

# ST. ANDREWS HERALD

## OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 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](http://www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive)  
YouTube posted by early afternoon.

### OCT - NOV 2026 Worship

#### October 4 World Communion

Matthew 14:13-21

Revelation 7:9-12

*Sharing in Hope*



#### October 11 MFM Stewardship

2 Kings 4:1-7

Mark 12: 41-44

*Unexpected Answers*

#### October 18 Stewardship Sunday

Luke 7:1-10

2 Samuel 9:7-13

*Generous Lives*



#### October 25 St. Andrew's Day

Ephesians 3:20

Genesis 28:10-17

*More Than We Can Imagine*



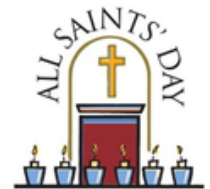
#### November 1 All Saint's Day

Isaiah 40:21-31

John 11:17-27

Romans 8:38-39

*Lifting up Our Saints*



#### November 8 MFM True Life

Psalms 121

Numbers 22

*Road Block*

#### November 15 MFM Mission Committee

1 Samuel 25

*A Feast to Stop a Fight*

#### November 22 Christ the King

Philippians 2:1-11

Luke 23:33-43

*Christ as King*

## **A Message from Pastor Robin**



Dear Beloved People of God,

Fall is the time to lay out the plans, for this season and the seasons to come. Believe it or not, Christmas plans are already being set in place. The Concert Series pamphlet is ready for the year. And the Trunk-or-Treat theme for this year is Live The Adventure! And together we are living this adventure of faith.

Yet, we cannot set all the plans in place, because the adventure of faith means we leave room for God to enter in. We leave room for the Spirit to show up and move us. We leave room, expectantly seeking God, who is right with us.

St. Andrews Day is Sunday, October 25th. The morning starts off, like most Sundays with Sunday School at 9AM. But around 9:45 even the neighbors might notice something is different as a Bag Piper begins to play. This is the day we remember our roots, we remember who we are and we gather to remember who we are called to be. During worship we name and honor our 50-year members, who go back to those who boldly stepped forward in faith to move from 4th Street to 12th Street. The bagpipes will transition us from worship to our congregational meeting. The Nominating Committee is finishing their work and will have the 2027 slate of Officers for you. And then, we head down to gather around tables, to share stories and to dream together!

Around tables with the most delicious baked potatoes, St. Andrews gives us a moment to dream together. To prayerfully open our hearts to dream, sharing what we need, and daring to step forward in faith to hear what God has for us...next. Five years ago, we started moving into a new chapter. In this chapter we have found growth, new life, and more connections to our neighborhood. We found that gathering in faith, and daring to dream, indeed led to one step and then another on this adventure that is our life of faith together.

Come join us on St. Andrews Day, Sunday, October 25th at 10AM and stay for lunch and a conversation. Come and dream in the hope and power of Christ!

In Faith,  
Pastor Robin

## **From the Director of Children and Youth Ministry**

### **Falling into a New Season**

There is something special about this time of year. The air begins to cool, the leaves slowly trade their summer greens for brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows, and the rhythm of life starts to change. Fall reminds us that change can be beautiful—and that every new season brings its own opportunities to gather, grow, and live into the new routines with the community God has blessed us with.

Heading into the heart of autumn, the youth ministry has several opportunities to do just that! From getting outside and enjoying the fall weather, to carving pumpkins, sharing a late-night lock-in, in addition to weekly youth group.

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## From the Director of Children and Youth Ministry - cont'd

On **Sunday, Oct 24th, 2PM** our youth group will head out for an afternoon at Seyfert's Corn Maize! This is a great opportunity to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as we run (or walk) the corn maize, enjoy the outdoor play space, and hayrides.

The very next day, we will gather for one of our favorite fall traditions: **Pumpkin Carving! Join us on Sunday, Oct 25th from 4-6PM** for pumpkins, creativity, laughter, dinner and probably at least a little (or a lot) of pumpkin goo everywhere. Whether you are a master pumpkin carver, like Dr. Overholt, or just want to see what happens when you hand a pumpkin and carving tools to a group of students, it should be a great afternoon together!

**Trunk or Treat is also right around the corner! Sunday, Oct 29th 6-8PM** we will gather as a light in the world to our community. Providing a safe harbor to all to come just as they are for a night of sugar fueled fun. Witnessing to God's love in our lives through the actions of joy and celebration. I hope you will join me in Living the Adventure (Hey, that's the theme!) for Trunk or Treat.

On **Nov 7th at 6:00 PM through Nov 8th at 12PM**, our students will gather with youth from the Carlisle Presbytery churches for a **Carlisle Presbytery Youth Lock-In**, hosted at St. Andrews.

And while it may feel a little early to start talking about Christmas, we can't let December sneak up on us! Mark your calendars now for **Story Time with St. Nick on Sunday, Dec 6th from 2-4PM**. Free Photos and family fun to be had, with the joys of storytelling and Christmas cookies.

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, I am grateful for the opportunities we have to gather as a church family. Ministry isn't always about the big moments—it is also found in the conversations on the way to an activity, the laughter around a table, the friendships that grow during a late night, and the simple joy of being together. I hope you'll join us for these upcoming events and continue to encourage, pray for, and walk alongside our young people. There is a lot of fun ahead, and I can't wait to see what this new season brings!

### Youth Council Lock-In:

What happens when you gather students from across the Presbytery, and lock them in a church for 18 hours? I have a general idea, but it is going to be amazing to see what will happen Sunday morning with all the students in service! Saturday, Nov. 7th at 6pm to Sunday, Nov. 8th at 12pm for 9th-12th graders St. Andrews will host the Carlisle Presbytery's Youth Council Lock-In. We will have students and church leaders from across the Presbytery leading games, worship, discipleship, and service projects for Lebanon Rescue Mission and LCCM.

There are also ways that you can help! While I understand voluntary Sleep Deprivation is not for everyone, there are still other ways you can partner with the youth.

**1. Food-** the students are going to go through a lot of food! If you would like to donate snack, please let me know. I have a list of snacks and other needs for the evening.

**2. Plastic Grocery Bags-** Yep, I said that, and we will need a lot! LCCM has asked if the youth can weave these bags into sleeping mats. It is an ingenious pattern that allows for a waterproof and insulated sleeping mat using recycled materials.

**3. Donut Getter-** I will have a bunch of sleepy students and adults who will need a morning sugar rush. I will order Fresh Donuts in the morning and could use a donut delivery at 8am.

**4. Prayer-** it will be a long and good night of ministry. The more prayer we have leading up to and through the night the better.

*I look forward to the stories that will come out of this night of ministry. But I also look forward to the students growing sense of community and service within the church.*

-Rob Cochran, Director of Children & Youth Ministry



## Christian Education Committee

### Bible Basics ➡ Knowing the Bible Better

The educational opportunity that began as **Bible Basics** is changing to **Knowing the Bible Better**. This is going to be a core class for every believer. We will explore the major themes of the bible that will help us learn how we can make scripture become a part of our daily lives that will enable us to approach it with clarity and curiosity. This class will begin Sunday January 10th after worship. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area. If you had previously signed up for the Bible Basics class, you are still on the list.

The class will be led by Pastor Robin and Arthur Munson. Arthur (Art) was born and raised in Clinton, Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University in 1955 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Later, he and his wife Jean felt called into full-time Christian service. This call led to a 38-year career with the American Baptist Churches USA. He has a long history of teaching and enjoys working with those who will commit to studying and are willing to learn. Thank you, Art, for agreeing to help lead this class!

### Sunday School

Sunday School classes for all ages began on September 20th. The class breakdowns are:

#### Youth Classes:

- K thru 2nd Grade: Room 1: Karen Fedder
- 3rd thru 5th Grade: Room 2: Melynda Cochran
- 6th thru 8th Grade: Room 7: Tim Peelen
- 9th thru 12th Grade: Youth Center: Rob Cochran

#### Adult Classes:

- 9:00 am: Cassel Chapel: Carey Gerstner / Gayle Reilly
- 11:00 am: Cassel Chapel: Rick Borger: Psalms

### Reminder

For the safety of our children and all attending church on Sunday mornings, only the front doors will continue to be open. You can still access the church by the Christian Education wing by the keypad at the back door. Please see Pastor Robin, Bob Dowd, or any of the Elders or Deacons if you do not know the code. Thank you as we continue to work to keep our congregation safe.

-Respectfully, Ken Gries – Christian Education Co-chair

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

### Calling all St. Andrews artists!

The Fellowship Committee invites you  
to share your favorite works

with your church family through an Art Wall display.

We hope to display our congregation's creations in the hall outside the choir room. If works are brought to the church office by October 20th, the Committee can set up the display for St. Andrews Day; we hope to leave them on display through most of November.

Please let Karen Fedder ([kfedder@cocalico.org](mailto:kfedder@cocalico.org)) know if you have any questions.

Thanks for sharing your talents!

### The New Era Group

**Come Join Us! All Are Welcome!**

These gatherings are usually every other month, during the day, on Thursdays. The target group is anyone who's available during those times/dates and has an interest in the upcoming event. We tour regional points of interest, enjoy local theater, have speakers come to church, create a masterpiece at a painting party, watch and discuss movies and the always popular Christmas carol luncheon. The activity prices are generally reasonable, and lunches are pay your own way. There is no membership needed. Sign up and let us know you'll be there. We always want a head count.



### **The Next New Era Group Event:**

*Cornwall Iron Furnace*

**(Film/Tour/Museum/Gift Shop) and Lunch to follow!**

**Thursday, November 12th 10:00AM**

**Meet at the Iron Furnace – no transp. provided**

**The cost is \$7.00 per person: Includes: film, tour, museum.**

**The furnace tour includes 100 steps (up & down)**

**OR**

**A limited visit is available for \$2.50**

**(No furnace, but you can see the film and then go into the museum)**

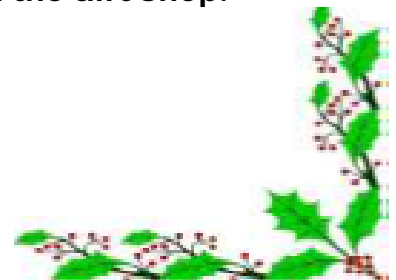
**Both options end in the Gift Shop!**



**Christmas Carols with Carole and Lisa:**

**Thursday, December 10th.**

**Lunch will be served too!**

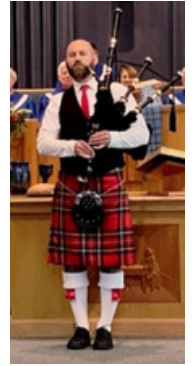


## **Celebrate St. Andrews Sunday - Sunday, October 25th**

We honor our 50-year members during worship as we celebrate the past and present of St. Andrews, complete with a bagpiper in worship!



That day we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting** to elect officers, approve the Pastor's terms of call, and attend to any other business of the church.



Shortly after worship we'll head downstairs to Snyder Hall for the **Baked Potato Luncheon!**

Bring a topping and we'll supply the spuds!



It is a day of celebration - we hope you will join us!



## **Prayers and Dreams**

Several years ago, St. Andrews hired Ministry Architects to help us to dream about where God was leading us. These dreaming conversations lead to the church developing clear mission, vision, and goals. Together, we have used these goals to transform our ministry:

- Fellowship Groups have created opportunities to learn and grow our faith individually and as a congregation.
- St. Andrews has worked to greet and interact with visitors and strangers, which has helped to connect more people to the Gospel.
- We have created more opportunities for ministry via outdoor services, Spark Park youth outreach, mission service opportunities, and improved online worship.

But we're not done yet! On St. Andrews Sunday (Oct 25th), we'll take some time together to share about how God has been leading us over the past several years. And we'll share our thoughts and dreams about where God is leading us next. Our conversations will help our Session to develop and refine our goals for the next several years.

Please review our church goals and pray for God's guidance on where St. Andrews should go next. What dreams do you have for our church and our faith journey? How can we better serve God? How can we better spread the Gospel message and share Christ's love?

Please pray for our work together. And we look forward to our conversations on St. Andrews Day about where God is leading us.

## St. Andrews Goals

*Inspired by the love of Christ we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.*

### Values:

**Christ First**     *We will do all things as a reflection of Christ.*

**Invitational**    *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.*

### Ongoing Goals:

**We will create balance for all adults, youth, children, and young adults to be more actively involved in discipleship activities than in committee meetings.**

**Each member will have a regular rhythm of inviting at least 3 people, each year, into our welcoming church community.**

**We will re-imagine how we use and invest in our physical and online space to bless our neighborhood, by leveraging and elevating our members' existing community relationships and partnerships.**

### New Goals:

**We will walk, in love, with neighbors experiencing housing insecurity, partnering with community ministries and organizations, to build God's Kingdom, here and now.**

**We will grow through our own deepening connection to God, and our willingness to receive friend and stranger, as the Spirit nudges and arranges introductions.**

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## The 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

### Property Items for SAPC

1. Wash and wax the downstairs tile floors.
2. Clean windows.
3. Confirm the contractor for the brick repair work.
4. Replace flood lights over the basketball hoop.
5. Refresh the Little Free Pantry boxes.
6. Lots more to do!

Thanks to our dedicated Property Committee and other volunteers who have lent their labor and expertise to make our Church beautiful and inviting!

### Mission Committee

1. **We need Cookies!** Please donate cookies that we'll hand out at the "Aging Your Way" festival. Please note 'Mission Committee' & **drop off at church by October 7th!**
2. **Mission Spotlights for LCCM**  
October: Pasta and Pasta Sauce (no glass please)  
November: Flour and Sugar (1-2 pound boxes)
3. **Lebanon Rescue Mission Agape Christmas** will be collecting donations through the end of September. The collection box is in the Gathering Area.
4. **World Communion Special Offering** will be collected until World Communion Sunday **October 4th.** Envelopes are in the pews and the Narthex.
5. **2026 AGING YOUR WAY FESTIVAL** will be October 8th @ the EXPO Center. Volunteers are needed to man a table highlighting the Small Group Programs at St. Andrews from 10 AM-4PM on that day. Sign up in the Gathering Area.
6. **The Alternate Gift Fair** will be Sunday **November 22nd** in the Gathering Area beginning @ 8:45AM.

### **Free Noon Meals**

October 10: Mission Cmte

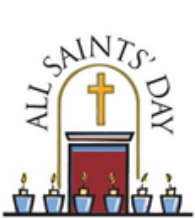
November 14: Praise Team / Bob Dowd

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### **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.



### ***All Saints' Sunday – November 1st***

This day we remember and lift up those who have gone before us. If you or someone you know is in a season of grief, you are especially welcome!

**Hanging of the Greens! (church decorating)**  
will take place Sun. Nov 29th right after worship  
Join us as we decorate and prepare  
for this wonderful season



Nov 1st  
Set clocks back an  
hour this weekend!  
(An extra hour of  
sleep!!)

## 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



## NOVEMBER

- 2 Grace Oxenreider
- 3 Charlie Whary
- 4 Deb Miller
- 5 Tom Bechtold
- 7 Reilly Morgan
- 13 Adrian Muraya
- 15 Jody DeWald
- 20 Don Leshner
- 21 Robert Dowd, Sr.
- 24 Nell Tice
- 25 Laura Juppenlatz
- 27 Will Juppenlatz

## DECEMBER

- 1 Jeannie Tice
- 2 Shelby Lister
- 4 Jeff Muraya
- 6 Lisa Hamme
- 10 Steve Schulte
- 17 Marc Hamme
- 29 Penny Samuelson
- 31 Scott Stambaugh

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



## Music Notes



### **Chancel Choir, Handbells and Praise Team Wednesday Rehearsal Schedule:**

Praise Team at 5:45pm in the sanctuary, Handbell Choir at 6:30pm in the Music Room

Chancel Choir at 7:30pm 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 first concert of the 2026-2027 season:

**The Dickinson College Faculty Brass Quintet**

**on Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM.**

Dickinson College Faculty Brass Quintet features

Jeffrey Wohlbach and Vanessa Shenk trumpets, Grace Salyards, horn,  
Greg Strohman, trombone, and Ken Kemmerer, tuba.

The performance will include music for Advent, Christmas, and  
brass quintet repertoire from the Renaissance to the present.

Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors from the community.

**See you on Nov. 20th 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.

## Christmas Poinsettias

Please fill in the form and drop it in the basket in the Gathering Area  
or the basket outside the church office starting Sunday, Nov 1st..

We invite members to purchase poinsettias (red or white with four to six blooms)  
in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or simply in their own names.

These poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the services on  
Sunday, Dec. 20, **and** Christmas Eve, Thur. Dec. 24.

The plants may be removed after either the morning or the evening service  
on Christmas Eve, or left at the church.

Please order early.

No orders will be taken after the final deadline of November 22.



In memory of loved ones. \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver my plant to home-bound: \_\_\_\_\_

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If your list is extensive, please use another sheet of paper and print names exactly  
as you wish them to appear in the bulletin. Thank you!)*

**\$8.00 per plant    Deadline: November 22**

Make checks payable to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and designate  
“Poinsettias”.

## Church Officers:

### 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)

### 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    |



**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](mailto:pastor@standrewslebanon.org).

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

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