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Rally Day September 11th

You'll Flip
Over This !!



8 A.M. Pancake Breakfast
9 A.M. Sunday School for All
10 A.M. Rally Day Worship

September Worship Schedule

9/4 - Final Summer Worship - 10 am

9/11 - Rally Day: 8 am Pancakes

9 am Sunday School

10 am Rally Day Worship

9/18, 9/25 - 2-service schedule resumes

8:45 Emerging Worship

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship



Regular Worship
Times Return

September 4 - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

TBA



Laity Sunday

September 11 - 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Rally Day

Severe Mercy

September 18 - 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 105:1-6; 37-45; Matthew 20:1-16



Fairness and Grace - Do They Go Together?

September 25 - 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Matthew 21:23-32

Actions Really Do Speak Louder Than Words

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23: 4-6

This Psalm from the Hebrew Scriptures has comforted men and women for centuries. Perhaps it is most often used to comfort people who themselves are facing death. But we who have survived the death of loved ones know that they do not walk through that valley alone. Often it is we who have walked with them – sat by their bedsides, held their hands, shared their sometimes spoken, sometimes unspoken, anxiety and fear.

And then they are gone, and we are left. Now it is we who need comfort and reassurance.

For many, the St. Andrews Grief Support Group serves that purpose: the purpose of helping those who grieve find comfort and reassurance. We can help you learn that life does go on for those who are left after the death of a loved one. We can help you learn that it is O.K. to be happy again, to start to enjoy life again. We can help you learn that the feelings you have are not unusual or “strange”, but instead are a very normal part of the grieving process. The members of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group provide comfort and reassurance and support for each other as we all work through the varying stages of our grief together.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of this kind of comfort and reassurance, please feel free to join our group. Our meetings are open to anyone, whether members of St. Andrews or not, and no matter how long ago or how recent the loss. We usually meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. Our September meeting will be on September 8, and the October meeting will be on October 13. Please feel free to come visit with us. We will be happy to see you there!

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

Perhaps those verses from the Twenty-third Psalm can serve a similar function as we repeat them over and over, until the light begins to shine through and the heart is calmed.

I am grateful for words that heal.



A Sundae Sunday!

12th Streeters - Here's a Sundae special!
For a Sundae best that's really sweet
Home-made ice cream can't be beat.
So let's gather together in the autumn sun
For a Presbyterian tradition - food and fun!



Where: The Hearsons: 803 Willow Lane, Lebanon 17046

When: Sunday, September 18, 4:00 PM

Please reply: 273-9923 or bandmhearson@aol.com



September birthdays

- 3 Tim Chevalier
- 4 Fay Peterson
- 5 Joanne Fairlamb
Amy Glick
Margi Hearson
Charles Jones III
Lois Bomberger
- 6 Dan Dowhower
- 7 Louise Kreiser
Chris Scholes
- 8 Lucie Shiner
Steve Martin
- 9 Gil Curran
Brittany Miller
Ashley Miller
- 10 David Tedford
- 13 Mary Louise Harris
David Reinhart
- 16 Mark Evans
Andrea Smith
Nadine Jones
- 17 Annette Chevalier
Donna Kuntz
- 18 Danielle Chevalier
Bill Fairlamb
Caitlyn Gelgot
Barry Kohr
- 19 Cynthia Condrack
Nike Guttridge
- 20 Nicholas Chevalier
- 21 Matthew Lebo
- 23 Claude Miller
- 25 Bonnie Tenney
- 26 Lewis Sauerwein
Tia Parrish
- 30 Phyllis Allen
Alverna Specht



Fall Church-Wide Event ... A 50 Day Spiritual Adventure

"Seeing the Unseen Christ: How His Presence Transforms Life" is an exciting and relevant Bible study for the entire congregation!

Several people from the Visioning Committee have heard folks express a desire for another church-wide study after the meaningful experience of the "40 Days of Purpose".

The timing of this adventure (from Rally Day 9/11 thru Reformation Sunday 10/30) coincides nicely with the church's on-going Discernment Process as together, we seek God's vision for St. Andrews' future service and witness in the Lebanon valley.

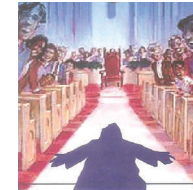
Rev. Bruce Stevens, Synod of the Trinity Executive and consultant to our Vision Committee, has stated that there is nothing more powerful than to pray and study scripture together corporately.

We have a goal of having 10 small groups with 8 to 12 people participating in this

spiritual adventure. In addition to the sermon series, introducing what everyone will study in the coming week, there are 2 additional resource materials participants will use.

First, is an easy-to-read Adventure Guidebook by Dr. David R. Mains providing an in-depth look at how sensing Christ's presence in our church can transform our life - both individually and corporately. (1 per household)

The other resource is a journal encouraging healthy spiritual habits through daily Bible study, prayer, Scripture memory, and practical, life-application suggestions called "action steps". (1 per person)



Each resource is \$5.00 and if this is a hardship for anyone, please talk to Pastor Steve - we don't want anyone not to participate because of finances.

Please make plans and commit now to participating in this 8 week adventure - sign-ups in the Gathering Area now.

TRUSTEE NEWS

In case you didn't know...

One tree was cut down and a couple of trees were pruned. Thanks to generous church members (Dave Senenig, Dennis Shalters, and others) who wanted to make sure our trees were cared for properly.

Just wanted to say what a wonderful job the garden volunteers are doing. Thank you!

Sink holes have been fixed.

Just a reminder: if anyone needs to adjust a thermostat, please contact Tim Chevalier (272-3462-h; 307-8946-c)

DEACON DOINGS

It just doesn't seem possible that the summer is over. Even though the Deacons did not meet in July, we continued to visit the homebound, assisted with home communion, and made hospital visits, and attended the session meetings throughout the summer. Our next Deacons meeting will be on Tuesday August 23rd. Marci Gribble is Deacon of the month, so she will prepare our devotion.

Meet Your Deacon: Marci Gribble

I have been an ordained Deacon for over 10 years and was installed to be a Deacon at St. Andrews earlier this year. I have been a member of St. Andrews for eight years, coming to you from Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church in New Britain. I'm married to your Senior Pastor, Steve. We have two sons, Jerry, a 2011 graduate of Cedar Crest and Tim, now a junior in high school. We also have two four legged 'children': a yellow lab, Shiloh and a black pug, Maiya. Music has been a large part of my life since I can remember. One of the things I love most about worship is the music. I love the blended services as they incorporate all types of music, both the praise team singing as well as the organ. I am a member of the praise team and I also play bells.

Presbyterian Women Fall Bible Study

After much prayerful thought and discussion, the PW Coordinating Team decided at its July picnic to continue with its annual **Fall Bible Study**. This Bible study had been going on for more than 20 years, with many teachers. We felt it was important to honor the memory of our beloved teacher, Audrey Sprenger, by keeping this tradition going. We also wanted to keep our fellowship closely knit together with prayer, study, worship, and good food!

We will explore together the book of **Ephesians** in a Bible study called, "**No Longer Strangers**". We hope to develop a deeper understanding of its rich wisdom and the many blessings it offers, and be led in the spirit of worship and praise to God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Bible Study will be held in the **chapel at 10:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of every month, starting with September 7 and September 14, and continuing in October, November, and December**. There will be a light **soup luncheon** following the **first Wednesday of every month** in the Gathering Area. The study will be team taught (we are still looking for a few facilitators.)

We encourage all, men and women, to come to this inspiring Bible study of Ephesians, as we all grow in love and knowledge of God and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and learn of the blessings God has in store for us. Hope to see you there!

PW October Clothing Drive

For many years, St. Andrews has been sending good, used clothing to Sunset Gap Community Center (Cosby, TN), a ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. For the fifth year, in addition to benefiting Sunset Gap, our clothing drive will benefit local clothing banks such as Goodwill, Jubilee Ministries, LCCM, and Salvation Army. Please designate your donations for either "Sunset Gap" or "Local" clothing banks. If you don't have a preference, packers will use their discretion in distributing your items. Belts, shoes, handbags, and coats will be shared locally. Be sure to secure belts and ties to their matching items.

We also welcome donations of sturdy packing boxes for mailing and large, heavy-duty plastic bags for local distribution. Please bring your clothing donations to the closet by the elevator in Snyder Hall during the month of October. Packing day is Monday, October 31st beginning at 9 a.m. All hands are welcome! Come join us in Snyder Hall for this morning of fellowship and mission.

Blessings,
Helen Leaman 273-5112 Betty Ann Seiser 228-0467



Presbyterian Women

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24.

The annual kick-off pot luck dinner will be on Monday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Area at church. All women are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship. Wanda Bechtold will present the program "Pennsylvania Supports the Troops". Our Sewing Circle ladies are already making Christmas stockings for her wonderful mission. Please mark your calendars now to join us, and support Wanda and see her displays.

Bible Study will begin September 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Cassel Chapel, followed by a soup lunch at 11:30 a.m. The study sessions will be on the first and third Wednesday, September through December. Lunch only on the first Wednesday of the month. Jean Miller will lead the study on Ephesians "No Longer Strangers". Study books will be available before the first session. I'm sure we will all enjoy the study, as we think about our own relationship with God, and to each other. All are welcome, men and women.

Thank you to all who faithfully contributed to the Bakeless Bake Sale during August. It is not too late to donate. Your giving from the heart helps so many in need, locally and in the world.

The Sewing Circle meets every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Center. They are always busy with various projects, and would welcome you join them. Any questions, call Ann Ormond or Valerie Chevalier.

We also appreciate all the donations for the "Gift Wrap and Greeting Card" basket that were donated for the Silent Auction at the Lebanon County Christian Ministries annual Benefit Dinner in August. Thank You.

October will feature a program and social hour on Saturday, October 29, "Champions of the Faith", and our yearly clothing drive. More information next month, or else-where in the Herald.

Just a reminder, the Celebration Giving pledge envelopes can always be placed in the offering plates or mailed to Mary Jane Clouser.

Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

The Planning Team

Prior to coming to St. Andrews in 2003 I worked at a major health care organization as a corporate educator and management consultant. I developed and facilitated customer service, behavioral management, and management training programs for all levels of employees. After moving to Lebanon I became a part time emergency substitute teacher for four school districts within Lebanon County. I am now working full time at Annville Elementary school as the principal's secretary.

I am very grateful to be a part of St. Andrews and cherish the friends I have made.

SESSION NOTES

Highlights from the August session meeting include:

- ◆ Approval of membership at St. Andrew's Church by reactivation of faith for Ann Porrazza.
- ◆ Approval for Dr. Paul Fullmer to preach on August 14th.
- ◆ Approval for Mark Englund-Krieger to preach on a date to be set in September.
- ◆ Expenses and income were in line with expectations for June and July.
- ◆ Trustees reported that one tree on the grounds was trimmed and one removed.
- ◆ The nominating committee encouraged suggestions for vacant church officer positions.
- ◆ Fund-raising ideas were discussed for the year 2012.
- ◆ Terms for a temporary part-time supply pastor were presented; discussion will take place in September.
- ◆ Safe sanctuary committee recommendations were updated.
- ◆ A letter was received from the FISH committee containing the resignation of Karen Register as coordinator.
- ◆ Continued discussion on the new Book of Order will take place at upcoming meetings.

**APPLAUSE... MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS
2011-2012 CONCERT SERIES
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

If you intended to make a donation to support the St. Andrews Concert Series, but it slipped your mind, the "good news" is, **it is not too late!**

Even though the article in the last Herald said we would like your checks by September 8th, we will be more than happy to receive them anytime!

As a reminder, the concerts this season will be **Friday, October 14, 7:30 PM, THE LEBANON BIG SWING BAND; Friday, December 2, 7:30 PM, RANDY AND DAWN MARKS; and Friday, March 16, 7:30 PM, STILL SIMPLE GIFTS.**

Remember, there is a category to suit almost everyone's budget. The levels of sponsorship are: **BENEFACTOR - \$250.00; PATRON - \$100.00; SPONSOR - \$50.00; and FRIEND - \$25.00.** Please make your check payable to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and notate "Concert Series" on the check.

If you have already sent in your donation, we thank you very much. It is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generous support in the past, by your financial gifts, by your attendance at the concerts, and by your encouraging comments about the programs.

Look in the October Herald for a detailed article about the first concert, **THE LEBANON BIG SWING BAND.** Pat Yates and the Concert Series Committee



MUSIC NOTES

A very special thank you to all our musicians for sharing their special talents with St. Andrews and enhancing our Summer Worship Services. The music was wonderful!

Thank you to:

Kate Bright and the St. Andrews Praise Team
Lisa Meyer - Organ and Piano
Pat Yates - Organ and Piano
Lee Moyer - Trumpet
Ellis Groff - Harmonica
Ken Graybill - Guitar
Polly Graybill - Mandolin
Bob Hearson - Euphonium



OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT AND LIFE

by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Six more months and Easter will be here. And what comes before Easter? LENT!!! 2012 is the year we at St. Andrews will have our very own inspirational Lenten booklet. It will consist of writings by our members. The following are a few suggestions for your contributions:

- Choose a Bible verse or story which means most to you and why.
- Add a prayer of your own.
- Copy a poem that is meaningful to you
- Choose a verse from a favorite hymn.
- What (were) your dreams for the future? Did you attain any? Describe one.
- Your favorite Psalm and why it speaks to you.
- Did something from The Upper Room or These Days help you?
- Did you have a special teacher? Explain.
- Who was your mentor? What were her/his gifts?

Please consider what you can contribute and bring it to Tia at the Gathering Area between services or you may mail it to the church - **ASAP**. I'd like to have ALL of them by Sunday, October 30 so that I can collate them to give to Cliffy, for her to do the final and big work. I need 40 people contributing, of course.

I'm sure we will all benefit by having our very own inspirational booklet for Lent.

tia parrish



Lenten
DEVOTIONAL

Thank You!

My thanks to the deacons for the Easter lilies which are now recovering in the Garden View garden and still look healthy. The marigolds from the kiddies are in our home garden. I appreciate seeing those who come as BEES to chapel services which we can usually attend. My thanks also to those bringing communion on special days and especially Steve's visits. It may give us a double communion some times but perhaps we need that. We think of you often as Shirley expresses concerns over the "church" things she has to do.

Thank you all for everything and God Bless you all.

Jim (and for Shirley) Tibbitts

Many thanks to all those who have taken part in our summer services. Elders assisting with the services were: Karen Dielmann, Ken Gries, and Lynn Phillips. Those who participated as lay readers were, Tim Peelen, Penny Samuelson, Marci Gribble, Scott Shreve, Bill Mulligan, Roz Presby, Lindsay Burkholder, Merry Capobianco, Cliffy Shiner, and Joy Eubanks.



Financial Summary Year To Date Through July 31, 2011

Contributions	
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
\$216,197.01	\$240,916.99
Expenses	
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
\$244,414.24	\$270,368.77

Trombone Sextet
Rebecca Lister - Soprano
4th Dimension Barbershop Quartet
Susquehanna Chorale Quartet
Carroll Ditzler - Euphonium



Choir Rehearsals Resume in September

Bells of St. Andrews - Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

Chancel Choir - Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room. Our first Sunday to sing will be on Rally Day, September 11th, at 10:00 a.m.

Carillon Bells - Sunday, September 11th, at 6:15 p.m. in the Music Room.

Praise Team - Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

We welcome back all of our faithful choir and praise team members and look forward to new ringers and singers joining us to continue the outstanding music that leads our worship services each Sunday. Please prayerfully consider supporting our choirs and praise team by joining one of our music ministries. God might be calling you to be part of our music ministry here at St. Andrews. Are you listening?? Come ring, sing and pray with us.

To join our music ministries, please contact:

Pat Yates, Director of Bell Choirs
@ 273-9297; e-mail bobpat423@comcast.net

Kate Bright, Emerging Worship Leader and Director of Praise Team
@ 761-1010 e-mail bright184@yahoo.com

Carole Haines, Music Ministry Coordinator and Director of Chancel Choir
@ 838-6037; e-mail hainesterry@comcast.net

Special Music For Rally Day, Sunday September 11 at 10:00 a.m. will include St. Andrews Brass Quartet, Piano and Organ Duet, Praise Team, Chancel Choir and Congregational Singing, with Brass, Organ, and Piano.



If you enjoy knitting or crocheting

this is an opportunity for you to participate in the mission work of St. Andrews.

Prayer shawls, baby blankets, children's Guidepost sweaters, and warm hats, scarves, slippers and vests for the Seaman's Institute are all needed.

Further information, including project directions, is available by calling Merry Capobianco of the Mission Committee at 866-4668. We will be happy to pick up completed items.



Have fun AND help the Lebanon Salvation Army at the same time!

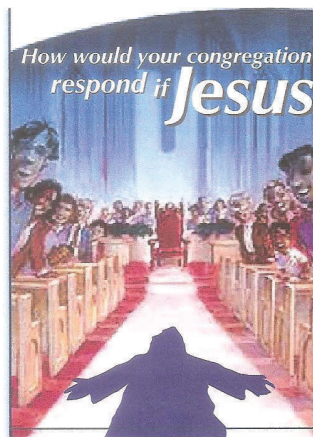


Golf Scramble
Pine Meadows Golf Course
September 30, 2011
12:30 p.m.

\$75 per person includes:

- Lunch
- Dinner
- Greens fee and cart
- Nonalcoholic beverages

For more details see
Ellie Maeder or call
Lucinda at 273-2655.



Church-wide Bible Study

physically attended
ST. ANDREWS

Seeing the Unseen Christ series is a dynamic, 8-week church-wide Bible study. It explores the profound question: **How would your congregation respond if they could "see" our unseen Lord as if He were bodily there, physically present in your church?**

Here are its Eight Themes:

When we learn to "see" Jesus present in our church, we will...

See the Unseen Christ:

How His Presence Transforms Life
When we clearly recognize Jesus present and practice His presence, we will...

- Worship Him with genuine enthusiasm.
 - Lavish His love on others.
- Embrace righteousness and renounce evil.
- Serve Him with gratitude and eagerness.
 - Surrender to the truth of God's Word.
- Experience the privilege of authentic prayer.
 - Delight in introducing Him to others.
 - Celebrate God's gift of life at its best.

Host Homes Needed -

Are you willing to host a small group Bible study in your home for 8 weeks?

Small Group Facilitators Needed -

Are you willing to facilitate discussion for a small group Bible study for 8 weeks?

Please see display in the Gathering Area or contact the church office