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PRAYER WALL

During the Lenten season, the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a community prayer wall that will stand in the 12th Street churchyard.

Congregation and community members are invited to participate in offering prayer or asking for prayer by writing simple words on the chalkboard prayer wall using chalk that will be provided.

As we intentionally reach out to our neighbors in a prayerful way, we invite everyone to participate by stopping by the prayer wall and including any hand written requests for prayer in your daily devotions.

In addition, the prayer wall will hold a container of take-a-way materials that inform and invite the community to St. Andrews Holy Week services.

** Thank you to Jim Reilly, John Reitz, Barry Kohr and Rob Cochran for the construction, completion and installation of this project of spiritual outreach to our neighbors.

March Worship—Lent

March 4

Lent 3/Communion

Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17;
John 2:13-22

Remembering to Re-set

March 11 Lent 4

Psalm 131; Numbers 21:4-9;
John 3:14-21

Looking Up

March 18 Lent 5

Psalm 51:1-12;
Jeremiah 31:31-34;
John 12:20-33

Something New

Holy Week

March 25

Palm/Passion Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing
will be received

March 29 Maundy

Thursday/ Communion

“Living Last Supper” 7PM

March 30 - Good Friday

Tenebrae Service of Dark-
ness 7PM

April 1—Easter

8:45 & 11AM



IN MEMORY MARSHALL BEERS

Marshall was a life long Presbyterian and joined St Andrews in October of 1973 after moving to the Lebanon area. He served the church as a Trustee in the 1980's and as an Elder and member of Session starting in 2004. Marshall is survived by his daughter Rhonda. He was the husband of Phyllis , who passed away in 2000, and was stepfather to Diane, Leslie, Janell and April. He and Phyllis were active participants in Twelfth Streeter's activities and the full life of St Andrews. Marshall died on February 3, 2018 shortly after his 90th birthday. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 11AM Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last three years there have been conversations about a new website, about online giving, and about streaming worship. For over a year we have been working steadily on these ideas and hopes becoming a reality, and now they are! After all the conversations and the steps that seemed to multiply as we went, we crossed some invisible boundary and somehow we found ourselves on the other side. Thank you to all who helped, who stuck with it, who created the vision, and added inspiration or encouragement. There were so many who were a part of forming all of these new technological tools for our ministry together.

These technological tools for ministry are a good thing! Streaming is a wonderful way to offer a window into worship for those whose health, or circumstances, or travel plans keep them from worship. Those who cannot come, can participate from afar, and are able to see and hear and know that we are here, and we are praying for them. This also offers a taste of worship, and hopefully this will act as an invitation to those who are considering coming to join us. Streaming allows us to extend our worship beyond our walls; may the Spirit go as well, taking the good news of Jesus Christ.

While extending our worship online is a good thing, let me share with you my fears.

Imagine with me that it is a dreary Sunday morning (not hard to imagine, I know). Someone wakes up feeling alone, feeling low, feeling pulled down by life. They don't feel like getting out of bed, so they don't. They grab their tablet, a cup of coffee and snuggle in to stream worship. This seems like a great idea, except this is exactly the morning that this person most needs to be seen. This is the exact day this person needs to know how much their presence matters. It might be the day this person most needs to see a smile, or to be asked, "how are you?" and find a safe place to pour out their heart. It might be exactly the day they need a hug as the peace is passed, and a tear comes as they remember how much they are loved by God. This might be exactly the day this person

needs to come and know that they do belong, here in the family of Christ.

That same dreary morning, another might decide to try this whole streaming thing, and stay home, before they head off on their busy afternoon. Yet that one might be just the person God longed to use to catch someone's eye and smile, or stop and talk to one who most needs to be lifted up. That same dreary morning you might choose to stay home, when you most need the word that God has for you, but that word is not found in the readings, or in the sermon or in the prayers, but it is in the word said just to you, over coffee, or a Sunday School table.

My fear is that when we most need to be at church, when we are most needed at church, that will be the day technology keeps us away. In our journey of faith, we all need a place to belong, to grow, and to serve. We cannot do that on our own. We need the community. We need a church family. The best sermons are not the ones with words, but the ones enacted by our brothers and sisters in faith.

If you are away, streaming worship gives you a window from afar. If you are unable to come to us, due to health reasons, please worship online, but let us know, so that we can come to you.

If you are able, come; this week and every week. One of the great gifts the church has to offer our culture today, is authentic, meaningful community. Let us show up and continue the community of St. Andrews. May the Spirit bring us together, again and again, to know and to be known, to grow in faith, to worship God, and to walk together through all the ups and downs of life.

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

With more joy than fear, and always in Christ,

Pastor Robin

EPYC Expectations

Spring is right around the corner, and February has given us several days to remember that it is right around the corner! As this new season begins to set in there will be changes that we see in the landscape around us. Trees will turn green, flowers will begin to blossom, the whole of creation begins to leap back to life! It is a beautiful thing to witness. Of course, as the season has changed it is also time to start thinking about the coming activities of the spring and the summer!

This year Creation will be celebrating its 40th anniversary, and it is looking like it will be an excellent year of musicians and speakers celebrating with everyone. If you are interested in attending creation you must attend the Creation meeting on March 11th. Parents are required to attend as well.

Every year I have been amazed by a piece of mission work that the students have taken part in, Pedals for Progress. Throughout the year Bikes are collected and stored and once a year we prepare them to be shipped overseas to help communities and individuals with transportation. This is an excellent opportunity for students to be involved with overseas missional work through assisting with Pedals for Progress. Bikes are still being collected.

This year for Easter we will be having an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday during Sunday School! This will be an incredibly fun time for everyone! If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated in getting Easter Eggs stuffed and hidden! Please let me know if you are available and willing to help!

Blessings
Rob

Snow Tubing March 3rd 7pm at Iron Valley \$22 dollars for tickets
Creation Meeting March 11th 3pm in youth center
Easter Egg Hunt April 1st
Pedals for Progress April 21st 9am

SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. As part of session officer training, Rev. Morgan opened the meeting by handing out the PCUSA's newest edition of the Book of Order and Book of Confessions and cheat sheets for Roberts Rules of Order as the session follows these rules in its meetings. Devotional and discussion was from Hebrews 12:1-12. ". . . let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith . . .

Bill Mulligan was approved to act as Clerk during Glenn Royer's absence.

A letter was received from Mark Englund-Krieger regarding his resignation as Executive Presbyter and acceptance to be transitional pastor of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian in Gettysburg. He has served as Executive Presbyter for Carlisle Presbytery for the past 12 years.

Perry Latshaw was elected to be a commissioner for the February 27th Presbytery meeting in Dillsburg at Monaghan Presbyterian.

The Worship Committee chair reported that Ash Wednesday is on February 14, 2018. A soup meal and service with communion and ashes will be held in Snyder Hall at 6 pm.

Perry Latshaw reported that the Christian Education committee is setting up a Prayer Wall in the front yard of the church to encourage passersby to write prayers during Lent on a chalkboard. Rob Cochran and Perry will monitor.

Robin Gries reported for the Mission committee that there was no interest from St. Andrews to participate in the Honduras trip that Presbytery has planned due to timing and other issues. Local summer projects are being planned.

Rob Lowrie and Marc Hamme reported for the Finance committee with a reminder that online giving is now an option for those who are interested.

Ken Tice explained the HVAC replacement project (Classroom) and thanked session for responding promptly with email approval so work could begin as soon as possible.

Committee assignments for Session members for 2018 were noted for the 8 standing committees of Nominating, Stewardship & Finance, Mission, Congregational Life, Worship, Administration & Personnel, Christian Education, and Visioning.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Beckie Dreibelbis

**TICKETS for the
LCCM
LENTEN BREAKFAST
are now available**

When: Sat., March 24,
2018

Speaker: Rev. Jim Heath,
Pastor Cornwall United
Methodist Church

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Music: St. Paul the Apostle
Hand Bell Choir

Place: Lebanon Valley
Expo Ctr. Cornwall & Rocherty
Roads.

Cost: \$10.00/each

**Obtain tickets by calling
LCCM office at 272-4400,
ext. 211 or by contacting
your church's delegates:
Robin Gries & Betty Ann
Seiser*
Deadline for ordering
tickets is 3/18/18.**

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





Presbyterian Women

During the month of March PW will be collecting various cleaning items to help both Agape and DVI (Domestic Violence Intervention). Below is a list of items requested by each organization

AGAPE

Lysol Spray
HE laundry soap,
Three-inch mesh traps
that sit in sink drains,
Equate 13-gallon trash
bags,
Mr. Clean erasers
Clear storage bins that fit
under beds

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

Clorox Anywhere cleaner, Murphy's Oil Soap, Latex gloves (M or ML), Clorox sanitary wipes,	Spray bleach cleaner Laundry pods Dishwasher pods
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Please place these cleaning items in the LAUNDRY baskets.
Thank you. Judy Borger



WOMEN OF ST ANDREWS – SAVE THIS DATE SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH !

Perhaps you read in last month's newsletter the many mission and outreach activities scheduled in 2018 by PW (**Presbyterian Women**). While each church functions independently, we have many sisters! On the first Saturday in April your church will host PW's **SPRING GATHERING** for our Carlisle Presbytery. 9:15a.m. – 3:00p.m. (lunch included).

**All invited! Exciting Day!
Watch for exciting details!**

It's Time to Sign Up!!



Krislund "Traveling Day Camp"

July 9th - 13th

9 am - 3 pm

With an overnight to Camp Krislund

- WHAT?** A week-long Christian, outdoor ministry experience at SAPC
- WHO?** K through 8th grade (completed) campers
- STAFF?** Trained, enthusiastic staff from Camp Krislund
Additional staff from St. Andrews each day
- PROGRAM?** "Wild and crazy" recreation, worship, singing, crafts, Bible study, plus an overnight camping experience at Camp Krislund

Please consider making a commitment to this weeklong opportunity at St. Andrews. We are looking for 35 campers from this congregation and the community. This camp experience is a tailored experience being planned for the youth and will include skits, unique outdoor games and activities (including water games and field games), lunch, worship, and discussion time.

The fourth day (Thursday) will include traveling to Camp Krislund for an overnight experience, using the camp's wonderful facilities and experiencing the awesome beauty of Krislund. The campers will return on Friday by 4 pm.

Invite your friends and neighbors!! Applications are in the Gathering Area.

Questions? Contact Perry Latshaw

Volunteers are needed for each camp day!!



March Birthdays

2	Bill Kalbaugh	14	David Overholt
3	Mardon Fedder	15	Maggie Jones
	Bob Capobianco	16	Martha Gelgot
	Erin Horst	17	Connie Dowhower
4	Ken Peterson		Donna Kuntz
5	Gwen Yordy	20	Christine Nelson
6	Rev. Tom Jackman	22	Robin Gries
7	Caroline Gelgot	23	Rose Mary Birt
	Bruce Kurtz	24	Kristen Jones
	Ann Ormond	25	Will Gelgot
9	Beckie Dreibelbis	26	Jessica Heister
	Louise Koons	27	Lee Samuelson
10	Perry Latshaw	28	Samantha Strock
	John Reitz	30	Jamie Yocum
12	Amanda Gries		



**A Grief Support Group
of
St. Andrews Church**

*Ah woe is me! Winter is come and gone,
But grief returns with the revolving year.*

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Anniversaries! They continue to plague us. Each holiday, the remembrance of what we “used to do” – the spring picnics, the Easter trip, the local fireworks show on the Fourth of July, the family gathering at Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Oh my, what to do about Christmas? And then, of course, the private anniversaries – birthdays, wedding anniversaries, the anniversary of the day of the death of a loved one.

Over time it will get easier. But it’s well to be mindful of anniversaries and realize that on some level we will remember and probably be sad.

One topic of discussion at many of the meetings of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group is just this very thing – “Anniversaries”. Anticipating the anniversary, experiencing

the actual day of the anniversary, sharing the day with loved ones or friends, how do I feel, how do I “handle” the day – these things are all of concern to all of us as we approach and experience an anniversary. We are pretty much in agreement that probably the most difficult one is the anniversary of the day of our loved one’s death. But, as diverse as the group members are, so are the ways in which we cope with the feelings of the day.

Some want to be with family and/or friends, some prefer to be alone to reflect privately. Some want to visit the gravesite, others want to go somewhere that was a special place for them and their loved one. One thing we do agree on is that the day will come and it might be a sad day or a melancholy day, but the day does go by, and the next day will come and things will look brighter. The “good news” is that we learn to somehow “get through” those holidays and anniversaries. Somehow or other, for most of us, they do get easier and less hurtful as time goes by.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings. If you or someone you know would benefit from our meetings, please join with us. We feel we have some sort of support and help for everyone who comes to our meetings.

Our usual meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The March meeting will be on March 8, at 2:00, and the April meeting will be on April 12, also at 2:00 in the Chapel.

If you have any questions, please contact our Advisor, Diane Pomeroy, at 717- 454-0756; Pat Yates, at 717-273-9297; or call the church office at 717-272-9933..

Don’t hesitate to acknowledge – This is the day. Perhaps tell an understanding friend. And then – be a little kind to yourself. Perhaps plan some diverting activity. No need to mourn all day. Your loved one would not want that. You won’t forget. Next year will come around...

I will be free to turn away from my grief when I can. Life is not an endurance test.

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