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Summer Worship 10am Weekly Coffee Hour 9:30—10, 11-11:30

August 5th Mission Sunday/
Communion

Today our worship will continue, as we go out of the sanctuary and serve God together. Plan on serving through the morning and staying for a light lunch.

Mark 6:6b-13

Jeremiah 29:5-7

Matthew 28:16-20

Shaped by Mission

August 19th

Special Music: Robin Gries

Exodus 3:1-11

Amos 7:12-15

Luke 5:1-11

Shaped by Call

August 26th

Special Music: Carole Haines

Guest Preacher: Rev. Charlie

Best

August 12th

Special Music: Lee Moyer
and

Ben Donley

Philippians 2:4-8

Luke 2:36-38

Matthew 20:1-16

Shaped by Service

Looking ahead to early September...

September 2—final 10AM service

September 9—resume 2 services,
8:45AM 11AM with KICK-OFF
BREAKFAST between

September 16—regular service
schedule, Sunday school resumes



AUGUST'S MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Peanut Butter
And Jelly

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Summer the sanctuary has been filled with colorful birds, in the air above us. These paper birds we made at the beginning of the summer, keep reminding me of how our direction in life can change so quickly – like a bird in flight. In times of change, I am reminded that there are so many things, both little and big that God uses to shape us and to guide our lives.

This summer in worship, we have been exploring some of the ways in which we are shaped by God. We have talked about how we are shaped by truth and seeing ourselves clearly, by being loved and by loving, by God's word and the Spirit, by prayer and those God brings into our lives, by hospitality and generosity, by our work and service, by our mission and the unexpected ways God calls us. In my life, these moments have been the big moments, like moving across the country to attend seminary. Yet, also the small moments, how a short conversation with a stranger shifts my perspective and transforms my day. I think of these as the big road signs, that God gives with flashing lights, and the small blessings that show God's presence is there in the midst of our everyday lives.

Before the summer ends, I hope you find some time to reflect and prayerfully consider where God is in relation to shaping you and your life.

How have you seen God shaping, guiding your life?

How do you see God shaping your days?

Where are you seeing change?

Are you allowing God to be a part of guiding you in the change?

Lift up to God all your joys, concerns, hopes, sorrows in relation to your change.

God shaped us out of the dust of the earth, and God is not done with us yet!

“The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.”
Genesis 2:7

May we be filled by the breath of life, moved by the winds of the Spirit, turning, trusting, delighting in God's guidance; in the most joyful things, in the most difficult things, in this day and every day.

In the Hope and Trust of Christ,

Pastor Robin

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS Group)

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS) Group will be beginning our study season on Wednesday September 12th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. We will be studying the book

"The Ten Commandments from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

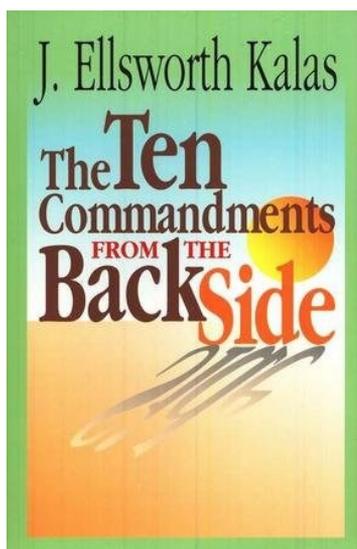
While the Ten Commandments are known throughout the world, it's not often that we are offered a fresh take on them. The author approaches the Ten Commandments through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor character.

the author explores how these "prohibitive" laws are our friends, intended to make life richer and more fulfilling. He uses contemporary illustrations and personal experience to show how these timeless laws give us an appetite for divine excellence.

No book is necessary for this study, but if you would like to have one, please sign up on the sign-up board in the Gathering Area. Cost is \$5.00. The beginning of the study season would be a great time to join us and find out

what WEBS is all about! If you have any questions on this study or WEBS Group, please contact Ken Gries

knagries@aol.com or 717.838.4936 (home) or 717.679.0677 (cell). Hope to see you in September!



APPLAUSE...MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS 2018-2019 CONCERT SERIES



The St. Andrews Concert Series Committee has been busy researching and planning for the concerts for the 2018-2018 Concert Series. Did you realize we have been presenting concerts free-of-charge since 2001? It is exciting to realize that this outreach program has continued successfully for so many years, and largely due to the support of the St. Andrews congregation!

We want to tell you about the concerts for this season so you can mark your calendars and plan ahead to be in the audience for all three concerts. The season opens on **Friday, October 12 at 7:30 PM with the GREATER HARRISBURG CHORUS, SWEET ADELINES**. They will present special arrangements of ballads, classic songs, show tunes and mainstream music, barbershop style. Expect some audience participation, too!

The second concert will be on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. FEATURING JESSICA WEIDMAN**, joined by Jim Biever, piano, and Dr. Douglas Nyce, baritone and euphonium. This will be a program of secular and love music with a nod to Valentine's Day, which is the following week.

The third and final concert of this series will be on **FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019, 7:30 PM, AND WILL FEATURE THE LANCASTER BRITISH BRASS BAND**. This 28-man band includes all brass instruments and some percussion. You will definitely want to hear this band and find out why their sound has been compared to "one big, magnificent pipe organ"!

The Concert Series Committee hopes that you will be able to help support the series with your donation of sponsorship. In the past, many of you have generously given to help us present these free concerts for the enjoyment of the St. Andrews congregation and the greater-Lebanon community. We are proud to say that, through your generosity, we have been totally self-sustaining for all the years of presenting these concerts. We hope that you will continue to support us at whatever level is comfortable for you. The levels of sponsorship are:

BENEFACTOR \$250 PATRON \$100 SPONSOR \$50 FRIEND \$25

When making a donation, please make your check payable to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and notate "Concert Series" on the check. We would appreciate receiving your check by September 1, please. Thank you for your generous support in the past, by your financial gifts, by your attendance at our concerts, and by your encouraging comments about our concerts. All are greatly appreciated!

The ***MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS COMMITTEE***:
Pat Yates, Maggie Beatty, Marc Hamme, Bob Hearson, Roz Presby,
Bonnie Tenney.

IN MEMORY



PHYLLIS ALLEN

Phyllis joined St Andrews along with her husband Bradley July 5, 1961, transferring from the Williamsport Presbyterian Church. They had three sons who grew up in the church. Phyllis was very active, being elected to the Session in 1985. She served several terms, was commissioner to Presbytery numerous times, was chair of the Music and Worship Committee while on Session and served on the search committee to call Rev. Cassel. Phyllis will best be remembered for her beautiful voice singing many solos and as a choir member until her recent illness. Phyllis and Brad placed the beautiful picture at the Snyder Hall stairway in honor of their grandson Joshua. Phyllis joined the Church Triumphant on July 25, 2018.

DOROTHY (DOT) BLISS

Dot joined Fourth Street Presbyterian Church, the predecessor of St Andrews, along with her husband Malcolm in March of 1951. Both she and "Mac" were active in the church their entire lives and raised their six children in the church.

Dot was one of the first Deacons, starting in February of 1979 and later in 1985 was elected an Elder. She was a faithful choir member until just recently. As her children were growing up she helped with many youth activities. Dot and Mac were both active in the couples group called

the Fourthrowers and later when the church moved to it's present location it became the Twelfth Streeters. Dot also served on many committees starting with the interior decorating committee for the new church and later on the kitchen committee where she helped to organize many church dinners. She was active in Presbyterian Women and regularly attended the sewing group.

Dot will always be remembered for her friendly personality and ready smile. She joined the Church Triumphant June 24, 2018. There will be a memorial service on August 18, 2018 at 11AM with a reception to follow in Snyder Hall.

FRANCES M. HAMLIN

Frances died June 2, 2018. She joined St Andrews March 22, 1987 along with her husband Dale. She transferred from The United Methodist Church in Cleona. They lived near Indiantown Gap where she owned and operated a day care facility in her home.



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Mission Week

For Youth and Adults

Begins Sunday, August 5th

ALL Mission Week
Volunteers will receive a
"Mission at Work" T-shirt

This year the Mission Committee has planned a week full of activities for all ages to give back to the community and share the Light of God in the world.

Sunday, August 5

Worship begins at 10 AM. Following communion, in response to God's word, the congregation is encouraged to participate in mission projects that will be offered until about Noon. You may participate in as many of the activities as you wish. **A light lunch will be provided at Noon.**

Sunday Mission Projects will include:

- Serving Home Communion
- Baking Cookies for the Rescue Mission
- Writing cards/e-mails to shut-ins, sponsored children, and Mission Co-worker
- Making No-Sew Fleece Blankets for GAIN
- Sewing School Kit Bags
- Assembling Health and School Kits for Mission Central
- Clean up church property

Plan on staying for lunch after you respond to God's Word

Basic Information for Monday through Saturday Mission Week activities:

- Closed toed shoes are needed for all activities.
- Bring your own bag lunch and drink for all activities lasting through the lunch hour that are not directly related to a meal.
- Please e-mail or phone ahead to Robin Gries to reserve your spot(s)

robingries@aol.com or 717-838-4936

Mission Week Schedule

August 6 – 11, 2018



MONDAY

9 AM – 2 PM Clean-up at Stoever's Dam Park

9 AM – 2 PM Assembling Health and School Kits for Mission Central

(<https://missioncentral.org>)

and Making No-Sew Fleece Blankets for GAIN

(www.gainusa.org)

TUESDAY

8:45 AM – 4 PM Mission Central, Mechanicsburg

(<https://missioncentral.org>)

5 PM—9 PM YFC—Serving dinner and working with youth
(time is tentative)

WEDNESDAY

10 AM – 2 PM Union Canal Park – Beautification Projects

6 PM – 8 PM Rails to Trails Clean up and Hike

FRIDAY

Dusk Celebration Night with an Outdoor Movie in churchyard

SATURDAY

10 AM – 1:30 PM Free Noon Meal at SACP

*Times and activities are subject to minor changes.

Contact any members of the Mission Committee for answers to questions or for more information.

SESSION NOTES

Following a welcome and an opening prayer by Pastor Robin, the June 5, 2018, meeting of the St. Andrews Session started with a review of Chapter Three in the Book of Order. Pastor Robin then asked for feedback from Session members regarding any other areas in the Book of Order that they would want discussed in the future.

Regular monthly reports from the Deacons, the Trustees and the standing committees were provided by those representatives in attendance. Items of interest that were reviewed and approved are listed below...

- heard the Clerk's Report and approved the request for baptism for Georgia Ann Widger on June 24, 2018, prior to the service for the receipt of new members (of which she will be one) on that date.

- approved a special meeting for Session members to meet with the individuals to be received as new members on Sunday, June 24, at 9:30 AM.

- approved rehearsal space for the Hershey Area Playhouse in fellowship hall.

- reviewed the plans of the Congregational Life Committee for the All-Church Picnic scheduled for June 10 following the 10:00 AM service.

This meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rebecca Lister.

On July 3, following a welcome and the opening prayer by Pastor Robin, the Session discussed Rob Cochran's application to become an inquirer. The Session agreed to support and encourage Rob throughout this process. Session member Betsy Sensenig agreed to serve as Rob's mentor.

Reports were received from standing committees, the Trustees and the Deacons. Items that were approved by the Session are listed below...

- approved a vacation request by Pastor Morgan from Aug. 20 - 26. Rev. Charles Best was then approved as the supply minister on Sunday, August 26, 2018.

- approved the baptism of Wybie Buckingham on July 22, 2018, as part of the Clerk's report.

- approved a special congregational meeting to elect two Deacons and amend the Pastor's Term of Call on July 29, 2018, after the morning worship service.

- heard the report from the Christian Ed Committee that Camp Krislund will run daily at St. Andrew's during the week of July 9 - 13.

- were reminded by the Worship Committee that on Wednesday, July 25, an outdoor service will be held at 6:00 PM.

- approved Rick Borger to serve as the St. Andrews representative at the next Presbytery meeting in Gettysburg on September 25, 2018.

- heard the report of the Mission Committee, which is planning special daily activities locally during the week of August 5 - 11.

- discussed a family leave policy for the church and agreed to post the policy for congregational review before it is presented for a vote by the congregation at the next congregational meeting to be held on July 29th.

- approved the Administration and Personnel Committee's description of Temporary Pastoral Coverage at St. Andrews, to be in effect from November 5 to January 28, 2019.

- discussed and then agreed that Pastor Robin and Session member Robin Gries will explore with the family of Rev. Steve Gribble, the possibility of holding a service of prayer and committal, to recognize his 10-year ministry at St. Andrews. The date and time to be explored were Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer by Ron Hetrick.

Respectfully submitted by
Ron Hetrick





EPYC Expectations

Summer is almost over? I'm not entirely sure as to how we have reached this point of summer having flown by, but here we are! I am proud to report that the our big summer activities of Creation and Krislund have been great successes. I want to thank everyone who has made these moments of ministry and adventure possible. It would not be possible to make these events work without the hard work from planning and preparing everything for Creation, to helping plan and prep for Krislund. I am extremely thankful to everyone who helps make these things possible!

Creation this year was incredible, we took the largest group of students and adults that (since I have been here) to celebrate and worship at Creation. Every year of Creation is from the music to the speakers, but a stand out for me is the way that our creation crew comes together with everyone at creation. It is a beautiful reflection of the community that we look towards in our hope of heaven. A great moment of this is seen in the candle lighting service at Creation, we are each a light in this world, and as that light spreads through the crowd the light grows in the night. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this year possible.

Krislund Day Camp was also a great success this year! We had five incredible counselors come down from Krislund and guide our campers through the week here. In addition, we took three vans filled with kids to Krislund where they got to experience all of the joys and adventures of summer camp. It is a blessing that St. Andrews has for the past four years provided this time and space to the children of the church and community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Day Camp possible.

The outdoor movie night will be on August 10th and the movie will be Wonder. Wonder is rated PG for thematic elements of bullying and some mild language. Wonder is a touching family movie that tells an excellent story of a family and community coming together. The movie will start at 8:30pm and be held outside by the prayer maze, weather permitting; if it is raining the movie will be in Snyder hall at 8:30pm. Please bring a snack to share, popcorn will be provided, and a camp chair or blanket for seating! The movie nights also present a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and family.

EPYC Small Group will be meeting immediately after church
On August 12 and August 26+++++Summer Fun!



August Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Shirley Etter | 11 Mary Lynne Mulligan |
| Karen Shalters | 12 Jim Tibbitts |
| Jeff Burgis | 13 Tom Shott |
| Michael Yordyr | 14 Shawn Burgis |
| 6 Rebecca Lister | Judy Kurtz |
| 7 Helen Leaman | John P. Goetze (son) |
| Brynna Lister | Teagan Lowrie |
| Lisa Meyer | 18 Cliffy Shiner |
| 9 Kathy Lebo | 22 Wesley Kreiser |
| John Hakkinen | Dennis Shalters |
| 10 Roz Presby | 27 Maureen Goetze |



A Grief Support Group
of
St. Andrews Church

REMEMBERING FRIENDS WHO RECENTLY HAVE PASSED ON
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. We who have survived the death of loved ones and friends 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.

This spring the members of our group were saddened by the passing of two of our members—Linda Hissner and John Feitig. They each had been part of the group for almost a year before their deaths, and they are missed. Linda came only a few times and was rather quiet, but she was able to offer some helpful insights during our conversations. John attended our meetings regularly and had a

way of brightening our conversations. He was a great lover of music, and told us about how listening to and playing music was a great help to him in his grieving the passing of his dear wife. He was able to form a few new friendships from the group, which is always a plus. We are sad to not have Linda and John attending our meetings, but also rejoice with their peace.

Then, on June 28, we received the sad news of the passing of our former pastor, Rev. Steve Gribble. Steve was the founder of the Grief Support Group in September, 2005. He recognized the need for such a group following the deaths of five men in our congregation within a 6-month period of time, leaving five women who were in various stages of the grieving process. We started our get-togethers with Steve with about 10 people, and that number grew over the years to today when we have 20-25 members, including quite a few who are not members of our congregation, but heard about our group and wanted to get some support. Steve was able to bring us together to help each other with suggestions and ideas about how to deal with certain aspects of grieving and being alone. Managing holidays and special family events, anniversaries, preparing and eating meals alone, answering awkward questions from well-meaning friends, were among some of the many topics we explored together under Steve's leadership. He wept with us and laughed with us and prayed with us, all while helping us through this most difficult time in our lives.

As a group, we were disappointed when Steve left St. Andrews to explore his new position as a chaplain. We were glad for him that he was following a dream, but sad to lose him as our mentor. We are also very fortunate that Diane Pomeroy was able to step in and take on the leadership of the group, so we can continue to be a help and support to those who grieve.

It was very sad to get the news that Steve had died, but knowing that he had been quite ill, we accepted it was a blessing that he was now at peace. He will be fondly remembered by us as being a caring, loving, and dedicated leader who helped us on the journey through the grieving process.

We welcome anyone who is grieving, no matter how recently or long ago. All are welcome. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 in Cassel Chapel. Please feel free to contact our advisor, Diane Pomeroy, 15 717-454-0756; Pat Yates at 717-273-9297; or the church office 717-272-9933, if you have questions or for more information.

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

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