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**Church Day Saturday, May 7th,
9am to 1pm.**

Interior and exterior light maintenance, clean-up, and lunch. Grilled meats provided - bring a side dish of your liking to share.



Worship Schedule
 8:45 - *Emerging Worship*
 11:00 - *Traditional Worship*

May 1st - 2nd Sunday of Easter
The Lord's Supper

Rev. John Schmidt preaching

May 8th - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Confirmation / Commissioning

1 Samuel 3:1-10
 Psalm 139: 1-6,13-14,23-24
 Ephesians 2:13,17-22
 Romans 10:5-13

The Confirmands will share their
"Journeys of Faith" at BOTH services



May 15th - 4th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23
 1 Peter 2:19-25
 John 10:1-10

"I'd Know That Voice Anywhere"



May 22nd 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

"Risking Rejection"



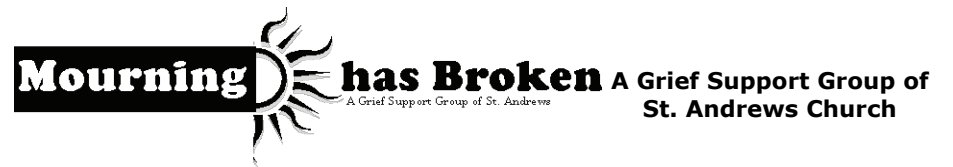
May 29th 6th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Luke 24:44-53

*"It's All in the Application:
 Outlook Determines Outcome"*



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The world is not divided into the strong who care and the weak who are cared for. We must in turn care and be cared for, not just because it is good for us, but because it is the way things are.

Sheila

Cassidy

Sometimes we who are struggling with grief have a hard time acknowledging our need to be cared for. Are we being weak? Are we drawing attention to ourselves? Particularly if we are used to being "helpers", we are sometimes not comfortable in the role of the person who needs help. Perhaps we are too proud to let others see we are in pain. Besides, in view of all the pain and suffering in the world – nations facing starvation, whole segments of society living under terrible conditions – how can we ask for a part of the world's care for our own private grief?

The St. Andrews Grief Support Group members do care about each other and about the sadness and often despair that others in the group are experiencing. When someone comes to our group that is their way of acknowledging that they need to be cared for. We are always glad to welcome a new person and hear their story and share their grief. By feeling that someone needs to be helped, we can offer suggestions and share our grieving experiences in an effort to provide comfort and be of help to the person who is hurting.

We recently had a woman (not a St. Andrews member) coming to our meetings for quite a while, at the suggestion of a friend who was familiar with our group. Finally one day she said, "This group has been such a big help to me. I think I am OK now and can go on with my life." And we haven't seen her since. We were able to help her work through a very tragic loss in her life and she felt so much better. We "cared" about her at a time when she needed to be cared for and we were able to help her.

Goodness knows there is more than enough grief in the world to go around. But life is lived one human being at a time, and while we do what we can to ease the burdens of others, there are times when our own burdens are heavy and we need help.


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 do care for each other.

Our usual meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The May meeting will be on May 12, and the June meeting on June 9.

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.

For a time we may need more than what we see as our "share" of help. Never mind. It is our need. It is our turn. We are entitled.

I am a human being and I don't need to put up a façade of strength.

Date	Group & Event	More info...
Sunday May 1 12:00-1:30 PM	Jump Up Day for ES PYC Day in the Park <i>1st and 2nd Graders</i> <i>Welcome</i>	ES youth and families to venture to Optimist Park for lunch and games, weather permitting...
Sunday, May 1 4:00-4:30 PM	MS & HS Mission Trip Info Session	Info for mission trip participants with forms and Q & A
Sunday, May 1 4:30-6:15 PM	MS & HS PYC	Dinner by Overholts Helpers: N Guttridge and ML Mulligan
Friday, May 6 3:00 – 6:00PM & Saturday, May 7 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SAPC Serves Together LCCM Duathlon Cedar Crest HS Campus	Set-up on Friday, event on Saturday. More info see Laurie or Dave Funk
Sunday, May 8	Mothers Day No PYC or Choirs	
Saturday, May 14 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	MS PYC Pedals 4 Progress	Scott Shreve & Tony Cikovic Drinks and Lunch
Sunday, May 15 12:00 – 2:00 PM	Youth Council End of Year Celebration	@ Laurie's House Devotion Leader: Isaiah Shiner
Sunday, May 15 4:30-6:00 PM	PYC Meetings & Dinner	Dinner made by HS PYC
Friday, May 20 thru Saturday, May 21 6:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MS & HS PYC ES Youth w/ parent or adult friend Relay for Life @ CCHS	Lisa Hamme & Connie Dohower; Food donations accepted!!! Help Needed: for tent set-up Friday and breakdown Saturday
Sunday, May 22 <i>Time TBA</i>	End of Year Celebration <i>Location TBA</i>	Families and friends welcome as we celebrate the "end" of the year with a potluck picnic and games.

God's Perfect Timing...

Between Waiting & Surprises

Pastor Steve

It's easier to talk about "God's perfect timing" than it is to live through it! It seems as though we're either waiting on or being surprised by God. I think of those days while our Lord was in the grave...the waiting must have been awful. Then again, what a marvelous surprise on the resurrection day!

The verse about God's ways not being our ways comes to mind. We need to always remember that God's timing is different than our own. God sees things from a different perspective and sees the whole picture, not just what we want or what we can see, but what is best in the grand plan.

All is part of a divine order and will be done in its own right and proper time. The key to waiting and being surprised is not the length of time but how we handle the waiting and the surprises.

The Bible teaches us that we should "wait on the Lord." We must look with confidence and expectation toward the future, trusting that God will fulfill our waiting in good and proper time.

We also see many instances where people were surprised by God's moving: When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the upper room, When Peter preached his best sermon ever—and 3000 people were added to their number, and I'm sure Saul of Tarsus was surprised on the road to Damascus as he came face to face with the risen Christ.

As individuals and as a church we are often surprised by the unexpected while at the same time, feeling frustrated by having to "wait". The important thing we must keep in mind is God's greater plan and his perfect timing:

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

"Trust in Him at all times, O people." Psalm 62:8

As the people of God, how do we handle the surprises? How will we handle the waiting? How much do we trust God?



DEACON DOINGS

At the March Deacon's monthly meeting we got off to a busy start talking about the upcoming Easter holiday, the delivery of lilies to homebound members, and visits that were made to members in hospitals, retirement centers, and their private homes. Numerous discussions took place on how best to serve our congregation, including visitations, meal preparation or providing rides to upcoming appointments. Deacons will be hosting the free noon meal on April 9th, as well as hosting the coffee hour for Easter Sunday service.

This month in getting you know your deacon I have the pleasure to tell you about my daughter Danielle Chevalier, who is our youth deacon. Danielle has been attending St. Andrews since 1993; she was confirmed in 2009. Danielle was born in Lebanon and raised in Cleona. She is currently a junior at Cedar Crest High School. She is an avid reader and has been a volunteer at the Annville Free Library since she was in sixth grade. Stop in on Saturday mornings and you'll see her hard at work behind the circulation desk. Danielle enjoys many activities, including taking fitness classes at Lebanon Valley College and has managed to persuade her father to attend classes with her. She enjoys spending time with friends and family and is looking forward to attending another exciting Creation Music Festival in late June. She has a younger brother, Nick, who is a seventh grade student at the Cedar Crest Middle School and enjoys hand bells and Quiz Bowl.

Submitted by Annette Chevalier

Presbyterian Women Event
Presbyterian Women will be making and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey on Monday, June 6th. You will be needed at the Ronald McDonald House from 4 until 6 or longer if you want to talk with children/parents. There are several ways you can participate.

Help to make and serve – only 8 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 sickness, please don't come.

Provide food or money to cover costs of the dinner.

Send with us frozen individual dinners or entrees to restock the Ronald McDonald freezer.

To volunteer, please contact Marianne Kopp: 274-2431, marimax14@aol.com
Thanks in advance for making a difference in the lives of children and families.



May Birthdays

1	Seamus Ceres
2	Anna Rose Peelen
3	Tommy Bechtold Dale Hamlen
4	Madeleine Overholt Lindsay Burkholder
5	Jennie Lingle
6	William Andrews Ted Etter
7	Beth Taylor
8	Kara Dreibelbis Julius
11	Hal Burdon Libby Glick Robert Lutz George Reed
12	Laura Albert
15	Harry Uhrich
17	Lee Moyer
18	Anita Sauerwein
19	Jean Gigler Kara Guttridge
21	Carroll Ditzler
22	William Young
24	Isaiah Shiner Jennifer Evans
26	Avery Dowd
27	Valerie Chevalier Mary Hunter
28	Marianne Kopp
29	Stephen Risko
31	Virginia Brandt

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light maintenance,
clean-up, and lunch.
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of your liking to share.

Building our future - savoring our memories.

Surely spring is here at last! Savor each sign of rebirth as we celebrate the Resurrection. It is easy to see God's work in each ray of sunshine and lovely blossom.

In May we look forward to visiting Linden Village, where Harry Uhrich is a resident, on Tuesday, May 10 at 2:00 PM. Harry will love to see old friends when we visit there. Ellis Groff, harmonica, Ken Graybill, guitar, and Polly Graybill, mandolin, will provide a fun program of songs. We won't need cookies this year, but would welcome your attendance to visit with the residents. This program date was changed from April.

Every Tuesday morning from 9:00 until noon, in the youth area under the sanctuary, sewing ladies are busily creating special things (sealed with love) for all sorts of people. They have made beautiful pillows of love for foster children, hundreds of Christmas stockings for our troops...so many wonderful things. There is even plenty to do for those who don't wish to sew. The best thing is the spirit of camaraderie among the group. You are welcome to join them.

Keep in mind the Wednesday noontime prayer group each week. This is another occasion for friendship and spiritual growth.

Our opportunity for Mission Giving this month is the Birthday Offering to be received on Mother's Day, May 8. The recipients of this offering, which dates back to 1922, are chosen from a field of applicants. The offering is meant to be large enough to actually make a difference in enabling the work of the selected programs. Please see the message about the exciting programs selected for this mission offering and what they hope to accomplish with the grants. Our generosity will help to make this possible.

Looking forward, there will be a PW-sponsored meal to be served at Ronald McDonald House in June.

And finally, a salute to mothers on Mother's Day! A well known saying is so true -"Mothers hold their childrens' hands for a short while, but they hold their hearts forever." "A mother's love endures through all."...Washington Irving

TRUSTEE NEWS

When common sense and observation conflict.

Why, in challenging times, do we observe building related expenditures?

Last year the trustees set out to create a time plan for large maintenance items. However, certain elements of the building needed immediate attention to keep overall costs down. Brick work had become infiltrated with water damage due to deterioration of the capstone. Stairwell walls were beginning to buckle and safety concerns were observed in a few areas.



The Narthex subfloor was showing signs of water damage which would lead to structural integrity concerns if not addressed by correcting the slope of the exterior concrete slab. Safety concerns were also associated with deterioration of the concrete surfaces. It would have cost exponentially more if these things were put off.

Safety is an important priority. We ask for understanding and patience while the speed bump feature is adjusted. The speed bump will be relocated closer to the rear door and made into a more lasting safety feature. Please mind our youth near the rear door while the speed bump adjustment is in process.

The trustees appeal to the church community for understanding and to help us maintain budgets and keep costs down. To this end, a Church Day is planned for May 7th from 9am to 1pm. All are invited for what can be a fun and rewarding time.

Christian Education News....

Summer Sunday School Schedule begins June 11th

Summer Sunday School will be held at 9 am beginning June 11th. Teachers and helpers are needed. The Safe Sanctuary Policy requires two adults or an adult and a teen (in the younger children's group) be in the classroom with the students at all times, so your help is needed! We will be grouping the children as follows:

Group One: ages 3 years through 3rd grade

Group Two: 4th grade through 7th grade

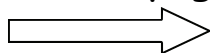
Group Three: 8th grade through 12th grade

If you are able to help – even if only for a few weeks of the summer session (which will end on Rally Day – September 11th), or would be willing to be a substitute teacher or helper, please let Karen Dielmann know. Her phone number is 270-1389 or via email dielmannc@aol.com.

Graduate Sunday is May 15th

Do you know a St. Andrews student who is graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year? If you do, please contact Karen Dielmann by May 7th so that we can congratulate them at the services on Sunday, May 15th. Karen can be reached at 270-1389 or via email at dielmannc@aol.com.

And see what's up with VBS on the next page!!



Birthday Offering

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. –1 Corinthians 3:11

Mother's Day is the traditional day for receiving the Birthday Offering. It is a tradition that dates back to 1922. It gives Presbyterian Women and others in the church an opportunity to give substantial support to specific projects in the United States and around the world.

The projects each year are selected from the many applications received by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee. Criteria and standards are rigorous, requiring among other information: How the project will work to benefit diverse women, children and families, exactly how the money will be spent, and how progress will be recorded. They must have written endorsements from our church bodies. And they must provide interim reports on how the project is progressing.

This year three exciting programs have been selected. Each will receive a one-time grant, the amount to be determined by the size of the offering. The first of these is ACROSS- Bring Peace Now, in Jonglei, South Sudan. In this land of tribal violence the program strives to build peaceful coexistence between ethnic groups, increase societal values (especially girls), and acceptance of women as leaders. They will provide 2500 books, sponsor English lessons for women so they may be translators, provide teacher training, and build a dormitory for women enrolled in the program. I say "Wow! That is a worthwhile venture to support!"

The second project is Anderson Interfaith Ministries – Women and Children Succeeding in Anderson, SC. This is an interfaith organization that provides assistance to people in need while guiding them to function independently. It offers support to parents so that they may return to school. There are also plans to hire an asset-building coordinator who will help clients with their financial literacy and add other training capacity.

Finally there is Menaul School – Bringing the World to Menaul. For over 100 years this school has educated and equipped students for leadership in the church and larger society. It has a diverse population of students grade 6 – 12. There are plans to build a dormitory in order to re-establish a boarding school program for grades 9 – 12. In addition an activities bus will be purchased to provide transportation for its boarding school students' weekend enrichment activities. Your generous gifts will help the Presbyterian Women to fund this year's projects with funds sufficient to make these strides. Please give as you have been blessed.

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.
 Contact: Ellie Maeder

Coffee Hour People



Skills: light snack coordinating, cookie arranging, hospitality
 Time: minimal
 Description: Looking for people who would sign up for doing "coffee hour" for a Sunday morning.
 Contact: Perry Latshaw

Musicians (Vocal & Instrumentalists)

Looking for individuals who would be interested and willing to share God given talents during the summer worship services.
 Time: One Sunday out of the summer
 Contact: Pat Yates



Scripture Readers

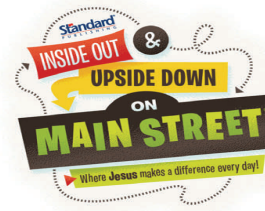


Skills: Ability to read aloud
 Time: as scheduled
 Description: Looking for people who would like to read one or more scriptures during worship services. Readers are asked to offer a short prayer of illumination (provided)
 Contact: Beckie Dreibelbis (8:45)
 Penny Samuelson (11:00)



Church Librarian

Skills: Organizational
 Time: flexible
 Description: Looking for a person interested in organizing and maintaining the church library, make suggestions on future purchases, and help to promote the continued use of the library.
 Contact: Karen Dielman (Chair of Christian Ed.)



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

Registration has begun.
 Cards are available in the Gathering Area, or complete below!
 Age 4 thru Grade 5 (just completed) are welcome!

Child's Name: _____ M ___ F ___
 Address: _____
 Street and Number, Apt #, or P.O. Box City State Zip
 Home Phone: _____ Birth Date ___/___/___ Grade Compl. _____
 Emergency Contact During VBS: _____
 Name Phone
 Parent(s): Name(s) _____
 Address, if different from child's Phone
 Other: _____
 Guardian, Relative, Friend Address, if different from child's Phone
 Food Allergies or other conditions which may limit activity: _____
 Attends which church? _____ Member? Yes No

Mark Your Calendar-LCCM Events!

2nd Annual Duathlon Du-Molish Hunger

5K Run - 14 Mi Bike - 5K Run

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Cedar Crest High School

For more info or to register, go to www.lccm.us and click on the Duathlon link

Benefit Dinner

Featuring the 3rd Annual Youth "Got Talent" Contest

Thurs, August 25, 2011

Silent Auction begins 5:30 pm
Buffet Dinner begins 6:30 pm

Tickets are available now, online, at www.lccm.us

(Click on Benefit Dinner link)

Adult Ticket \$25.00

Student (age 11-18) \$20.00

Children (age 4-10) \$12.50

Age 3 and younger FREE

Walk on Watercolors is run by a local artist who creates original Bible-themed watercolor paintings to inspire, teach and bless.

Walk on Watercolors and LCCM have partnered together to help raise funds and give our supporters artwork that blesses their homes for years. Go to www.walkonwatercolors.com. At the checkout screen, enter the promo code "LCCM" and click "Apply Coupon." When the "LCCM" code is accepted, you will see a discount of \$0.01. This will signify that you are with LCCM and we will then receive 50% of your total purchase price.



Donations, Donations, Donations!

During the months of January and February, LCCM received **52,368** pounds of food! We are deeply grateful to each individual and group who has supported LCCM through food and clothing donations. To find out how you can conduct your own food or clothing drive or make a donation, call 717-272-4400 or email laura@lccm.us. Thank you for your donations!

A Message from LCCM's Executive Director

By the time you read this, LCCM would have held its Open House on March 28th to celebrate its 29th Anniversary of providing food, clothing, and other emergency services to families and individuals in need or crisis in Lebanon County. Another milestone would have also been celebrated...One Million meals served through the Free Noon Meals program. It is surely a bittersweet moment in LCCM's history. When the first meal was served in December, 1982, the organizers did not have the expectation of reaching such a milestone. The thought of having to serve a million meals never occurred to anyone. Thankfully, LCCM has been blessed over the years and has had the ability to provide one million meals.

Of course, LCCM did not reach this milestone all by itself. Ultimately, I thank God for His faithfulness. It is through His love, grace, and mercy that LCCM has been able to stand the test of time. As is with anything we do in life, if God is not involved, the purpose or mission is incomplete. Thank you, God, for your everlasting love and kindness. Since that first meal in 1982, thousands of volunteers have faithfully provided over 300,000 hours to prepare, cook, and serve a nutritionally balanced meal. Lebanon churches have opened their doors and welcomed the opportunity to play a part in answering Jesus' call to feed the hungry. The Free Noon Meal program is a great example of how a community can come together to serve the community. To all of you who have played a role in serving, I thank you. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. God Bless You.

Troy E. Williams, Executive Director

Thank you to all of you who joined us at Friendly's on March 28th. We raised \$351!!!