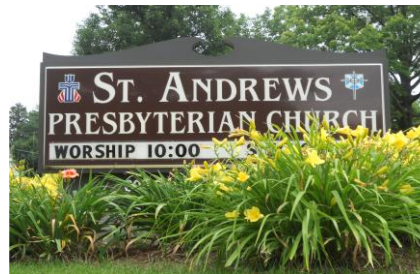


ST. ANDREWS HERALD

SUMMER 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 @
www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive
YouTube posted by early afternoon.

Summer 2026 Worship What Do We Do?

Ruth: What do we do when times are hard?

June 7 - When Things Fall Apart
Ruth 1:1-22
Matthew 5:3-9

June 14 - Giving Hope
Ruth 2:1-23
Luke 6:36-38

June 21 - Daring to Act
Ruth 3:1-18
Matthew 7:7-8

June 28 - Living into New Life
Ruth 4:1-22 **Church Picnic after**
Luke 1:46-55 **Worship!**

**July 5 - American Spiritual Songs,
Prayers & Readings**

**July 12 - Guest Preacher Missionary,
Veda Gill, Presby. Education Board, Pakistan**

Esther: For Such a Time as This!

July 19 - What if now is the time?
Esther 4:1-17
Luke 9:23-24

July 26 - From Fear to Joy
Esther 7:1-10
Esther 9:20-32
Luke 1:68-72

August 2 - Mission Week Begins
Pr. Michael Clancy, Mission Speaker

10 Commandments:
*how to live with God and one another,
today and always!*

August 9 A Gift from Above
Exodus 19:1-8
Exodus 20:1-2

August 16 - Turning towards God
Exodus 20:3-11
Matthew 22:34-40

August 23 - Turning towards People
Exodus 20: 12-16
Matthew 22:34-40

August 30 - Too Many Things
Exodus 20:17 -21
Matthew 22:34-40

A Message from Pastor Robin

Der Beloved People of God,

It's summertime and the living is easy.... Is it? I hope there are parts of life that are easy to enjoy, to take some rest, to live into these long days. And yet, there is a lot going on in this world that is far from easy.

War lingers in the countries of Lebanon, Iran, Sudan, Ukraine, Russia and more that don't make the news. The season of Fall will come all too soon with a tug of war pushing toward the mid-term election. A.I. is creeping into this world, and it is becoming less and less a choice. University students in Arizona loudly and negatively reacted to their commencement speaker, when he raised the topic of A.I. because for that generation it means fear, fear that they will never find a job. The political divide remains divisive in our country and our communities....and life is far from easy. And so, in our gathering, in our worship together we will consider the question: *What do we do?* What do we do in times like these? The book of Ruth will offer us a space to ask, *What do we do when times are hard?* The Book of Esther will encourage us to consider our call, *in such a time as this!* And the 10 Commandments will bring us back to the basics on *how we live with God and one another.*

These long summer days invite us to ponder, to pray asking *What do we do? What should we do in our lives, in these very days?* These long summer days also invite us to play!

I recently heard a lecture entitled "*The Church at Play.*" Proverbs 8 lifts up God creating and delighting in creating, playing. Then comes the invitation, "*Then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.*" (Prov 8:30-31). We know we can pray and we should pray...but have we ever considered that we are invited to play along with God? To invite God to play with us? Maybe this summer we would allow ourselves space to play, and in playing share life with God, who delights in life with us. In her lecture, Dr. Amanda Dury acknowledged that stress leads to death but lifted up play as the antidote. As we grow up, play can all but disappear, but what if it is a part of our faith, a part that teaches us to delight and to share with God and one another.

In this longing for space to play, a corner of the Gathering Area will become our communal 'play space.' This is truly for all generations to sit, just with God or with others, and play. Flinging away a bit of stress, delving into the world of creativity and seeing what is made with God and with one another. On any given week you may find play dough or Legos, craft supplies, or paint pens. It doesn't have to just be in this corner of the Gathering Area, yet may this summer offer a space for you to try playing, delighting in life, along with God. Maybe as we delve into faith; play, imagination, creativity and openness are just as important as knowledge, especially in our world today.

In this season of summer may we ponder serious questions of life, pray for this world, for our country, for those on our hearts, and may we play finding God in the deepest pondering thoughts of our hearts and in delight, delight chosen to share by playing, enjoying time with God.

People of God, this summer, this season is a time to Ponder, Pray & Play!
May we do all of it in the wonder and presence of God.

In the Joy and Hope of Christ,
Pastor Robin

From the Director of Children & Youth Ministry

As the days grow longer and the warmth of summer settles in, we are looking forward to an exciting season filled with ministry, fellowship, and opportunities to serve together. Summer always brings a unique energy—children laughing outside, conversations lingering a little longer, and chances to slow down enough to notice the people around us. This year, we have several wonderful opportunities to live out our faith together.

Kicking off the summer, beginning June 26th, our EPYC students will build a special summer ministry called **Living the Parable**. Throughout the summer, students will gather to plan and serve our church community through food, fellowship, and acts of care. This ministry is designed to help students move beyond simply hearing the teachings of Jesus and begin actively living them out in practical and meaningful ways. I am excited to see the students grow in compassion, leadership, and service.

Then from **July 7th–11th**, several of our high school students will participate in **Weave Week**, a local mission experience alongside Presbytery and several of our sister churches in our area. During this week, students will spend time serving throughout the community while learning what it means to truly see and care for our neighbors. The Weave Week team is praying this week will not only impact those we serve, but also deeply shape the hearts of the students participating. your prayers for safety, growth, and open hearts throughout the week will be greatly appreciated.

As the heart of summer arrives, I am also thrilled to begin **Spark Park**, a weekly children's ministry running **every Wednesday from July 15th through August 19th at 10:00 AM**. Spark Park will be a fun-filled time of games, lessons, laughter, and connection throughout the summer season. The prayer is this ministry will continue to create opportunities for children and families in our community to gather, build friendships, and experience the love of Christ in joyful and welcoming ways.

Summer has a way of bringing people together. Whether through serving, sharing meals, mentoring students, or simply gathering in fellowship. It shows the strength of a community that can come together in one mission. That one mission though is carried forward with the help and support of everyone through volunteering. As we close the school year out, look to the summer, and dare I say it begin to peek at the 26/27 school year, we need volunteers. Volunteering looks like many things, from helping coordinate snacks and meals for the summer outreach or participating with the youth in Youth Group and Sunday School. Please consider coming alongside any of the ministry opportunities and seeing the God's work in the students' lives. Thank you for continuing to be a church that loves generously, serves faithfully, and welcomes others warmly.

-Rob Cochran, Director of Children & Youth Ministry



Wed. July 29th
Music Day with
Holly Serio!

hollyssweetmusic.com



July 7-11

Christian Education Committee

THANK YOU!! A sincere thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Christian education this year. Behind every lesson taught, every child encouraged, and every meal served is a faithful servant giving their time for God's kingdom. Our church is blessed by the many teachers and volunteers who serve so faithfully week after week.

To our Sunday School teachers, youth group volunteers, nursery helpers, music leaders, meal preparers, and many more roles filled by our volunteers – Thank you. Your service often happens behind the scenes, but it makes an eternal difference.

Many of our ministries could not happen without our volunteers who are willing to follow scripture and say, "Here I am, Lord, send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Your dedication reflects the servant heart of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve.

To our current volunteers, enjoy your rest during the summer. We hope that you will all return next year for more rewarding volunteering. All who wonder how they can experience the joy of volunteering, please talk to Rob Cochran or myself.

-Respectfully Submitted: *Ken Gries*

Men's Group

Men of St Andrews: The Men's group will begin meeting twice a month beginning in June. The group will meet on the second Saturdays at 9:00 am and the third Thursdays at 6:00 pm of each month. For the summer that means the meetings will be:

Saturday June 13 @ 9:00 am

Thursday June 18 @ 6:00 pm

Saturday July 11 @ 9:00 am

Thursday July 17 @ 6:00 pm

Saturday August 8 @ 9:00 am

Thursday August 20 @ 6:00 pm

Starting in June, we will be using the Manup.org study "Joshua: Six Steps to Becoming a Godly Leader". This is a video study with free study notes available. If you are interested in joining us for this study, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area so that we may be prepared with study notes for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to have more information about this study or men's group in general, please contact Ken Gries (kwgries1968@gmail.com) or Rob Cochran (youth@standrewslebanon.org).

-Ken Gries

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP Continues through the Summer for Pre K - 5th Graders

Our congregational goal to have everyone be more actively involved in discipleship activities, we've started Interactive Worship for children in pre-K through 5th grade.

The students leave the sanctuary after 'Coming to Christ as a Child' and return for the last song and Benediction.

When Communion is being served, we come back for Communion. The same pattern of worship as the adults in a fun & age-appropriate manner.

If you have any questions, talk to Gayle Reilly or Ken Gries.



FOLLOW-SHIP
@ ST. ANDREWS

Look for Follow-Ship Bulletin Board
Coming Soon!



Postcards are available at church to hand out to Friends, Family, Members you haven't seen in a while!

If you would like to be on a 'meal team' – please talk to Rob!

The Table

Community Meal
Story Circle & Evening Prayer



Wednesdays 5:30pm
July 15-August 19
(bring your own chair)



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

New Era Group Event: Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum Tour

Lunch to follow at Kountry Kitchen

June 4th 10AM \$18. Per Person

Transportation: large van and carpooling

Save the Date –Church Picnic on Sunday, June 28th



Please invite someone in your family or a friend or a neighbor!

Mission Committee



Free Noon Meals
June 13: Property/Bob
July 11: Session
August 8: Mission

Mission Spotlights:

June: Cooking Oil in 8-10 oz plastic bottle, Canned fruit 9 oz.
(peaches, pears, mandarin oranges) in fruit juices.

July: Ground Coffee (10-12 oz bags or tubs), Toilet paper

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the **Little Free Pantry.**

It is very helpful if you bring items for the Pantry, that you put the items directly into the Pantry. Items left inside the church are often overlooked.

Also, if you see items in the Pantry that: are broken, open & leaking, should be refrigerated, well past expiration date – please help by throwing them out.

Mission Week is coming soon, August 2 – August 9.

Put it on your calendar. There will be many opportunities for you to be a part of the sharing. We will be working outside with projects at the church, the Rail Trail, the Quittie Project, and The Table (Wednesday night outside the church). Card writing, cookie baking, Mission Central, DDS Bingo, the PIT count, no-sew blankets, Free Noon Meal, the list goes on.

Signups will be coming up in July.

If you need a T-shirt, there are some left, please let us know.

Central PA Handbell Festival

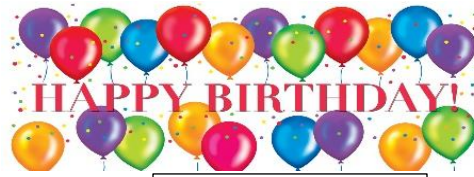


Maggie & David Harris

Maggie B, Mary Lynne, Betsy S, Kim B, Carey G.

On April 18th, five members of the Bells of St. Andrews went to the Central PA Handbell Festival in Manheim, PA! David Harris (of Raleigh Ringer fame) was our guest conductor for the day, and those of us who were ringing, were excited to work with him.





June

- 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 Betsy Sensenig
- 19 Seth Huisman
- 21 Margaret Kilgore
- 22 Adam Burgis
Robert Regester
- 23 Robin Morgan
- 26 Pauline Charles

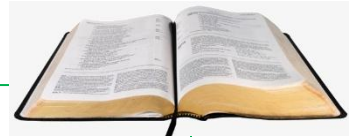
July

- 2 Janis Herschkowitz
Ann Widger
Rod Keith
- 3 Joan Umbenhauer
- 5 Dick Cassel
- 6 Don Dreibelbis
- 7 Carla Dowd
- 12 Vasantha Ross
Betty Ann Seiser
- 16 Bob Ogurcak
Melissa Burgis
- 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

- 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
John P. Goetze (son)
Judy Kurtz
Teagan Lowrie
- 15 Ford Rau
- 17 Johnathan Shuey
- 18 Cliffy Shiner
- 21 Anne Keith
- 22 Dennis Shalters
- 27 Maureen Goetze
Linda Rau

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.



The Prayer Labyrinth at St. Andrews

(Springtime 'weeds' made a beautiful outline!)

What is a prayer labyrinth? It is an ancient symbol that represents wholeness. It has no dead-ends – you cannot get lost! You follow the path to the center and out again. Your walk can be joyous or somber, thoughtful or prayerful.

We have brochures available in the Narthex and in the box next to the sign to aid in your experience in using the labyrinth.

The St. Andrews Sew n' Sews

were recently tasked with making a new sleeve for the backdrop that is used for *The Living Last Supper*.

Making the new "pole holder" for the Living Last Upper backdrop:
Mary Millard, Ann Ormond,
Jean Munson.

Nancy Stehr and Sue Mechura were also part of the sewing team, pinning, seam ripping (we aim for perfection) and ironing the seam to set it. The backdrop can now hang for many Maundy Thursdays to come! Thanks to all 5 of you!!



After examining the long and narrow canvas, we decided that this is a task for many hands, especially because of the bulk and the weight.

We removed the old sleeve, found fabric in our "stash" that matched the canvas, used the pole from which the backdrop hangs to measure the width of the new sleeve, then made it a custom length to fit. Once we were ready to begin sewing, we found that we had to hold the weighty canvas and feed it to the machine for even stitching.

Sound News... Do You Have Ears?

Would you like to find a way to *serve within our service*? Join the "back bench crew" and manage the sound board during Sunday Worship!

It's really easier than you think it is and we will set up a training session. We are looking for a few people to rotate schedules.

Contact Johnathan Shuey for more information...

music@standrewslebanon.org

717-507-6475



We miss you Doug!



Property Committee

The Property Committee works hard to keep our beautiful Church in top shape!

If you see something that needs attention, let us know.

Barry Badger, Annette Chevalier, Anne & Rod Keith,
Barry Kohr, Jim Reilly, Mike Yordy, Bob Dowd

*Thanks, Anne & Rod
for all the beautiful plants,
all the work they take,
and all the welcoming they enhance!*



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.

“Those who sing, pray twice.”

Applause... Memorable Music at St. Andrews Concert Series For the 2026-2027 Season

Friday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

The Dickinson College Brass Quintet under the direction of Dr. Greg Strohman will present a program of Advent and varied musical styles.

Friday, February 26, 2027, 7:30 p.m.

Trio Caprice featuring Debra Ronning, piano, Dana Allaband, violin, and Sara Male, cello, will present a program of varied musical styles to include chamber and classical, contemporary and solos.

May, 2027 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!

Celebrate AMERICA 250
Perseverance Band Concert –
Sunday, July 26th at 4:00 PM
on the lawn at St. Andrews.

The Perseverance Band of Lebanon under the direction of Wayne Fox will present a program of patriotic music featuring vocal soloist, Gloria Tice. Bring a chair. Refreshments will be available.

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to come celebrate America’s 250th Birthday! Postcards are available to hand out.

Celebrate
AMERICA 250
Perseverance Band Concert
with soloist, Gloria Tice

JULY 26, 2026 4PM	FREE CONCERT <i>On the Lawn</i>
BRING A CHAIR	St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 600 S. 12th St. Lebanon, PA 17042

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Session

2026

Rick Borger (Clerk / Worship)
Karen Fedder (Fellowship)
Ken Gries (Christian Ed)
Bill Mulligan (Worship)

2027

Gini Badger (Stewardship & Finance)
Bob Dowd (Pres. Of Corp / Property)
Fred Jones (Fellowship)
Tim Peelen (Christian Ed)

2028

Stuart Juppenlatz (Mission)
Paul Kilgore (Admin. & Pers.)
Rob Lowrie (Nominating)
David Overholt (Mission)

Church Officers:

Nominating Committee

Sue Mechura
Carla Dowd
Cliffy Shiner

Deacons

2026

Deborah Casadei
IvaJean Conley
Astrid Santiago
Gwen Yordy

2027

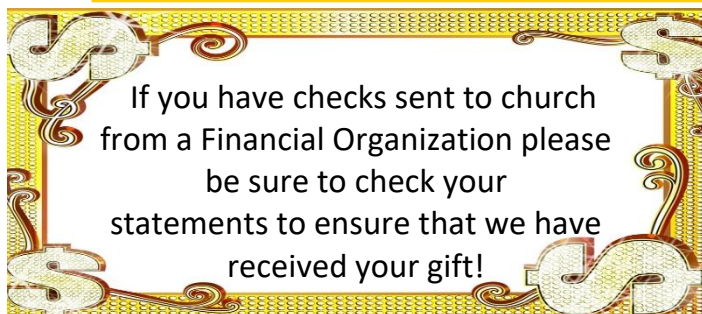
Judy Borger
Jean Ditzler
Rita Solie
Sheri Timm

2028

Rosemary Birt
Lorna Everhart
Lorraine Lowrie
Diane Pomeroy

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



If you have checks sent to church from a Financial Organization please be sure to check your statements to ensure that we have received your gift!

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.

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

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

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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.

