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# ST. ANDREWS HERALD

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St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

## FEBRUARY 2012

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 **ASH**  
Wednesday **SOUP SUPPER**

### FEBRUARY 22nd

**An Agape Supper will be served at  
6:00 p.m. in Snyder Hall**

Following supper we will begin our Lenten journey by experiencing "The Stations of Lent" including Holy Communion, the imposition of ashes, anointing with oil, tasting the vinegar, pounding the nails, and many other opportunities to meditate and pray over the meaning of the season.

**A great opportunity for the  
whole family!  
This hands-on experience  
is ideal for  
young and old alike,  
and a meaningful way  
to begin the Lenten season.**



If you and your family are planning to attend,  
please contact the church office  
so adequate preparations may be made.  
Phone: 272-9933 or E-mail: [sapcoffice@verizon.net](mailto:sapcoffice@verizon.net)



**Those desiring transportation  
should contact  
the church office**



# February

**February 5 - 5th Sunday After Epiphany**  
*Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be celebrated*  
Rev. Larry Van Hise - pulpit supply

**February 12 - 6th Sunday After Epiphany**  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27 & Mark 1:40-45  
*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* - Rev. Gribble

**February 19th - Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday**  
2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9  
*"An Unobstructed View"* - Rev. Gribble

**February 22** - See Ash Wednesday cover article for details

**February 26th - 1st Sunday in Lent**  
Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, \*Mark 1:9-15  
*"Friends in Low Places"* - Rev. Gribble



## Caught Off Guard

- Friends in Low Places
- Not What I Signed Up For
- How Not to Look Foolish
- Serpent on a Stick...a Sign?
- Guest Preacher
- Stir Things Up

### 6 p.m. Thursdays During Lent

- Multi-generational opportunity for table fellowship together.
- Brief discussion on a Lenten theme
- Time for reflection during a brief Taizé style worship service
- Please see sign-ups for more details (Bulletin boards by elevator & in Narthex)



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A better idea would be to let them know about our group and offer to come with them for at least the first time.

Our meetings are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. **On February 9, however, we will be going to lunch at Marabelle's Restaurant at noon.** The dates for the next few months are: Thursday, March 8; and Thursday, April 12.

If you have any questions about the group, please feel free to contact Pastor Steve Gribble at the church, at 272-9933; or Jane Juppenlatz, at 272-0218; or Pat Yates, at 273-9297.

Our lives have been shattered by loss. Of course it will take time for the pieces to come together in any coherent pattern. For some it takes longer than others. But with God's help we all will reach the *"time to build up, the time to laugh, and the time to dance"*.

*I will be patient with myself, honoring the seasons of my grieving, trusting I am on my way to being healed.*

# Gratitude Expressed

Dear St. Andrews Church Family,

We want to thank you so much for the beautiful red poinsettia. It arrived saying "Christmas is coming." It is lovely.

Also, we want to thank you for the delightful group of carolers who sang our favorite carols (of course we love them all).

We wish the best for all our church family and we do thank you for remembering us.

Love,  
Jay and Nyla Mack

Dear Deacon's Fund and parishioners,

Before the new year goes further, my husband and I are making this donation in gratitude for Doug (Lister) and his team (Barry Kohr, Jere and Isaiah Shiner) building the ramp for my co-worker Kathy Lebo and her husband.

As progress went on, Kathy would come in all excited. I took several drives by to see it myself.

Because of your generosity, this is one less hardship on a very worthy family.

Thank you again.

Sarah and Dic Schappell



**Mourning has Broken**

A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews

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St. Andrews Church**

*For everything there is a season...a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

If there is one thing grievers know, it is how changeable our moods can be. One moment we are relatively calm, in control, keeping our grief at bay. The next moment we are overwhelmed, our equilibrium shattered.

Anything can set us off – a fragrance, the words of a song, the first sign of spring – and our loved one is not here to share it.

Other times we are carefree, relishing the moment, and we then wonder why we are susceptible to such mood swings. We wonder – When will my moods be more measured so I am not always in danger of being swept away with the feeling of despair?

Those questions and others are things we talk about when the St. Andrews Grief Support Group meets together. We have discovered that we are not alone with these feelings, that others have exactly the same thoughts and feelings. The sharing of these experiences with other people who are going through the same grieving process, has become a valuable tool for many of the folks who attend our meetings. Through the conversations we have we realize that these sudden feelings of being overwhelmed are actually very “normal” among people who are grieving. And these emotions even occur to those of us for whom the grieving has been a continual journey for a number of years. Finding out that others experience the same kind of feelings and emotions can be a comfort to us. For these reasons, I have always found great comfort in the scripture from Ecclesiastes that is quoted above and continues at the end of this article. It lets me know that in time and with God’s help, I will be OK and feeling more comfortable with my grief.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, regardless of how recent or how long ago the grieving process began. If you know of anyone who might benefit from coming to our meetings, please encourage them to come, even if they are not St. Andrews members.

## Lenten Lecture Series

### Adult Sunday School Elective

#### “A Crash Course on Politics and Religion”

By

**Dr. Jeffrey W. Robins**



Associate Professor of Religion, Director of Colloquium, and Director of the American Studies Program at Lebanon Valley College. He received a B.A., Baylor University, 1994; M.Div., Texas Christian University, 1997; M.Phil., Syracuse University, 1999; Ph.D., 2001

He is the author of three books, including the forthcoming *Radical Democracy and Political Theology* (Columbia University Press, 2011), and editor of two others, including most recently, *The Sleeping Giant Has Awoken: The New Politics of Religion in the United States* (2008).

#### Lecture Series

**2/26: A Brief History of Religion in the United States**

The U.S. is both a secular and a Christian nation simultaneously and without contradiction.

**3/4: The New Politics of Religion in the United States**

Will chronicle the successful political mobilization of the religious right as an electoral force and the more recent rise of so-called progressive evangelicals.

**3/11: No Lecture**

**3/18: Three Speeches from Presidential Hopefuls**

- **John F. Kennedy, Barak Obama, and Mitt Romney**

How the role of religion in American electoral politics changed from the time of JFK to the present?

**3/25: Is there a Clash of Civilizations?**

How does the American model of religion and politics relate with other models from around the world?

**4/1: Why Religion Matters (in Politics)**

Will examine the positive role religion has played, and has the potential to play, in shaping the contemporary political landscape.



**TICKETS  
for the  
Lebanon County  
Christian Ministries  
LENTEN BREAKFAST  
are now available**



**When:** Sat., Feb. 25, 2012  
**Speaker:** Pastor Thom Keller  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Music:** 4th Dimension  
Barbershop Quartet  
**Place:** Lebanon Valley Expo Ctr.  
Cornwall & Evergreen Rds.  
**Cost:** \$10.00/each

**Obtain tickets by calling LCCM office at 272-4400, ext. 211 or by contacting your church's delegate.\***

**Deadline for ordering tickets is 2/17/12.**

A free-will offering will be received to help LCCM continue its Mission.

## St. Andrew's Serves Together

Caitlin's Smiles is the project the congregation ( young, old, and in-between ) will be working on as a Mission Project. Caitlin's Smiles was started by her mother. Caitlin passed on in 2000, but her smiling spirit is alive in Caitlin's Smiles. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to putting smiles on the faces of children with chronic or life-threatening diseases by encouraging them to focus on creative arts activities that boost their confidence and self worth.

Caitlin's Smiles bags are made for all ages and distributed to different hospitals. There were a total of 69 hospitals that received Caitlin's Smiles goodies in the year 2010. The bags we make will be taken to the office on N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Harrisburg, Pa. We hope that

February always makes us think of Love. Jesus taught love many times during his ministry, "Love one another, Love your enemies, Love your neighbor as thyself", and of course the first Commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength".

We have a good opportunity to show our love as we again sponsor Church World Service Blanket Sunday on February 13, 2012. For more than 60 years congregations across the United States have been responding to Jesus' call to be a neighbor to those in need. When disaster and poverty strikes, people throughout the world need blankets which can be used as a cover, a tote, a screen or a bed. Each \$5.00 donation will provide a gift of a blanket. St. Andrews contributions last year purchased 357 blankets. Envelopes will be available in the pew racks, and have been included in a P. W. mailing with a program letter and the Celebration Giving envelopes. Thank you for your support of this mission around the world, to bring warmth and comfort to many in need. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Thank Offering in November. The \$2,141 we received supports projects in the United States and countries around the world.

All women are invited to join us for any or all of our monthly programs and projects. "Try it, you will like it"! The fellowship is great and very rewarding as we do God's work.

Teach us, gracious God  
to love as we have been loved,  
to forgive as we have been forgiven.  
Open our minds and our hearts  
to those we may have shunned.  
Keep us, and all your creatures,  
in your loving care,  
and help us to love  
with open hearts.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Elizabeth Kalb  
P. W. Planning Team

## 12<sup>th</sup> Streeters 2012 Schedule

**All are invited and encouraged to participate in these gatherings that include fellowship, fun, service and food!**

***These are the activities scheduled so far. But we are certainly open to adding another event if someone has a suggestion!***

January - Saturday, January 14 –

**Free Noon Meal:** Kalbs, Hearsons in charge

March – Tuesday, March 20 –

### **“9 to 5” at Dutch Apple Dinner Theater**

Centerville Road, Lancaster. Time: doors open 5:30, Dinner 6:00, Show 7:30; Chinese Auction available; Cost: \$40/person (normal price \$51); this is a fundraiser for Children’s Miracle Network through Kiwanis; deadline for reservation: Feb. 28. Contact Dolores Shott 867-4321

April – Monday, April 19 -

### **Prepare dinner for Ronald McDonald House -**

Hearsons in charge: 8 people may participate. Others invited to contribute.

May – **Progressive Dinner** - Ditzlers in charge

August – **Dinner and Show at Timbers** – Millers in charge

October – Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:30 PM -

### **You Can’t Take It with You,**

comedy at Lebanon Community Theater (NY Times review: One of the most involving, beautiful, funny, touching and profound plays!

Dinner preceding the show.

Someone to be in charge???

December – Sunday, December 2, 5:00 PM -

### **Dinner at Light’s Victorian**

This is a buffet dinner at a beautifully decorated Victorian home in Fredericksburg. Cost is \$25.00 if we have 20 people, \$30.00 if we don’t.

Someone to be in charge???

this will be a project we can all work on together and put some smiles on the faces of the children.

If you would like to donate items, there will be a collection basket in the Gathering Area.

The following is a **partial list of needed items** (the complete list may be found on the Mission bulletin board across from the choir room):

Coloring book, Activity book

Page of stickers

Pack of crayons

Pack of markers (washable)

Pencils

Notebook/Journal

Drawing Pad

Playdoh-2 different colors

Small toy (book, ball, deck of cards)

Homemade greeting card



### **Cornwall Manor Volunteers Needed for Sunday BEES**

SAPC is looking for helpers for the Cornwall Manor Sunday BEES (Buddy Each Event Safely). Sunday BEES volunteers push wheel chairs or walk with residents of Cornwall Manor Health Center to and from church within the Health Center. The time commitment is roughly two hours (1:30pm-3:30pm) on the fourth Sunday of the month. We are looking for people to serve one or two Sunday’s a year. Please contact Barb Shreve at 949-2972 for more information. Consider signing up with a friend or relative. It is a very rewarding experience for you and the residents. It is a great way to spend an afternoon twice a year with a friend or older youth serving God and your community!

## Thank you Lew Sauerwein . . . Super Job! . . . Super Volunteer!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees we would like to express our sincerest appreciation for Lew's tireless contribution and outstanding job he has done for the Board of Trustees as President over the past many years. St. Andrew's has been blessed with his commitment, and terrific volunteerism he has provided for St. Andrews. We, (The Board of Trustees), are able to strengthen our mission and maintain the many projects we completed over the past years due to Lew's dedication and leadership . . . THANK YOU LEW!

We are also saying goodbye to Martha Gelgot and thank her for her dedicated work as Trustee.

Please welcome Ted Kalb and Lori Messersmith to the Board of Trustees. We are excited to have them be a part of our "Trustee Family" and look forward to working with them.

When seeing the above individuals, please show your appreciation by thanking them for a job well done and welcome the new Trustees to St. Andrews.

Respectfully submitted

Jody DeWald

Trustee Board Member

## DEACON DOINGS

[Please welcome our new Deacons: Molly Barahona, Ann Ormond, Connie Dowhower and Mev Royer. Thank you to our outgoing Deacons Beckie Dreibelbis, Belinda Spicer, Joan Fenwick and Nike Guttridge.](#)

The Deacons are always looking for ways to minister to those in need. If you know anyone who is in need of support- a visit, a phone call, meals, a ride to an appointment or in-home communion please don't hesitate to call the church office or any deacon. If you would like help with assisting the Deacons with meals or transportation please contact the church office.

If you aren't sure of your Deacon Representative, please contact any of the Deacons or the church office.

Submitted by Barb Shreve

**FISH -- Wednesday, February 22  
1 p.m. in the Gathering Area.  
Memories of a Great Generation**

All St. Andrews members and friends are invited to this Patriotic Program to celebrate Presidents' Day!! Artist Elva Hurst will return to St. Andrews for her program, "Memories of a Great Generation". Everyone will reminisce and be inspired by the unforgettable era of World War II. Through her art, Elva will share the lessons of lives and service as the meaning of "God and Country" comes to life. This program features the music of Kate Smith and Glen Miller.

Elva Hurst is a professional artist from Lancaster County, PA. Elva's chalk talks were born out of her love for the arts, and above all, a deep desire from within to share the same wonderful good news of the Gospel that so radically changed her life and continues to bring purpose excitement and adventure into her life! [Don't miss it!](#)

**Sign up on the bulletin board across from  
the Youth Leader office.**

**Free Will Offering Requested!**

<b>February Birthdays:</b>			
2	Richard Hofman	19	Jesse Salahub
3	Benta Samuelson	20	Bradley Allen
	Laurie Tedford	21	Sarah Hamme
6	Ed Phillips	22	Dorothy Bliss
8	Richard Dowd		Ray Dorsch
	Douglas Fenwick	24	Samuel Shiner
	Sarah Funk	26	Liz Ehrgood
	Margery Zakian		Eric Seiser
11	Ruth Ann Fenton	28	Chuck Mackey
13	William Orr		Carol Smith-Kilgore
15	Landry Appleby		Ken Gries
	Nancy Loser		
18	Sue Fisch		
	Matthew Smith		
	Sara Castonguay		

