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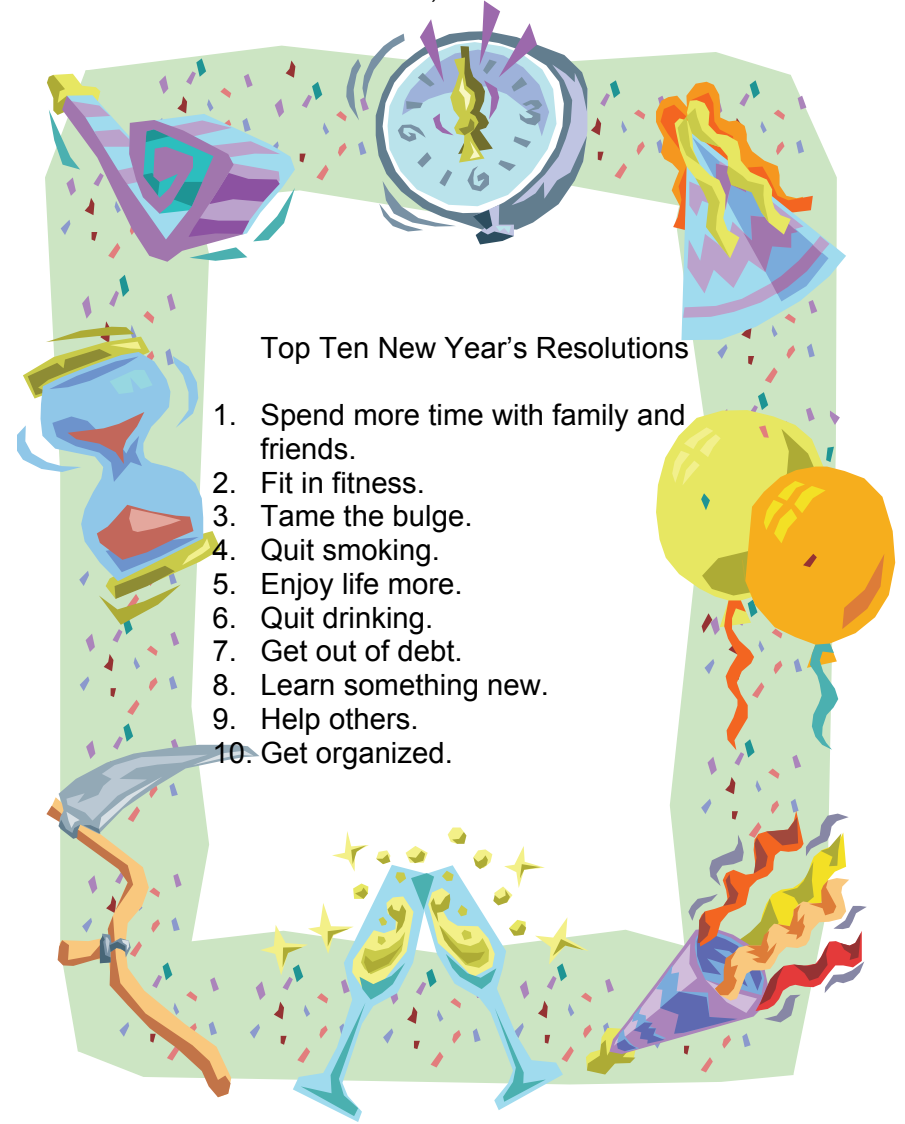
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St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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Top Ten New Year's Resolutions

1. Spend more time with family and friends.
2. Fit in fitness.
3. Tame the bulge.
4. Quit smoking.
5. Enjoy life more.
6. Quit drinking.
7. Get out of debt.
8. Learn something new.
9. Help others.
10. Get organized.

January Worship Schedule

January 1 NOTE CHANGE

10:00 Combined Worship
(no Sunday School)

January 8, 15, 29

8:45 Emerging Worship

11:00 Traditional Worship

January 22 NOTE CHANGE!

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Combined Worship
Congregational Meeting
immediately following

January 1, 2011

1st Sunday After Christmas
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148;
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
Guest Preacher: Roz Presby

January 8, 2011

Baptism of the Lord
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
"Holy Hocus-Pocus"

January 15, 2011

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
John 1:43-51
"Hearing & Seeing from the
Right Vantage Point"

January 22, 2011

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:14-20
"With a Little Help from Friends"

January 29, 2011

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28
"Now That's an Understatement"

*"Let us not forsake the
assembling of ourselves together,
as is the manner of some"* Heb
10:25

**We do not want to "forsake
the assembling" or cancel
any worship services and
will only do so if it is
deemed necessary by a
Pastor, an Elder, and a
Trustee due to dangerous
roads.**

**In the event of
Cancellation
due to weather**

Please check:

Television:
CBS 21-WHP,
ABC 27-WHTM,
CW 15-WLYH
Fox 43-WPMT

Radio:
1270 AM - WLBR
90.3 FM - WJTL
580 AM - WHP
99.3 FM - KISS
97.3 - The River
96.9 FM / 1390 AM - WLAN
94.9 FM - BOB

Church Voice Mail
272-9933

PLEASE NOTE:
***If you personally do not feel it
is safe to drive to church, it is
better to err on the side of
caution and do not attempt it!***

Mourning **has Broken** A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews Church

*Whoever survives a test, whatever it may be, must tell the story.
That is his duty.* Elie Wiesel

Surviving the loss of a loved one is its own kind of test. What does it mean, that it's our duty to tell our story?

To tell our story is a way of affirming the life of the one we have lost – the experiences we had together, the favorite family stories. To tell the story is also a way of moving our grief along, and so contributes to our own healing.

But it is also a gift to others – to tell not only the shared story of the life that has passed, but our own story in relation to this event – how we got through it. What were our fears, our panics? What helped us? What saved the day? If there was a moment when we felt light break through, what was that like?

Sharing the stories is what the members of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group do every time we meet together. Someone or more than one of us has a story to tell about some part of the grief journey we are all working through. By sharing these stories we are helping the others realize that their experiences are not so strange, rather they are very "normal". Our group recently welcomed two new gentlemen to our meetings. Neither of them are members of St. Andrews, but heard about our group from someone else. They have been very open with sharing their grieving experiences – their "stories" – with the group. One of the gentlemen told me at our recent Christmas get-together how much he enjoys coming to meet with us. He feels comfortable being able to talk openly about his feelings and emotions with other people who have been in his shoes and completely understand. When we hear comments like that, we know we are serving a very important purpose for those of us who have been grieving for a period of time and for others for whom the grief is just starting. We want to be helpful and supportive.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, regardless of how recent or how long ago the grieving process began. If you or someone you know might benefit from meeting with us, even if they are not members of St. Andrews, please encourage them to come talk to us. We will welcome them warmly.

Our meetings usually are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel, unless we plan something special. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, at 2:00 PM. In February, our meeting will be on February 9, again at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel.

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

Our friends will come to their crises of loss soon enough. Perhaps we can ease the way for them. See – it's alright to cry. It's alright to be confused and not know what to do. And if there are moments of light and hope, of wonderful support and faith – why, we need to tell those stories, too.

In the telling of my story, I share what is most precious to me.

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PW, continued

In the year ahead the St. Andrews family has so much to be grateful for. We treasure the friendships and fellowships, the opportunities to continue to learn and grow in our love for Jesus, and the opportunities to serve. An anonymous writer wrote "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small compared to what lies within us."

TRUCK STOP COOKIE DISTRIBUTION

Thank you!

On Monday, Dec. 12, 96 bags of cookies were delivered to the Carlisle Truck Stop by Carol Schiller and Betty Ann Seiser. They reported a welcome reception.

The cookies were "brown bagged" and decorated by St. Andrews youth - we are so grateful.

Presbyterian Women thank all the cookies bakers, the youth, and the ladies who delivered the cookies.

As always, St. Andrews is doing God's work here on earth as we "love our neighbors" in many different ways.

2011 Truck Stop
Cookie Distribution



January Birthdays

1	Sally Renda	25	Maggie Beatty
	Robert Lowrie		Sarah Flowers
3	Timothy Sensenig	26	Susan Strock
5	Naomi Werner		Ron Hetrick
6	Steve Gribble		Jean Ditzler
8	Clarence Umbenhauer	27	Gary Strock
9	Alicia Rump		Elaine M. Behney
	Adin Sensenig	28	Shirley Tibbitts
14	Jacob Overholt		Nathan Lowrie
	John Spicer IV		Michael Weaver
	George Barnhart		Doug Lister
18	Miriam Bausman	29	Karen Uhrich
19	Kate Lundberg	30	Karl Saltzer
21	Helen Endrizzi	31	Kate Tshudy
	Karen Fedder		Marshall Beers
	Kate Bright		Dolores Shott
22	Rosanna Slayton		

New Year...New Beginnings

Pastor Steve

Our beloved Praise Team Leader, Kate Bright, will be concluding her time with us the end of this month. We have been blessed by her enthusiasm, passion, hard work, beautiful voice, and love. She helped to shape the Emerging service from its infancy to what it has become...one that some other churches in our presbytery have looked at as a model for this style of service.

We will miss her greatly (as well as her mother, Lola!) and wish her all God's blessings as she focuses on her ministry with the disadvantaged children in the York charter school where she teaches.

Endings and new beginnings...

As Kate's departure signals an ending it also creates an opportunity for reflection... much like the changing of years. Each New Year offers the chance for new beginnings bringing with it new opportunities; reflecting on the past, evaluating the present, and making changes for the future.

As we seek a new Praise Team Leader, the Worship Ministry and Session will be reflecting upon and evaluating our worship opportunities at St. Andrews. The commitment to offer different styles of worship was reinforced at a recent Session meeting - a "traditional" and a "contemporary" (for lack of better words). In looking at the needs and desires of the church as well as the desire to reach out to the community, we will be asking the questions: what is effective and meaningful, what can be done better, are the times of the services best, and are there aspects that should be changed or discontinued. Bearing in mind the reason for this evaluation is to offer the most meaningful ways we can enter into worship - that God may be glorified above all.

Your thoughts and input are invaluable in this process, please share them with the Worship Ministry, Session and myself.

Peace,



January 2012

*Thank You
to all
who made
the season
even brighter*



For so many who gave so much
We want to say thanks
The Hanging of the Greens
And Trustees with Nativity scene
For Perry and the delicious lunch
MaryLynne's work with kids,
thanks
Their reading & singing it did seem
Much like a Currier and Ives scene

Advent candle lighting families, our hearts did touch
As choirs and bells added to its ranks
The lighting of candles made Advent beam
Making Calls to Worship anything but routine

For Praise Team and Choir who added so much
Giving of themselves with some extra rehearsal
Lisa, Carole and Kate - what a great team
All giving music as a very special missal

For Carolers young and old and such
Touching hearts and lives of the homebound
Reminding they're loved by their church family it did seem
Singing songs of God's love, a beautiful sound

For Pre-service performers—what a great bunch
Giving their gifts and their talents so precious
And to Pat for her work behind the scene
Making music to hear that's simply frabjous

Thank you to all who gave of yourself
Making Advent and Christmas at St. Andrews
Much more than a dream
A more meaningful worship for all in the pews.

Can it really be January, a new year – a new start once again? Thinking back to the old year, we've had some rough spots. Thanks to God, to pastor Steve, and the work of many members for guiding us through the year. This year for PW Bible Study, Jean Miller led a study of the Letter to the Ephesians, "No Longer Strangers". We thank her for the hard work and dedication she had in presenting such a meaningful class. We enjoyed the warmth and friendship with soup lunches following class once each month.

Throughout the year PW members have given generously in support of many charities both local and worldwide. Thanks to Betty Ann Seiser for collecting layette items for LCCM given generously by members in December. Thanks, as well, to all for contributing to the filling of stockings to be distributed to health institutions in our area, which is coordinated by Liz Kalb and her committee. December also saw the collection of hundreds of Christmas cookies which were taken to the Truck Stop Cookie Ministry in Carlisle. The joys of the holiday season were shared with truck drivers who pass through and visit the ministry there.

We can't say enough about all the special things the sewing circle does. This is a group of ladies who meet On Tuesday mornings to socialize, laugh and sew. All are invited to participate. Thanks to them for serving at our lovely Christmas tea on December 5.

The Tea, coordinated by Jean Miller and Ann Ormond, and served by the sewing ladies, was a lovely beginning for the festive season. A young violinist, Maya Johnson, provided special music and even a sing along. What a treat!

Looking ahead, watch for the PW annual letter, which will be coming out later this month. It will include the plans for 2012 programs as well as the Celebration envelopes for giving in the year ahead. Please remember to keep up with these offerings so that we may continue our support of mission pledges. In February we will have Blanket Sunday. That is when we collect money for the purchase of blankets to be distributed by the Church World Service as needed throughout the world.

Throughout the year, we continue to support the wonderful work of Ronald McDonald House in two ways. We collect aluminum pull-tabs to turn in there. And don't forget to drop used magazines and catalogs in the box at the corner of 16th and Cumberland or McDonalds East. We also look forward to serving a meal at the house in 2012 once again.

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Hospitality Thanks!

Thank you to all who contributed to the SAPC Concert Series receptions.

Vasantha Ross	Ann Ormond
Mev Royer	Joan Fenwick
MaryLynne Mulligan	Margi Hearson
Bob Hearson	Roz Presby
Barry Kohr	Valerie Chevalier
Nan Hoff	Roz Presby
Carol Maurer	Maggie Beatty
Liz Kalb	Barb Shreve

Everything was appreciated by all who attended!

Annual Christmas Luncheon Helpers! Thank You!!!

Barry Kohr	Vasantha Ross	Ann Ormond
Linda Duncan	Connie Dowhower	Marc Hamme
Laurie Funk	Sarah Funk	Tim Funk
Kim Briggs	Margi Hearson	Bob Hearson
Robin Gries	Julia Murphy	MaryLynne Mulligan
Pat Yates	Annette Chevalier	The Youth Waiters

All church family "table bussers"!

Cookie Contributions were fabulous! Thank you bakers!!!

Yummy cookies!!!

Special thanks to Daphne Hoke!

I apologize if your name was inadvertently missed. All of you contributed to the joy of the Hospitality Ministry!

With gratitude and Christmas joy, Perry

SESSION NOTES

The Session of St Andrews met jointly with the Trustees on Tuesday December 6. The Session and Trustees approved the 2012 budget. The budget calls for spending of \$421,404.00. After the joint meeting the session was reminded that the Rev John Barlow will be available on call for emergencies when Pastor Steve takes days off this month. Steve read from Revelation chapter 4 and 5. This passage describes worship in heaven. This passage led to the discussion of how we worship at St Andrews. The Session was officially informed of the resignation of Kate Bright as Emerging Worship Music Leader. After discussion, it was decided that the Administration and Personnel Committee should review the Emerging Worship Music Leader job description and bring a revised description to Session. As part of this process, the Session would like to look at how to re-energize worship at St Andrews.

The Nominating Committee has finished its work. There will be a congregational meeting on January 8, 2012 after the 11:00 service for the electing of an elder, a trustee and a deacon. The ordination and installation of all the new officers will be on January 22.

The dates of 2012 Carlisle Presbytery meetings were announced the meetings will be:

February 28, 2012 – Mechanicsburg

May 22, 2012 – Centre Church, Loysville

Sept 25, 2012 – Gettysburg

December 4, 2012 – **St. Andrews**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gries

DEACON DOINGS

The term "deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos", meaning "to serve" or "servant". We are serving God and serving you, the congregation of St. Andrews. Please continue to let the church or a deacon know HOW to serve you. Do you need meals, transportation, prayers, or visits? Deacons are at your service. Just notify us if you or someone you know needs a particular kind of care and we will minister accordingly. Thank you for helping us be better deacons.

Submitted by Beckie Dreibelbis

Thanks! from the Mission Committee

A huge thank you to our St Andrews family for their support of two special events in December. The Giving Tree held cards from the Children and Youth Services and listed items the children requested for Christmas. Cards were quickly picked up, and shortly beautiful packages appeared under the tree and covered the table. Surely these children will be happy to receive these gifts given in love.

Our annual Gift Fair was another spectacular success. Gifts of money were given in support of three international and four local charities that were selected this year. We set a new record of almost \$3000 raised for these worthwhile charities! This year's charities are: Heifer International, Eradicate Tetanus Project, Compassion International, Habitat for Humanity, Domestic Violence, Lebanon Community Library, and Lend A Hand. Thanks to all!

On Sunday, January 22, St. Andrews will hold its annual congregational meeting, as prescribed by our by-laws. On that day we will **have one combined worship service at 10 a.m. (Sunday school at 9 a.m.)** and the meeting will follow the service. Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 8. Please plan to attend, and bring any questions you've been wanting answers to!

Help Wanted...Opportunities Available



PowerPoint Ministry

Skills: Ability to work with PowerPoint

Time: flexible

Description: Looking for people who would be willing to periodically create and run PowerPoint presentations for the Emerging & Blended Worship services. A disk of helps is available with songs and other parts of the worship service.

Scripture Readers

Skills: Ability to read aloud

Time: as scheduled

Description: Looking for people who would like to read one or more scriptures during worship services. Readers are asked to offer a short prayer of illumination (provided)

Contact: Beckie Dreibelbis (8:45)
Penny Samuelson (11:00)



LCCM News

Wish List

FOOD BANK

Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Potatoes
Cold Cereal
18 oz. Jams & Jellies
Toiletries
Cleaning Supplies
5 oz. Canned Chicken
12 oz. Spam or Treet
Plastic Grocery Bags

CLOTHING BANK

New Boys' Boxers - all sizes
Boys' Pants - all sizes
Boys' Jeans - all sizes
Men's Jeans
Towels
Fitted Sheets, All Sizes
Thermal Underwear
Blankets
Coats

Donations, Donation, Donations!

During the months of September and October, LCCM received 41,180 pounds of food! We are deeply grateful to each individual and group who has supported LCCM through food and clothing donations.

January 19, 2012: Friendly's FUNraising Day. Cut out the coupon below and take it to Friendly's on Thursday, January 19, 2012 for breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner and LCCM will receive 20% of your total check.



February 25, 2012: The Annual Lenten Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 8:00 am and will be held at the Expo Center. Pastor Thom Keller of Calvary Chapel, Lebanon is the guest speaker and the 4th Dimension, a gospel quartet will provide the music. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase after the New Year!