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THE DAY OF PENTECOST
FALLS ON MAY 20, 2018

May Worship—Easter tide

May 6

Psalm 22:25-31

Acts 8:26-40

John 15:1-8

May 20 Pentecost

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Acts 2:1-21

*After the Cross: Abiding in
God's Vine*

After the Cross: The Arrival

May 13 Ascension

Psalm 47

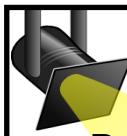
Acts 1:1-11

Luke 24:44-53

After the Cross: Separations

Beginning on Sunday,
May 27, through Sun-
day, September 2, we
will follow our sum-
mer single service
schedule, worshiping
together at 10 am.

Please note: we will be combining the months of June and July in one Herald issue which will come out approximately June 1. Please be sure, if you have an article for "July" you submit it by May 10. Thank you!



MAY'S MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Paper towels and Toilet Paper

**SAVE THE NEW DATE:
OUR ALL-CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE
JUNE 10TH!**

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since Easter we have been looking at scriptures from the vantage point of *After the Cross*. As we have read about Thomas and his need to see, and the disciples who seem to be always going back to that one room and closing the door, I have started to think about how we react to life-changing news and events. The news that Jesus is alive, is shocking and really, really good. But, it is also unsettling. The disciples kept going into that room, because they had a hard time letting go of their fears. The news of the resurrection brought confusion, questions, even doubts – is it real? How did this happen? What does it mean, for me?

This year, I think I am really relating to the disciples in this, because my year started with a wonderful event, but also one that brings a great deal of change. Many of you, so kindly ask how I like being married. Honestly, I am not sure I know. I think Troy and I are doing well, as we slowly move from our very independent single lives, to weaving our lives together. But, I am realizing (or remembering) that I am not great at transition. Even, the best news – can be unsettling, sometimes literally with boxes and different viewpoints of where things should go and how we should prepare meals. So, now I am not trying to figure out how our lives will work best, in the long run. I am thinking about how can we best love and support one another – today.

I heard a speaker once talk about how the best time for people to grow in faith, was during inflection points – moments of great change. Sometimes these moments, were more like the cross, moments that seem to be tearing apart your life. Other times the moments were like the resurrection, moments of new life, great and wonderful moments – yet still moments of change. Thus, inflection points – turning points in life are all good news, if they draw us closer to God, yet they can be unsettling.

Where are things unsettled in your life?

Where do you need God to be your solid ground?

Where are you finding God in new ways?

The Lord is my Shepherd...The Lord restores my soul – now and always!

In the Hope of Christ,
Pastor Robin

SESSION NOTES

The regular meeting of Session was held Tuesday April 3, 2018 in the chapel. The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by the moderator Rev. Morgan, who led a discussion about the new Book of Order.

Deacon and Trustee reports were received. The Trustees reported that the heating unit for the Christian Education wing has been successfully replaced and the replacement steeple is on its way. A committee will be selected to study the needs for the church kitchen and suggest any changes if needed.

David Overholt was elected Commissioner to the special Presbytery meeting on April 24, 2018. The next regular meeting of Presbytery is May 22nd. Robin Gries was elected as a Commissioner to this meeting.

Committee reports included the following:

Mission – approved August 5-11 as Mission Work Week.

Stewardship & Finance – Treasurer's report

YTD Contributions – \$101,857; Expenses – \$110,203

Approval was given to Shelby Lister to build his Eagle Scout project which includes a free library, free pantry, and two benches at the corner of Jackson Blvd. and 12th Street. A motion was passed to contribute \$375 from the Memorial Fund towards the cost of the project.

Reminder that single services begin May 27th at 10AM.

The next scheduled meeting of Session is May 1 2018 at 7PM in the Chapel.

IN MEMORY DOLORES SHOTT

Dolores joined St Andrews October 5, 2010, along with her husband Tom, on transfer from Christ Presbyterian Church. Dolores and Tom have been regular attenders and active in the life of the church. Dolores was elected a Deacon and served from January 2013 until her recent illness. Dolores was very active as a Deacon especially visiting the sick and homebound. Dolores passed away April 17, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and their families.

Eagle Scout Project

Hello,

I am conducting an Eagle Scout Project for the front lawn of the church. It is a free little library and free little pantry. If any of you have visited Salem Lutheran Church, then you probably have seen something similar on their lawn at the 8th Street entrance. I will be building 2 boxes and 2 benches that will go out on the corner of Jackson and 12th Street. The plan is to have the pantry filled up with non-perishables such as canned soup and veggies, granola bars, and pretty much anything that will keep for a while that doesn't need to be refrigerated. The library has a similar concept; you may bring your gently used books to place inside it, and you may take an interesting looking one home with you. You can return the book when you are done. These two boxes' contents are free to the community, not just the members of this church; that is not the point of my project. The goal is to reach out to the people of Lebanon, and help them out a little bit. Anybody who is in need may take the food that they need. It is a way for neighbors to help and share with their neighbors.

Now that you all know what my Project is, I can tell you that it will take some funding. All in all, the Project is estimated to cost roughly \$730. St. Andrews Session approved the project and is supporting the project with \$375 (about half the cost). Thus, I am only asking for a few donations; a little bit of funding that I can use to build this project as a gift to the community. After all, this will be open to you, the people, and everyone in Lebanon. Take the initiative to help your fellow people of our city. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to St. Andrews, and put *Eagle Scout Project*, in the memo line. Thank you.

Shelby Lister

Saturday, May 5, 2018

9 AM—2 PM

On the Buckingham Campus at Cornwall Manor

No admission fee...Rain or shine

Park at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
for bus transportation to the festival.

Festival includes shopping, Food, Children's Area,
Campus Tours...*Proceeds will benefit projects of the
Cornwall Manor Society*



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 8 th 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!!

EPYC Expectations

Thank you to everyone who has participated either through donation or coming out to work with Pedals for Progress. This year we processed 54 bikes that will be headed to either Guatemala or Kosovo to encourage economic growth and transportation. Pedals for Progress has been a great partner for EPYC and St Andrews to reach out to the greater community of the world. Thank you to everyone who has contributed through either donating bikes or money to help with this year's Pedals for Progress and thank you to everyone who came out this year and helped with the bikes!

Movie nights have been a fun family activity that EPYC at St. Andrews has been doing for several years now. EPYC will be doing another family movie night on May 25th; the movie will be Star Wars The Last Jedi (PG-13). You are welcome to come dressed up and bring your lightsabers! The movie will start at 6pm, in Snyder hall. Please bring a snack to share.

The summer is nearly here, and summer brings a whole list of events and activities for St. Andrews and EPYC. The first that is fast approaching is Creation, this year creation is celebrating 40 years of music and fellowship. On top of that EPYC and St. Andrews will be taking nearly 30 people to Creation. In addition to Creation, Krislund Day Camp is also fast approaching. Perry has set up a volunteer board for the list of jobs we will need during the week. Please take some time to look at the board and see if there is anything that you can come out and help with during the week.

Also with summer, EPYC is winding down to the final Sunday evening meeting on May 20th. EPYC will be doing an every other week small group, the first small group meeting will be on Sunday June 3rd following church service, please have the students pack a lunch. Summer small group will be for grade 8-12. The small group will run from after church (about 11am) to 12:30.

Clearances

St. Andrews Safe Sanctuary policy requires that Clearances for individuals who are in contact with students of St. Andrews and student-based ministry be updated every 3 years. This Summer St. Andrews will begin to update our clearances for volunteers, if you have had a background check within the past three years you can bring it in for a copy to be made and kept on file. You can also speak to Rob and he can help with doing the background checks online.



BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Will be received on May 6, 2018

Presbyterian Women have a tradition of giving that goes back to 1922 when the Birthday Offering was launched. It has been an annual tradition of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church to select major mission projects that will make a difference in the lives of women and children. Over 100 mission projects continue to make a difference. We continue to need the support of our church families to continue funding the projects that are selected each year. In 2018 we will offer financial support and prayers to three recipients.

Cottage Village, A Tiny-House Community for Low-income Residents of Cottage Grove, Oregon: The grant will provide quality, affordable housing and a safe, structured community for families with very low incomes. There will be a central shared use area as well as 13 tiny houses.

Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health of Tegucigalpa, Honduras: The Birthday Offering grant will allow Presbyterian women of Honduras to buy and manage a retreat center that will offer international hospitality for retreats, workshops and mission teams from PC/USA, Solar Under the Sun, and Living Waters of the World.

The Dwelling Place of Minneapolis and St. Paul MN: The grant will allow for expansion to increase facilities and services for mentoring women and children, following escape from a violent partner. Transitional housing, education, food, clothing, and trauma-informed services will be part of the mission of the Dwelling Place.

Please give prayerful, generous support to the Birthday Offering to enable the grants for each of the missions selected for 2018.

PW Mission Event

PW Women will be making and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey on Monday, June 5. Eight people will be needed at the Ronald McDonald House from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, or longer if you wish to chat with children/parents.

There are several ways you can participate:

1. Help to make and serve
2. Provide food or money to cover the costs of the dinner
3. Send frozen individual dinners or entrees to restock the Ronald McDonald House freezer, or canned goods for their pantry. A wish-list of items is available in the Gathering Area. We will transport any donation when we go to make dinner.

To volunteer, please contact Beverly Hoffman at 717-222-1705 or hoffman1bb@comcast.net

PW Eastertide Bible Study
"Cloud of Witnesses"
The Community of Christ in Hebrews"
Continues on Wednesday, May 2
and concludes on Wednesday, May 16

LCCM Capital Campaign Update

The bar graph below shows that LCCM has received \$379,700 in pledges and contributions towards its \$600,000 FRESH Start Capital Campaign – that's almost 64% of its goal. Thank you to those who have already made pledges and contributions towards this campaign. The majority of the funds from this campaign will be used to fund the construction of the FRESH Start Resource Center. The new 2,250 sq. ft. space is now operational and homeless families and individuals are being taught accountability, responsibility, and sustainability.

St. Andrews, as a partner church with LCCM, has donated to this Capital Campaign.

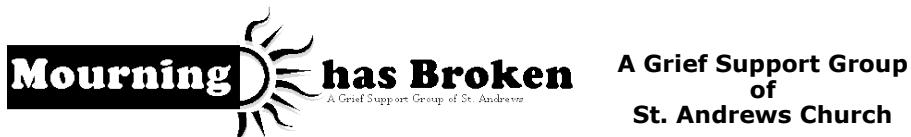
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\$600,000

MAY Birthdays



2	Panka Peelen	18	Anita Sauerwein
3	Dale Hamlen	20	Jean Gigler
	Kathy Wissinger	21	Carroll Ditzler
4	Madeleine Overholt	22	William Young
	Lindsay Burkholder	26	Avery Dowd
6	William Andrews	27	Randy Kreiser
	Ted Etter	28	Valerie Chevalier
12	Kayla Lowrie	29	Marianne Kopp
	Reagan Brandt	29	Stephen Risko
17	Lee Moyer	31	Virginia Brandt



Hikers refer to them as "middle miles". These are the most exhausting, challenging miles on the path, when the exhilaration of beginning the journey has evaporated into drudgery and the promise of the path's end has not yet given new energy for the stepping.

Henry E. Woodruff

The journey through grief is very different from the climb up a heroic mountain. Yet there are stages of that ascent which remind us of our own climb out of the valley of despair. In the early weeks of our grieving we usually have much to help us – the solicitude of friends, the love and support of family, the gathering around of our religious community, the proffering of help.

Then we are in for the long haul, when we are at least as sad but more on our own. We wonder whether we shall ever feel our old energy and hunger for life again. We observe that people who have been grieving do feel better. We are told we will, too, and in our heads maybe we believe it. But the days and

weeks drag on and we don't see any infusion of light and joy.

One recurring theme that comes into our discussions during the Grief Support Group meetings is a question like, "How long am I going to feel so sad?", or, "I think sometimes I can not go on with my life when I feel so lost." Those of our group who have been in the grieving process for a period of time are able to offer some reassurance to those "newer grievers" that yes, you do feel sad and alone, but yes, that feeling will lessen with time, and yes, you will begin to feel better. There is no time-line – everyone grieves at a different pace and for some it takes longer to reach that sense of peace and acceptance than for others. We can talk about what to do in the meantime and how to deal with those feelings of deep sadness, and come out on the other side a stronger person. We realize that after a while we find a new "level of normalcy". Things will never be the same as they were before the death of the loved one, but we begin to move forward in a new way, with a new attitude, and begin to work in that "new normal" attitude.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, no matter what your situation. We would be glad to see you and help you work through this period of great sadness in your life. We welcome St. Andrews members, as well as friends who are not members of St. Andrews. Our regular meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. The April meeting will be on April 12, at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel, and the May meeting will be May 10. We will be happy to welcome newcomers any-time!

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

Like the hikers in the "middle miles", we must keep going, knowing that one day we will get on top of our lives again. Looking back, we'll marvel at how far we've come!

I believe in the top of the mountain even when I can't see it.

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