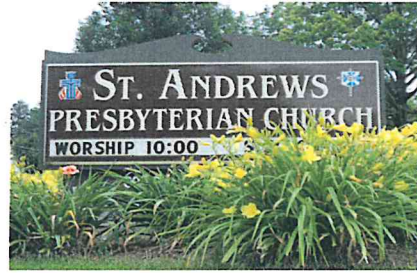


ST. ANDREWS HERALD

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 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.

AUG-SEP 2026 Worship

August 2 Mission Week Begins

John 1:43-51

Jeremiah 29:11-13 & Luke 16:10

Michael Clancy preaching-

*Pastor of Freedom in Christ Fellowship,
Lebanon PA, Urban Missionary for East
Mennonite Missions*

10 Commandments:

*How to live with God
and one another, today and always!*

August 9

Exodus 19:1-8

Exodus 20:1-2

A Gift from Above

August 16

Exodus 20:3-11

Matthew 22:34-40

Rob Preaching

Turning towards God

August 23

Exodus 20: 12-16

Matthew 22:34-40

Turning towards People

August 30

Exodus 20:17 -21

Matthew 22:34-40

Too Many Things

What to Do & How to Be

September 6

Labor Day

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

John 6:29-34

And All Should...Enjoy

September 13

Kick-Off Sunday

John 9:24-41

Romans 10:5-15

Will you Believe?

September 20

Matthew 22:34-40

Luke 10:25 -37

Live towards Love

September 27

Matthew 25:31-46

James 1:19-25

Implanted Works – Rob preaching



A Message from Pastor Robin



Dear Beloved People of God,

The summer is already turning towards Fall and I am not ready. In a few short weeks, my youngest will start full day Kindergarten. I already feel like I am split down the middle. Half of me is cheering for this new chapter, when the 2 boys will get on the same bus at the same time!!! It is like a miracle, that gives a whole extra hour in the day. And then there is the other half of me, that is wondering how he will do. Is he ready for this? He is such a young 5, and it is such a long day. And yet, maybe Kindergarten is just what he needs.

Maybe kindergarten is what we all need. Way back in 1986 one of the bestselling books was *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum. His simplest explanation says: "All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten." How to live, what to do and how to be are great things to learn, to choose in Kindergarten and in every age and stage of life.

In August, we will consider *How to Live*, spending 4 weeks looking at the 10 commandments. The 10 Commandments offer us clear ways to live well with God and one another. These simple statements are far from simple to live out. Looking at each section offers all of us time to reflect on how we are living and re-align to move closer to how we want to live, and hopefully how God asks us to live.

The 10 Commandments offer us the foundation on *How to Live*. We will follow this in September and on into the fall, asking; What we are to do? How we are to be? The world around us is getting more and more complex with AI that in some ways knows everything and in other ways knows nothing. And so in this world, we need grounding points. We need to be clear with ourselves and with God about How we are choosing to live, what we are choosing to do (and not do) and who we are choosing to be. Whether you would be online or in person, come join in this conversation. For these are not static questions, they change and shift, in seasons of life and in the various ages of culture.

As Fall comes, perhaps not all of you are getting ready for Kindergarten, like we are in my house. Yet, maybe it is time for all of us, to reflect and re-align how we choose to live with God and one another.

God is good all the time. How will we know and find what is good?

"I the Lord your God am a jealous God...but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments." Exodus 20:5-6

In God, may we find all we really need to know.

In the Hope of Christ,

Pastor Robin

From the Director of Children and Youth Ministry

As Summer begins to wind down, yes as I write that it seems hard to believe. We can look toward the start of a new school year, I find myself reflecting on how God has been at work in the lives of our students over the past several months. Summer gives us the opportunity to step outside of our routines, and this year our youth experienced just that through a remarkable week of learning, serving, and growing together.

Earlier this summer, five of our high school students joined twenty-one other students from five sister churches for **Weave Week**, a local mission experience that challenged us to see our community through new eyes. Throughout the week, we traveled to different ministry sites in Harrisburg, York and Gettysburg and partnered with local organizations as we explored important topics such as systemic racism, the needs of our poor and unhoused neighbors, environmental justice, and the stories of historic immigration in our region.

More than simply learning about these issues, our students were invited to ask how faith calls us to respond in gathering in worship daily together. They built friendships with students from neighboring churches, listened to diverse voices and experiences, and discovered that following Christ means loving our neighbors with compassion, humility, and a willingness to learn.



One of the most exciting outcomes of Weave Week was the shared vision for a youth council that will continue bringing students together from across the presbytery. This council will help raise awareness, encourage education, and create opportunities for young people to have a meaningful voice in the mission and ministry of the Church. I am incredibly encouraged by the passion and thoughtfulness our students demonstrated throughout the week, and I look forward to seeing how God continues to work through them in the months ahead.

Yet, as we turn the page, the new school year, is right around the corner. It is exciting to begin another season of learning, fellowship, and growing in faith together. Please join us on Kickoff Sunday, September 13th, as we celebrate the beginning of the school year and the return of Sunday School and youth ministry. Whether you've been away for the summer or have been with us each week, Kickoff Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and begin a new season together.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of our children and youth. Your investment in these young people makes experiences like Weave Week possible and helps nurture a generation of disciples who are eager to serve Christ and their neighbors. As we step into this new ministry year, I am filled with hope for what God has in store—not only for our students, but for our entire church family and community.

-Rob Cochran, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Christian Education Committee

As summer begins to fade, the Christian Education committee's thoughts turn toward the educational portion of our church year. There are many opportunities for all ages to learn more and grow in our faith in God. The study season will begin with our **Kick-off Sunday breakfast on Sunday, September 13th.**

All church activities will begin the following Sunday on Sept 20th with classes for all ages from Pre-K to Adult.

Again, this year - two adult class opportunities, both in the Chapel:

9am –Topics to be determined AND 11am –Psalms with Rick Borger.

Small group ministry is a vital part of the health of our congregation. There are many small group offerings:

Fitness:

Band Together / Walking Group

Service:

Sew N Sews / Sound Board Team / Prayer Chain

Music:

Bell Choir / Choir / Praise Team

Bible Study:

Follow-ship Groups / WEBS (Wednesday Eve. Bible Study)

Fellowship:

New Era

There is a place for all. Come and see what small group ministry is about!

For more information on any of these groups, please contact the church office.

Help Wanted: If you are looking for ways to support the Christian Education Committee, we would welcome your help. Volunteers are needed as Sunday School classroom assistants, Nursery helpers, meal preparers, and youth group volunteers. Anyone working with children and youth must have current child abuse clearances. If you need assistance with this process, please contact Rob Cochran (youth@standrewslebanon.org).

Coming Attractions: We, as Christians, are on a path of discipleship. We are told by Jesus to *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"* Matthew 28:19. But how do we make disciples when we may not know exactly how to be a disciple? What does it mean to be on a path of discipleship? We will be offering opportunities to figure out what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Topics for this will include:

Back to basics / Growing our faith / Living our faith / Making Disciples

This is still in the developmental stages, so stay tuned for more details!

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

FOLLOW-SHIP

@ ST. ANDREWS

Are you wanting to make new friends at church in a fun, Bible discussion group?

Follow-ship could be for you! The group goal is to grow in Christ together.

Meetings are around 90 minutes twice a month. Sample lessons are available in the Gathering Area. Currently there are seven active groups. Group size is around 8

There is room for new friends in the following groups:

- After Worship in the living room 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month with Summer Hakkinen, facilitator.
- Cornwall Manor group meets at Cornwall with Rick Borger, facilitator.
- Zoom group with Maggie Beatty, facilitator.



If you have questions ask Gayle Reilly or any other Follow-ship member. We'd love for you to join us. There is also an "I am interested in learning more about Follow-ship" sign up in the Gathering Area.

A New FOLLOW-SHIP Group is starting in Londonderry Village with Jean and Art Munson as facilitators. If you are interested in joining talk with the Munsons, Gayle Reilly or the church office.



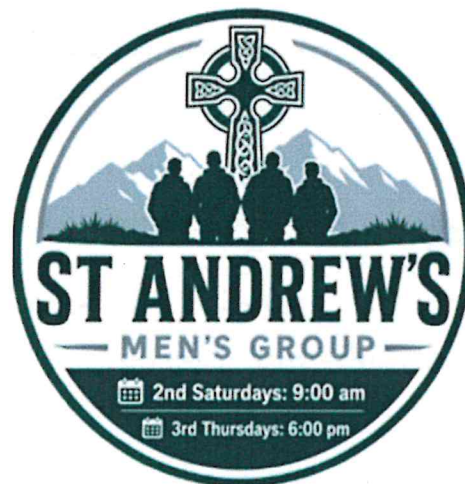
Men's Group

Twice a Month Meetings:

Second Sat. @ 9AM and

Third Thur. @ 6PM

Contact Ken Gries or Rob Cochran!





FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

New Era Group Event:



What : The Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority Tour

Date: Thursday, September 3rd Time: 10AM

Where: Meet at St. Andrews to ride the van

(rain date: Sept 17th due to possible muddy conditions)

This is a guided tour of the GLRA showing us the many current and future uses of this land. The word is that folks leave this highly informative tour with new knowledge and an entirely new perspective on how we dispose of our trash. It's supposed to be fascinating!

There will only be one van allowed with a total of 12 seats available. The cost is \$12 per person and this is to cover the van/gas. The tour itself is free. We will have lunch at Heisey's Diner after the tour. The cost of lunch is on your own.

There is no real walking, although we can get off of the van at the beginning. At the conclusion, we'll be encouraged to go into the educational building.

Fall Kick-Off Breakfast – Sunday, Sept. 13th
Save the Date...See you in Snyder Hall!



New Era Walking Group

welcomes all interested walkers,
of all abilities to join us!



Fridays at 9am

We meet at South Hills Park lot
at Wilhelm & Lincoln!



Additional Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour!

You can do it by yourself
or join someone.
Sign-up sheet by the
kitchen window
in the Gathering Area.

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 is your Deacon - call the church office!



MISSION WEEK - AUGUST 2-9, 2026

SUNDAY Aug 2, Guest Speaker, Michael Clancy-
Urban Missionary / Jubilee Ministry Leader
Church Work Day
Cookie Baking
Birthday Card Project
Card Writing for Home-based Members
No Sew Blanket Making

MONDAY Aug 3
Rails to Trails Clean-up 6-8 PM

TUESDAY Aug 4
Quittie Project 9AM-Noon

WEDNESDAY Aug 5
Habitat for Humanity 8AM-Noon
The Table 5:30PM

THURSDAY Aug 6
Church Workday 9AM-1PM
Mission Central 12:15PM-2:45PM
DDS Bingo 6-8PM
PIT Count 6-9PM
Rails to Trails Clean-up 6-8PM

FRIDAY Aug 7
Lebanon City Project 8AM-Noon

SATURDAY Aug 8
Free Noon Meal 10AM-2PM

SUNDAY Aug 9
Blanket Sunday



Mission Spotlights

August: Canned Beans, Rice

September: Canned Vegetables

October: Pasta & Sauce (no glass containers)

Free Noon Meals

August 8: Mission/David Overholt

September 12: Friends of LCCM/Maggie B.

October 10: Robin Gries/Betsy Sensenig

The Table
Community Meal
Story Circle & Evening Prayer



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

Movie Night!

Friday, August 21st at 7pm!

To celebrate Mission week
and the end of Summer
(That's right, 'it's a school night'
is right around the corner)

we will have an evening of games and fun to
close out the summer and enjoy our time of fun,
fellowship, service and worship.
We will have food, fire, and fun
and the movie will start at 8pm.

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



September

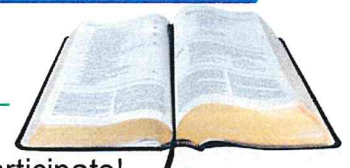
2 Winnie Brill
 3 Tim Chevalier
 4 Fay Peterson
 Ken Tice
 Dave Tshudy
 6 Dan Dowhower
 11 Lexi Lowrie
 13 Jim Reilly
 16 Nadine Jones
 17 Annette Chevalier
 18 Danielle Chevalier
 Barry Kohr
 John K. Goetze
 20 Nicholas Chevalier
 Gayle Reilly
 23 Claude Miller
 25 Bonnie Tenney
 26 Summer Hakkinen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

October

1 Diane Pomeroy
 Tim Peelen
 2 Bob Hearson
 4 Nancy Leshner
 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

There are church directories in the Gathering Area and in the Workroom.

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.

Sound News... Do You Have Ears?

Would you like to find a way to *serve within our worship 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

Grief Support Group of St Andrews Church



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 second 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.

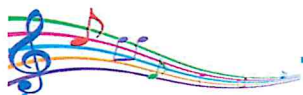
Memorial Fund

To honor the memory of a special person or to honor church members, consider a gift to the Memorial Fund. Financial gifts may be given in memory or in honor of members and friends of our church. These gifts are recorded as increases to the Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund may be used for any proper church related purpose but not for ordinary operating expenses.

Most recently, the Memorial Fund committee has approved expenditures from the fund for outdoor seating, umbrellas to provide shade, the new canopy, and a new outdoor nativity set. Last year, the Memorial Fund was used for the new basketball hoop.

We gratefully acknowledge memorial gifts received in 2026 in memory of Bruce Kurtz, Joan Umbenhauer, and Joanne Fairlamb. The record of Memorial Gifts is located in the Narthex.





Music Notes



Chancel Choir and Praise Team Rehearsals

Regular weekly rehearsal schedule resumes on **Wednesday, September 9th**

Praise Team at 5:45 pm Wednesdays in the Sanctuary

Chancel Choir at 7:40 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 Rehearsals

Regular weekly rehearsal schedule resumes on **Wednesday, September 23rd**

Handbells rehearse at 6:30 pm Wednesdays in the Music Room.

New ringers are always welcome to join us in ringing our praises to God.

Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings! Bell ringers lift every note up to



Applause... Memorable Music at St. Andrews Concert Series

Concert dates are set for the 2026-2027 season! Letters with brochures describing our concert programs will be arriving in your mailbox soon!

First concert features the **Dickinson College Brass Quintet** on **Friday, November 20, at 7:30 pm**. The Dickinson College Brass Quintet is a distinguished chamber ensemble of faculty musicians under the direction of Dr. Greg Strohman. The program will include music for Advent, Christmas and a variety of musical styles.

Friday, February 26, 2027, at 7:30 pm, 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.

Our **Season Finale on Friday, May 7, 2027, at 7:30 pm**, will showcase the talented singers from the **Cedar Crest High School Concert Choir** and the **Rhythm in Blue Show Choir** under the direction of Lesley Rauchet. They will present a program featuring the music from their spring concerts.

The Concert Committee wishes to thank everyone for their help and support in making this past concert season a success. Many thanks to all!



Thank you to everyone for all your work in making the Perseverance Band 'Celebrate America 250' Concert on the Lawn a success. Your help and support is so greatly appreciated. Many thanks! - Carole Haines

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
 Cliff 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.

