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ST. ANDREWS HERALD

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You're Invited...



....to a Pot Luck Lunch
....to Connect with St. Andrews' Family
....to Hear a Re-cap of our Memories and Hopes!

**Sunday, June 12 after the
10 a.m. Summer Service.
More to come.**

Joyous Worship in June & July

**NOTE: The Sunday Summer Service Schedule starts on Pentecost - June 12th
Worship begins at 10 am**

June 5th

7th Sunday of Easter

The Lord's Supper

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

"Latitudes & Attitudes"



Pentecost Sunday

June 12th

Pentecost Sunday

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

"Celebrate the Spirit"

Summer Service Schedule Starts

June 19th

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

*"The Nature of the Triune God
& Enjoyable Effective Evangelism"*



June 26th

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

"When God Asks the Unreasonable"



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



The present moment is significant, not as the bridge between past and future, but by reason of its contents, contents which can fill our emptiness and become ours, if we are capable of receiving them.

Dag Hammarskjöld

When we are grieving, our minds are constantly flooded with memories from the past. Some memories call us back into that happier, more carefree world (or that's how we remember it!) before our lives were shaken by this loss. Other memories may be of times we regret, that now are impossible to "make up for". And when we are not remembering, we may be projecting into a future with its perpetually empty space – the years of missing our loved one.

During the meetings of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group we often talk about ways to bridge that gap between what was and what will be. Filling in the days while we are grieving is often an almost an impossible task – or so it seems. We learn that it does not help a lot to try to make up for missed opportunities, things that we should have done, should have said, but never quite got around to. It is better to look ahead and search for ways to fill the days and months with meaningful activities that will help complete the emptiness that we may be feeling. However, remembering the good times and the happy times can often bring great comfort. If we try to focus more on those good times and less on the "woulda-coulda-shoulda" times, the grieving process can be less painful. We talk about simply living day-to-day at first and gradually we can start to look further into the future with a smile.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings. If you or someone you know could benefit from our help, please feel free to join us. We would welcome you to come because we feel we can be of help.

Our usual meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The June meeting will be on June 9 and the July meeting will be on July 14.

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

But wait, *This* is the moment. This is the day we have. Try to make the best of it.

I will try to be fully present to this day – this day which is precious in itself and different from any other day I have had or will have.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS (continued)

For the Nominating Committee:

(A new committee is elected each year)

Nominations shall be made by a representative nominating committee of active members of the church, which shall itself include both women and men, giving fair representation to persons of all age groups and of all racial ethnic members and persons with disabilities who are members of that congregation. G-14.0202b Each year six (6) members are elected from the congregation to serve on this committee.

For the Visioning Committee

(Elected for a 3-year term)

To be responsible for long-range planning program of the church. Evaluate any and all programs and activities that will further the mission of St. Andrews, increasing our membership and commitment to Jesus Christ. Survey members for ideas that will further the church's mission. Be observant of other congregations' successes/failures with programs/activities. Evaluate ideas to assure they meet the church's mission. Document information submitted to Session. Work with committees to which programs/activities will be implemented after Session approval. Assure that any program/activity approved is being completed as planned. Meet at least quarterly to continue committee objective. Keep accurate minutes of meetings. Provide congregation updates on Visioning Committee activities through the Herald. (SAPC Policy Manual)

*Thank you for your prayerful suggestions.
Please place this form in one of the boxes
(located in the Narthex or in the Gathering Area).
If you have questions or additional comments
please contact **Ken Gries**
(Nominating Committee Chairman)*

References sited from the PC(USA) Book of Order

July 3rd
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Lord's Supper
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
"The Yoke of Freedom"



*The Yoke of
Freedom*



**GARDENERS
GUIDE**

July 17th
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
*"Gardeners Guide 2:
Those Pesky Weeds"*



**GARDENERS
GUIDE**

July 31st
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
*"OT Patriarchs 1: Jacob
WWE—God's Style"*



Memories and Hopes...Update!

Beginning in February at a Leaders' Retreat and concluding on May 1, 85 of St. Andrews faithful participated in Memories and Hopes sessions. Meeting in small groups, individuals shared items and remembrances that highlighted a special time in their life at St. Andrews.

A prayer shawl - lovingly knit...gratefully received, provided solace through personal struggles. Wedding albums and baptism banners captured warm memories of family milestones. Precious rocks, hymnals, a plastic card with a bible verse, and, even, a cigar touched hearts during the conversations. For many, these fond memories extend for more than 50 years and through several generations. Others are new to St. Andrews. They point to the kindness of the congregation and the invitations to join PYC, the choir, or the Men's Group to build connections within a church home.

These memories reflect St. Andrews at its best, a vibrant church whose members care for each other by celebrating the joys of life and by consoling each other when facing life's sorrows.

Because the Memories and Hopes conversations were tied-in with the work of the Visioning Committee, each group was asked how to build this same enthusiasm for the future. Six specific 'Hopes' were heard throughout each session. They focused on --

- Support & Care from Pastor and Deacons
- Families & Youth...Intergenerational Activities
- Mission & Service...Locally and Beyond
- Connections...Friendships & Relationships
- Invitations...One-on-One
- Focus on the Word of God...Christ- Centered

Throughout each session, support and care from the Pastor and Deacons underscored the 'Hope' that "We take care of each other". Additional terrific ideas are 'wrapped-around' other 'Hopes'. They range from re-building the youth choirs & bell ringers to intergenerational service in the community. More small groups & conversations, more mission projects, and in-depth learning--including how to share our faith--are on the 'Hope' list

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

The St. Andrews Presbyterian Nominating Committee requests your prayerful consideration
And suggestions as it prepares a slate of candidates for consideration for the class of 2014

For the Office of Elder:

(Ordned office for a 3-year term)

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. (G-6.0106)

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those who are oppressed. G-6.0303.04

For the Office of Deacon:

(Ordned office for a 3-year term)

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people and assisting with the Lord's Supper. G-6.0402,03

For Trustee:

(3-year term)

Trustees shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the church; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the church, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).—G-7.0402 Trustees at St. Andrews oversee and maintain church property (building, grounds, and equipment) and enter into contractual agreements concerning said property as well as ensuring the building is ready for services and programs of the church.



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**Invites you to
celebrate the**

**THE FIRST DAY
OF SUMMER
AT A PICNIC**

**Right here –
12:00 noon
Tuesday, June 21,
2011**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
NOW!**

Nominating Committee News

... And an angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt....

Exodus 3:2-3 KJV

The event described in the above passage was to change Moses' life. He went from a simple shepherd to the chosen leader of God's people, Israel. All because he decided to "turn aside and see this great sight". While Moses had his doubts about his calling, God promised to be with him during his journey. It has been said that if you have the availability, God will give you the ability.

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work. And we need your help. You will notice around the church and on the following page, forms to nominate a person for a church leadership position. We are seeking people to fill the positions of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Visioning and Nominating Committees. The Nominating Committee is requesting your prayers as we discern God's will for the leadership of St Andrews. If you know of anyone that you feel would be a fit for any of these positions or if you are feeling called by God to serve, please fill out a form and place it in the boxes provided. If you have any questions about the duties of a certain office, or any questions about the nominating process, please talk to a member of the Committee.

The 2011 Nominating Committee is: Lori Messersmith-Brandt; Beckie Dreibelbis; Karen Fedder; Rev Steve Gribble; Ken Gries (Chairman); Fred Grun; Dave Overholt; Dave Reinhart; Mev Royer and Cliff Shiner.

*Working together in Christ,
Ken Gries – Nominating Committee*

too. Central to all these 'Hopes' are meaningful, inspiring worship services based on the Word of God. One group's inspirational 'Hope' includes a "Standing Room Only" sign outside the sanctuary!

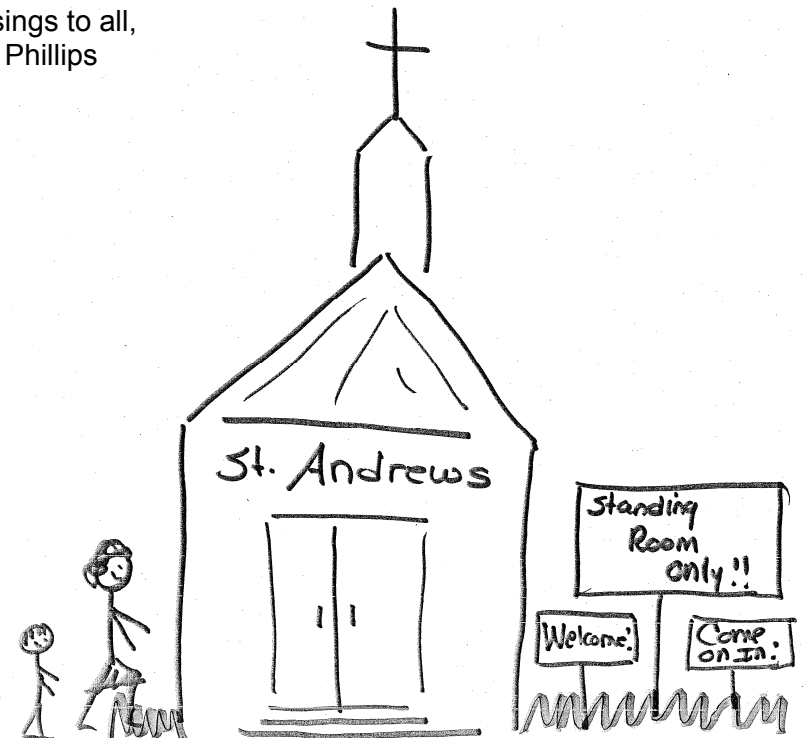
Of course, St. Andrews needs a plan to build that enthusiasm and to grow. It is clear that achieving these 'Hopes' will require the full participation of the St. Andrews family. Please consider how you can help. One group suggested that if every person would commit to 'doing one more thing' our congregation would be re-energized.

Over the next few months, the Visioning Committee will focus on "Where do we want to go?" and "How do we get there?" We all will hear more about the plans later in the summer.

For those of you who were part of the Memories and Hopes conversations -- Thanks! Our congregation is already stronger for your participation. Please keep in mind what we all want to be:

"Then we will be a choir -- not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!"
Romans 15 v 6 The Message

Blessings to all,
Lynn Phillips



DEACON DOINGS

At the April Deacons' meeting Pat Yates announced that Liz Kalb will fill in Erin Reinhart's term and that Nike Guttridge will replace Edie Lingle. Devotions were led by Annette Chevalier. Reports were made about the distribution of Easter lilies to our homebound members. The visits and the lilies were graciously received and much appreciated. We are grateful that there were only a few hospitalizations during the month and no deaths.

"Getting to Know Your Deacon" is not an easy topic for me. My husband, Mac, and I have been members of our church since 1951 and we baptized six children in the 4th Street and present churches. Daughter, Martha Gelgot and her husband Bill and three children Will, Caroline, and Caitlyn are still with us. Fred Grun and I are the only original members of the Chancel Choir which was started in 1951,.

I have been privileged to serve on all the boards, have sung, prayed, taught, learned, cooked, laughed and cried, with wonderful church members for more than 60 years. About 20 years ago, we started the sewing group in the basement which has been very useful for the church and the community,. We now have 15 members in our group who enjoy sharing ideas, talents and each other's company. It has been a joy and a privilege to be included among the members of our church. God bless you all!

Volunteers Needed at LCCM

Besides volunteering at LCCM's Food Bank, volunteers are needed for such tasks as delivering the "free noon meal" to clients who are physically unable to attend the meal site, distributing the weekly government-surplus food giveaway, and picking up donations of bread, pastries, and other food from local grocery stores and businesses.

LCCM owns its 29,000 square foot building and help is needed with general repairs and maintenance. Hours are flexible - you pick the day and time.

Anyone interested in volunteering at LCCM should contact Laura Page at 272-4400, x211 or email volunteer@lccm.us.

Thank you!

Stewardship and Finance Committee

Year to date financial summary through April 30, 2011

Offerings: \$131,172.13

Expenses: \$159,199.72



June Birthdays

1 Mike Bechtold
Bob Latshaw
3 Ann Marie Lansberry
Jeremy Alan Seyfert
Jerry Gribble
5 Kim Risko
Craig Samuelson
Charly Parrott
6 Carl Harris
10 Karen Dielmann
Ian Tshudy
Rachel Smith
13 Robert Bechtold
Megan Fedder
14 Luke Tshudy
Nenita Suarez
David Sensenig
Nick Burkholder
18 Bob Dowd, Jr.
Betsy Sensenig
16 Patric Altland
Meg Canon
21 Margaret Kilgore
Tim Gribble
22 Adam Burgis
Robert Regester
23 Bob Canon
William Gelgot
Ralph Heister
24 Sarah Albert
25 John Condrack
26 Pauline Charles
Robert Okonak
Douglas Fackler
30 Debbie Weaver

July Birthdays

1 Mary Fisher
Tim Funk
Susie Miller
John Zakian
2 Janis Herschkowitz
3 Joan Umbenhauer
5 Muriel Baldwin
Dick Cassel
Joanne Walkinshaw
6 Don Dreibelbis
7 Carla Dowd
Ted Kalb
10 Tim Emenheiser
12 Eric Lundberg
Betty Ann Seiser
Rebecca Lenington
14 Edie Lingle
16 Melissa Burgis
Mary Ellen Mahaffey
18 Ed Tenney
Wallace Vitez
Brianna Rump
Samantha Vitez
19 Nicki Overholt
Amy Fackler
Madeleine Abram
20 Evalyn Lansberry
Jean Miller
Ruth Presby
22 Ken Baldwin
Barbara Long
25 Robert Kopp
26 Pat Herschkowitz
27 Jodi Seyfert
Nancy Wengert
29 Stuart Juppenlatz
Craig Lowrie





Presbyterian Women

“You show that you are a letter of Christ, ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on the tablets of the human heart.”

2 Corinthians 3:3

June's PW Mission Event

PW Women will be making and serving dinner at the Ronald Mc Donald House in Hershey on Monday, June 6th. Women will be needed at the Ronald McDonald House from 4 – 6 or longer if you want to chat with children/parents.

There are several ways you can participate.

- Help to make and serve – only 8 persons may come according to their rules. They remind us that children may be immune suppressed so if you have or have been exposed to any illness please don't come.
- Provide food or money to cover the costs of the dinner.
- Send with us frozen individual dinners or entrees to restock the Ronald McDonald freezer.

To volunteer, please contact Marianne Kopp at 274-2431, mari-max14@aol.com.

July PW Picnic

The annual PW coordinating team picnic will be at the home of Barb Shreve on Tuesday, July 12th at 12 noon. Please bring a covered luncheon dish!

Thank You

Thanks to Phyllis Allen for organizing the May Sing Along at Linden Village. The residents really had fun singing and visiting with the St Andrews PW women.

Reminder

The Birthday Offering gives Presbyterian women and others in the church the opportunity to support projects in the United States and around the world. This year's offering will support ACROSS-Bring Peace Now in Jonglei, South Sudan, Anderson Interfaith Ministries-Women and children in Anderson, SC, and Manual School- Bringing the World to Manual which educates and equips students for leadership in the church and larger society. Birthday offering envelopes can be found in the pews or a check can be written to St Andrews Presbyterian Women with Birthday Offering in the memo.

Invitation

This is an invitation to all women of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church that each woman takes some of her time, talents, and finances to support the work and projects of Presbyterian Women. Let PW women show that “the Spirit of the living God flows from one human heart to other human hearts.”



VBS is right around the corner! Our VBS is June 19 to 23rd 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.



Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Ps 25:4-5



We're looking for adult leaders including, but not limited to: Music, Games, Dramas, Parables, Crafts, and Snacks. Volunteer forms are available in the Gathering Area, or contact the director. Adult and youth helpers will be needed as well!

Contact Mary Lynne Mulligan with your willingness to serve! Call or text 304-1936; email: likessleep@yahoo.com

PENTECOST OFFERING

John 20:21 – “Jesus said to them “As the Father sent me, so I send you.”

The Pentecost offering will be received on June 12th. This offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults.

***Like adults, youth long for a relationship with God, and when you give to the Pentecost Offering you are helping them make that connection.**

***If making the world a better place includes helping the homeless and nurturing youth, then you are doing just that when you give to the Pentecost Offering.**

***The money you give to the Pentecost Offering translates into grass- roots advocacy programs for the youth of La Oroya, Peru, many of whom are victims of lead poisoning caused by their community's major employer.**

Your giving to the Pentecost Offering matters



Corner



**DO YOU SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?
WE NEED YOU!**

MUSIC

We are again looking for soloists or musical groups for the Sunday worship services beginning on July 10 and going through August 28.

If you can sing or play an instrument as a soloist, or can get a duet or trio or quartet, etc. together, we would like to talk to you! During this summer time, we will be having just one service at 10:00 AM each Sunday, and we would like to have a feature musical presentation each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of each month, which is Communion..

Last summer we had a wonderful variety of very talented musicians all summer long! We hope to repeat that again. So, if you are interested, please talk to Pat Yates to get on the schedule. Call me at 273-9297 or e-mail me at: bobpat423@comcast.net., or call the church office , 272-9933.

Thank you in advance for volunteering to help with this exciting part of the Music Ministry of St. Andrews! We will be waiting to hear from you!



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Beginning on Pentecost (June 12) we will be having just one worship service on Sundays for the entire summer. If you would like to join us up front on Sunday mornings, it's easy! Just meet before the service at 9:15 to rehearse the music, and then stay afterwards to review any upcoming songs for the next week. Come try us out and see if you would like to be part of any of our choirs next year!

If you have any questions, please call or email Kate at (717)761-1010 or bright184@yahoo.com.

Help Wanted... Opportunities Available

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)



Church Librarian

Skills: Organizational

Time: flexible

Description: Looking for a person interested in organizing and maintaining the church library, making suggestions on future purchases, and helping to promote the continued use of the library.

Contact: Karen Dielmann (Chair of Christian Ed.)

Thank you ∞ Thank you ∞ Thank you ∞ Thank you



Jeff and the Burgis family want to say a HUGE thank you for all the blessings and prayers.

My brother, his family, and Rob and I would like to thank all those who kept my brother in your prayers and sent cards and well wishes the last six months while he went through chemotherapy for Leukemia. He responded so well to his chemotherapy that the bone marrow transplant will not transpire unless his Leukemia comes back out of remission. May God Bless you all for your wonderful work as fellow Christians.

Lorraine and Robert Lowrie
Vernald Yeagley's Family