____ Will take home.

_____ Will designate for home-based members.

Session**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)

2028

Paul Kilgore (Admin. & Pers.)
 David Overholt (Mission)

Church Officers:**Nominating Committee**

Sue Mechura
 Carla Dowd
 Cliffy Shiner

Deacons**2026**

IvaJean Conley
 Jean Ditzler
 Karen Regester
 Astrid Santiago
 Gwen Yordy

2027

Judy Borger
 Rita Solie
 Sheri Timm

2028

Lorraine Lowrie
 Diane Pomeroy
 Rosemary Birt
 Lorna Everhart

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



Automatic Online Giving may need to be renewed starting in January. Check with your credit card company or bank.

Church Office Hours
 9AM—4PM, Mon—Thurs, 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.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

In the case of inclement weather on Sunday morning we will do our best to have worship online. If the worship leaders are unable to be in the building there will be a service posted below the streaming box on our website, and on Facebook & YouTube.

Look on the website .

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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.

