

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

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*Applause...Memorable Music at
St. Andrews
presents*



The Greater Harrisburg Chorus,
Sweet Adelines

Friday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

October Worship

Oct 7 World Communion Sunday

- Rev. Troy Morgan Preaching
Peacemaking Offering/ Home
Communion

Mark 10: 2-9; Hebrews 2:5-12

Genesis 2:18-24

What Has God Joined Together?

Oct 14

Isaiah 40:27-31; Mark 10:32-34

James 5:7-12

Wait for the Lord

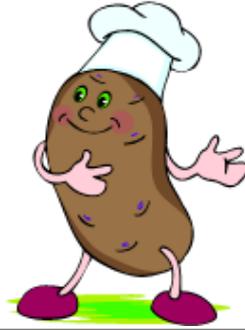
Oct 21

Psalms 124; Mark 9:38-50

James 5:13-20

Practicing Prayer

**Oct 28 St. Andrews Day -Laity
Sunday & Stewardship Sunday
(Single Service 10AM with Bells
and a Bagpiper)**



St. Andrews Day Baked Potato Lunch Buffet!

Please plan to stay for lunch immediately following worship and the Congregational meeting on St. Andrews Day, October 28th. Join us downstairs in Snyder Hall for some fun, fellowship and baked potatoes. Please RSVP by signing up in the Gathering Area. Donations of potato topping and/or cookies is appreciated.

St. Andrews Day Schedule Sunday, October 28

9AM Sunday school

10AM Single worship service

11AM Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing new officers and voting on Pastor Robin's Terms of Call

11:30AM Baked Potato Lunch Buffet

As we approach St. Andrews Day and our annual congregational meeting, if you have any questions about Pastor Robin's terms of call, please address them with Administration and Personnel chair, Ron Hetrick, prior to the meeting.

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the heart of Fall, I find the book of James moving into my heart.

As we moved into September, I was looking forward to studying and preaching on this book. I hoped it would create good concrete steps for each of us to take and practice, as we live our faith. What I didn't know is that this little book would follow me with God's Word each week.

Here is what happened. The second week, we talked about how James encourages us to deal with our trials, and even to consider them a joy as we draw closer to God, for God's wisdom and God's help. Right at this time, I was dealing with a very difficult time in my pregnancy. The doctors were making all sorts of recommendations and telling me to re-order a number of things in my life. But I didn't feel like I had all the information I needed, or that they were looking at the whole picture. It was overwhelming. I was upset and emotional and it was adding to my stress in a month that was already very full. I was feeling like I had been very healthy before I got pregnant, but now I would live with more and more health challenges for the rest of my life. Yet, here was this scripture, telling me to face this trial, to even find joy in it, as I sought God's wisdom and God's help. I will admit I am still frustrated at the situation, but as I gain the information, and live into the suggested health changes, I am feeling better and I am even finding that there is joy, in the midst of the trial.

Then, the next week, in chapter 2, James talked about favoritism, and about God's preferences, being put before our preferences. This was especially true in regards to the people around us. Then I had a day that started with a doctor's appointment that was supposed to be 15 min and ended up being 45. But, what was really getting under my skin, was the nurse who brought me back, asked me questions that seemed like accusations and then put me in a room for a test, without explaining to me what was going on or would be going on. I found myself judging. I found myself wishing she would change offices, so I didn't have to see her. And then in the back of my mind was this echo, 'She is God's beloved.' And so, I pushed back my impression and frustration and worked on putting God's view right there in the front of my mind. The day continued in this way, with a frustrating exchange at the grocery checkout line, and on the phone with the credit card company. Yet through it all, in each encounter that was so annoying, God's word from James was right there reminding me of how God was calling me to abide with all those around me.

How are you finding the book of James?

How is God's Word affecting your days, and your life in this season?

May God continue to speak to us and lead us through great trials, and through frustrating moments of life.

In the Service of Christ,

Pastor Robin

APPLAUSE...MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS

The Concert Series Committee is excited to invite you to come for our first concert of the 2018-2019 season! This concert, held on **Friday, October 12, at 7:30 PM**, will feature ***THE GREATER HARRISBURG CHORUS, SWEET ADELINES***.

Get ready to be entertained! It is said that music is the universal language and the Greater Harrisburg Chorus is a premium a cappella group who knows the meaning of "HARMONY" - no pianos, no guitars or violins needed! You will appreciate the blending voices bringing the songs you enjoy hearing.

This chorus was formed in 1956 and has come a long way since then. They are current first place mid-chorus champions in a 4-state region and will compete internationally in New Orleans in 2019. Master Director, Claire Domenick, comes from a musical family and has led this chorus to win many honors over the years. Singers consistently drive hours each way to sing under her direction and expertise. She's that good!

Chorus members come in all ages and backgrounds and the current membership boasts 60+ enthusiastic women who call this amazing experience more than "just a hobby". They work hard, play hard, laugh a lot, and consider each other sisters-in-song.

For this program they will present special arrangements of ballads, classic songs, show tunes, and main stream music, barber-shop style. Be prepared for some audience participation, too!

As with all the APPLAUSE... MEMORABLE MUSIC concerts, a Reception will follow with lots of goodies provided by Ann Ormond and her team of St. Andrews best bakers. This is a nice time of fellowship and an opportunity to greet the performers.

There is no admission charged for any of our concerts, however, a "Free-Will Offering" will be accepted.

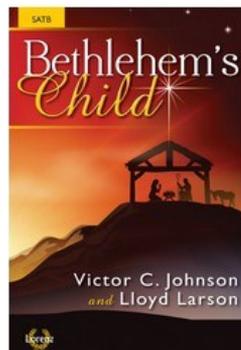
Your Concert Series Committee has worked diligently to provide entertaining and enjoyable concerts again for you for this season. We truly hope you will plan to be with us to get the season off to a fun and rousing start, with ***THE GREATER HARRISBURG CHORUS, on Friday, October 12, at 7:30 PM***. It promises to be an entertaining evening!



Bethlehem's Child

The Miracle of Christmas

St. Andrews Chancel Choir invites you to join us this Christmas season as we revisit and celebrate the story of Christ's birth with music and word. Come with us as we meet the people who were there that first Christmas. Hear how they were part of God's miraculous plan. Come celebrate anew with music and scripture – the story of God's great Gift.



Say "YES" - Come join the choir on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 to 8:00 and help us sing the wonderful and inspiring music. Everyone is invited! Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, October 10.

COME welcome Bethlehem's Child into your heart on Sunday, December 16, at the 11:00 am service and rejoice in the news of God's great Gift!



Are you interested in learning more about being a member of SAPC?

Our next inquirers class will be Sunday October 14th immediately following the 11am service. If interested, please call the church office at 272-9933. Talk with Pastor Morgan for additional information

It's Shelter Time Again!

St. Andrews will host the **emergency shelter for Fresh Start** (First Response Emergency Shelter for the Homeless) for two weeks from **Monday, October 22 to November 5, 2018**. Along with other churches in the community, we provide overnight space for homeless guests from 8:30 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) provides daytime shelter and assistance in locating and applying for housing, employment, training, childcare, etc. LCCM issues daily vouchers after interviews and vetting. Fifteen to thirty individuals, with half being children, find

themselves in need of emergency shelter on any given day. **Volunteers** are needed to **welcome and check-in** guests from **8:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.** and/or **sleep overnight** in Snyder Hall from **9:15 p.m. to 7:15 a.m.** If you would like to help in this mission opportunity, please use the link to sign up online or on the volunteer board in the gathering area.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CA8AC2EABFE3-emergency1>

2018 Flood Update

The flooding from this past summer is worse than anticipated. Well over 100 calls were made to Lebanon County emergency officials about the floods' effect on homes. The local recovery group is being reactivated and plans are being put in place to help. It is anticipated that help will be needed in the following areas:

- Phone banks - returning calls to people that have called in for assistance
- Clean out crews

Work in these areas will most likely begin sometime in October. As we get further into this work, we foresee that there may be other needs and opportunities to help. Updates will continue. Please prayerfully consider what part you can play in this mission of helping your neighbors.

Don Beatty (717-304-2533)

Band Together at St. Andrews is 1 Year Old and We are Celebrating!

**{Did you ever wonder. What is this program all about?
Well, here is your chance to find out!}**

You are invited to join us for this one session to experience what BT has to offer...

- Strength-generating exercises with different weighted bands
- Activities to increase balance
- Core strengthening challenges
- Comradery and caring among the participants

When - Thursday, October 4, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

1:15 PM Please Come Early to be welcomed and get prepared before we start

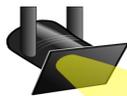
What - Participate in or just observe our various activities

- Interact with some dedicated, fun-loving BT'ers
- Hear their success stories of the past year
- Learn about the past and future of the Penn State Band Together program
- Enjoy some light refreshments with us following the class

Where - Room 8 (The BT room) on the lower floor of St. Andrews

[turn right at the bottom of the staircase to Snyder Hall and walk toward the sink at the end of the hallway - we're on the right, or take the elevator, turn right and then left and follow the hallway toward the sink]

**See you at Band Together at St. Andrews
on Thursday, October 4!**



**OCTOBER'S
MISSION SPOTLIGHT
IS:**

**Breakfast Bars, Bagged Popcorn,
And 100% Juice
For Shelter**

Bios—to Be Elected October 28

Elders

Rick Borger—Born to Lutheran parents, baptized by a Dutch Reformed chaplain in the Army, confirmed a member of the Congregational Church (later the United Church of Christ), and a Presbyterian by marriage, I am something of a Reformed Church mongrel. I have served as a Ruling Elder in three congregations: First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, PA; First Presbyterian Church of Jerseyville, IL; and Saint Andrews.

I am married to lifelong Presbyterian Judy, who has served those same congregations as a Deacon. We have both been active in other areas, too: she in choir and Presbyterian Women, I as Clerk of Session in Jerseyville as a frequent Commissioner to Presbytery in Jerseyville and at Saint Andrews, a member of the Wednesday Evening Bible Study led by Ken Gries, and discussion leader of the Sunday morning Coffee and Conversation group.

Judy and I have two sons, John and C.B. John and his wife Molly and children Sarah, Matthew and William live in York, PA, and are members of their local Presbyterian church. C.B. and his wife Sarah live in Signal Hill, California.

Beckie Dreibelbis—member since 1984, has been a Sunday school teacher, served on Christian Ed. Committee, Worship committee, and Associate Pastor Nominating committee. Beckie was ordained as a Deacon in 2007, serving 2 terms. She has been on Session for 3 years and has served as Worship Chair. Currently playing bells in Carillon Bell Choir. She and Don have 4 grown children: Sally, Kara, Ellen, Sam, and, 6 grandchildren.

Stuart Juppenlatz—is a third generation and life-long member of St. Andrews. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Andrews. Stuart served on the Session of St. Andrews from 2002 through 2005 and from 2010 through 2016. He previously served on the Board of Trustees for three terms and was the Board President for three years. Stuart has served on various committees at St. Andrews including Stewardship and Finance, Visioning, Nominating, Personnel, Worship, Audit and an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. He currently assists with soundboard operations during worship services.

Stuart is married to Veronica Devitz Juppenlatz. They have two adult children, Laura and William.

Stuart is a Senior Vice President and Manager of the Corporate Trust Department of the Fulton Financial Advisors division of Fulton Bank where he has been employed for 33 years. He enjoys fitness swimming, cooking and working on projects around the house.

Robert Lowrie—member since 1995; ordained as an elder and has served on Session, on Trustees, and as President of Trustees. Married to Lorraine, has 2 grown sons and 4 grandchildren. “I am extremely excited to see the church grow and progress as more youth become members and become actively involved within the church.”

Deacons

Judy Borger— Growing up in the Presbyterian church as a child, I sang in the choir with my mother and loved leadership in youth fellowship. I have served as Deacon in three congregations: First Presbyterian Church in Pottstown, PA; First Presbyterian Church in Jerseyville, IL; and Saint Andrews.

I am married to Rick, who has served those same churches as a Ruling Elder. I have also been active in our church choir and Presbyterian Women.

Rick and I have two sons, John and C.B. John and his wife Molly and children Sarah, Matthew and William live in York, PA. C.B. and Sarah live in Signal Hill, CA.

John Butler—I moved to Jonestown in 2001 with my wife Yvonne and our youngest son Jake. Our daughter Rachel lives in Mt. Lebanon PA and our oldest is Adam who lives in Philadelphia. We each have distinctly different ideas about practicing our faith. Although our children were raised as Roman Catholics, today no one in our family follows that faith. About 4 years ago I began searching for a new faith community to join and serve, while building my spirituality and faith. At that time I was returning as a full time caseworker for Lebanon County after a 2 year retirement (yes I flunked retirement). From past experience I knew that I needed spiritual strength – not to evangelize but to enrich my ability to serve. In my search for a new faith community I also felt there should be a commitment to mission work. No church I have attended could match the mission work underway at St Andrews. And St. Andrews members were very gracious about discussing church life and opportunities to build my faith. That combination sang out to me and brought me to St Andrews ready to serve. I am very pleased to be nominated to serve as Deacon.

Melynda Cochran—Melynda has been married to Rob for the past 10 years and together they have two children, Ray and Adelyn. She is a graduate of Chesapeake Bible College and a current student with Lancaster Bible College for her master's in counseling. She has recently begun work with Jackson Elementary as a paraprofessional which allows her to work with teachers and students to provide support to them in classroom settings. Melynda has been a member of St. Andrews since 2016.

Bob Kopp—Bob & Marianne moved back here from Fairfield, CT in 1989 with their younger two children Kathy & Drew (two older children, Derek & Beth, were away at college), who enrolled in 7th & 9th grades at Cedar Crest & were soccer standouts. Our family was very involved with Fairfield Congregational Church, with Marianne being Christian Education Director & Bob teaching junior high Sunday school. We found a home at St. Andrews & joined in 1994, with Marianne serving as a deacon, while Bob had been co-coordinating & soliciting the 11 am ushers for Bob Oxenreider. Later, with Bob Oxenreider's passing, he has continued in his tradition as head usher, as well as serving on the Nominating Committee. Bob's faith journey has been a bumpy challenge, with the loss of our oldest son, Derek, in 1999 (just short of his 30th birthday) to complications during a

bone marrow transplant for his MCL leukemia. Since that day, after years of anger & self pity, Bob finally found God's presence in everyday experiences & a greater empathy for those experiencing losses in their life! He is hoping that those things might enable him to be as caring & attentive a deacon as Marianne was!

Christine Nelson—My St. Andrews journey began after moving to Cornwall in 2000 after a career on Long Island in publishing. I attended computer school and provided support for my parents. Working with Hershey Foods as a project management coordinator and as paraeducator for special needs students were two satisfying assignments. When my folks passed on, the St. Andrews Grief Group opened up doors for friendship. Mentorship of parishioners helped me see life in terms of spiritual growth and opportunities for service. Upon joining the church on January 1st of 2016, I accepted a Deacon assignment. After graduating nursing school last year, I am employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse in pediatrics. My St. Andrews experiences include participation in Youth for Christ dinners, Presbyterian Women, memorial luncheons, coffee hour, trunk-or-treat, communion, visitations, the St. Andrews homeless shelter, and the Visioning Committee. My pet parrot, Lola, occasionally partners with me in ministry. A parrot handshake or beak kiss is sometimes all it takes to lift one out of the day-to-day wearies into a bit of whimsy and wonder. Although semi-retired she enjoys performing! Time permitting, I make greeting cards for my deacon 'flock'. Christian growth and learning how to serve others have become my rewards.

Trustees

John Goetze—joined at the October 2015 session meeting by letter of transfer from Christ Presbyterian, but has been attending since 2010. John was born in northern NY and moved to Lebanon in 1994 with wife, Maureen. At Christ Presbyterian he served as Elder for 6 yrs.; John has worked in Harrisburg for the Commonwealth at DEP as an engineer for 25 years. Children: Jessica and John. I have served on the Board of Trustees for three years and am looking forward to another term.

Bridget Hofman—Bridget has been a member of the St. Andrews family for 26 years. She has served as Trustee for the past two years. Bridget served the congregation as the nursery coordinator for seven years in the 1990s. She has been a Sunday school teacher for middle school and an assistant for both the primary and middle school classes. She has served on the financial audit committee for several years. She had a successful 38-year career in environmental protection and worker safety and health and holds both a BS and MS degree. She served as a founding member of the Lebanon County Commission for Women and was an active member of Sorooptimist International. She and her husband Dick Hofman, a member of the Praise Team, will celebrate their 40-year wedding anniversary in February 2019. Together they have one very handsome son, Andrew, who lives and works in Lancaster.

John Reitz—joined in June of 2013 with wife, Mary, moving here from Camp Hill Pres., where he served as Deacon and Elder. John was drawn to St. Andrews by Pastor Robin (they knew at Camp Hill Pres.), the church's good repu-

tation, the music, and of course, the food. John and Mary have grandchildren in Lititz.

Jonathan Roberts—John joined St. Andrews last Fall with his family. He has been in the Armed Forces and is now enjoying being a great dad to Autumn's daughter Kadence and the two boys that John and Autumn have together, Colin and Logan.. John looks forward to being a part of the board of Trustees at St. Andrews.

Visioning

Kayla Lowrie—Kayla officially joined St. Andrews in June of 2017. Prior to becoming a member, Kayla began attending the church and youth program about 15 years ago. "I have a passion for creating, influencing and molding the church's family in the 21st century. Our church and the church's family had a significant impact on my formative years. I pray, work and strive to ensure the same is true for our children, Alexamarie (4 yrs. old) and Teagan (2 yrs. old). This is especially important as the world around us evolves and reinforces that adaptation is vital to our future."

Ann Ormond—Ann has been a member of St. Andrews for over 40 years. She has served as a Deacon for multiple terms as well as serving as an Elder. She is a valuable part of the sewing and knitting ministries. Ann frequently heads up Free Noon Meal teams, and is a willing go-to person for any function requiring a meal. Ann also has long been active with the Presbyterian Women.

Nominating

Merry Capobianco – has been a lifelong Presbyterian - baptized in Glenwood Landing Presbyterian Church on Long Island, NY, confirmed in First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, Long Island. She participated in Youth Group, sang in Choir, taught Sunday School. Merry joined the Community Church of Massapequa, Long Island after marriage and was ordained as first female Elder in Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery. She worked as part/time Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Freeport, L. I. and as a teacher trainer for the Long Island Council of Churches. She served as chair of most Session Committees in Massapequa, and as Clerk of Session and Church Treasurer for many years in Massapequa and served on multiple Pastoral Search Committees.

Merry has been over 40 years active in Church Camping, directed family camps, trained counselors, was on Board of Directors and Executive Search Committee. Recently received Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Holmes, NY Camp and Conference Center.

Merry has been a member of SAPC since 2002, has served on Trustees and Session and chaired many Session Committees as well as serving on the Board of Mustard Seeds. She currently plays in BOSA, sews and knits for mission projects, serves as a liturgist and has been a "money counter" for many years.

Bruce Kurtz—Bruce was born in Myerstown PA in 1936. He graduated from Lebanon High School in 1954 and Penn State in 1958 with a B.S. in Business Administration. After graduation, he served his country for two years in the U.S. Navy, and was in the insurance business for forty years.

He is married to Judith Miller for 57 years, has two children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

An Eagle Scout, he served on the Adult Council of Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by St. Andrews Church, served several terms on the Board of Trustees, and was an usher for many years. Bruce is a 50+ member of St. Andrews.

Lynn Phillips—Lynn has been a member of St. Andrews since 1989. Following her retirement in 2005, she became actively & joyfully involved in the life of St. Andrews. Lynn served on the Visioning Committee; the Music and Worship Committee; and, as a member of the most recent Pastor Nominating Committee.

Penny Samuelson—is one of our 50-year members. She moved to Lebanon in 1966 with her parents. She attended Sunday school and met her husband at youth fellowship. While in high school, she and Craig were involved in the first youth Sunday service. After marriage, she and Craig were leaders for youth fellowship. She has served as a trustee and an elder. Recently she has been involved with the audit committee. She has been a Sunday school teacher for over 25 years. She has worked as a physical therapist- sometimes teaching, at times in administration but mostly treating patients. In her spare time she enjoys quilting, gardening (and even driving a tractor for her son), and enjoying her dogs- especially her loud snoring bulldog.



SESSION NOTES

On Tuesday, September 4, Session opened with John 14: 26-27. Members then discussed recognizing the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit within and around us after reading the article “Holy Spirit, Is That You?” by Rev. Dr. Sam Hamilton-Poore.

Regular monthly reports from the standing committees that met in August were provided by those representatives in attendance. Items of interest that were reviewed and approved include:

- Approval of Pastor Robin’s request for Spiritual Renewal Day on Thursday, October 4th;
- Heard that the Trustees are awaiting engineering reports regarding the sinkhole;
- Learned that Rev. Troy Morgan accepted the Worship Committee’s invitation to preach on Sunday, October 7;
- Learned from the Worship Committee that St. Andrews Sunday – also known as Laity Sunday – will be on October 28 at 10am with a baked potato luncheon after the service;
- Reviewed Christian Education Committee’s list of Sunday School teachers for 2018-19.
- Heard from the Christian Education Committee about “The Conversation Project,” a new weekly education opportunity at St Andrews in October and open to the community to discuss and learn about end-of-life wishes;
- Heard from Christian Education that the EPYC youth program will be broken up into 2 groups again this year – grades 1-5 and grades 6-12 – and will break bread altogether afterwards; and
- Heard a Mission Week overview from the Mission Committee.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer by Betsy Sensenig.

Respectfully submitted by
Betsy Sensenig



TRUNK OR TREAT

Coming this year on
Wednesday,
October 31!

Plan your costuming
NOW

The Gift of Advance Care Planning

Who will speak for you when you cannot speak? How do you help your family prepare for unexpected situations? Can your family or friends help you to receive the type of care that you want during a serious medical event or as you approach the end of this life? These questions and more will be shared at the upcoming discussion series, “The Gift of Advance Care Planning.” The four part series will be held at the church in Snyder Hall from 7-8:30 pm during Sundays this October.

Oct. 7 – Why is Advance Care Planning a Gift?

Advance Care Planning gives you a chance to help others understand your preferences for care, even when decisions may be hard. But how and where to start? Roberta Geidner, Advance Care Planning Coordinator with WellSpan Health, will describe key goals of advance care planning and share ideas that are proving successful with families throughout the United States. You will join the conversation, learn practical tips, and receive resources to review at home with your family.

Oct. 14 – Being Mortal

We will be screening “Being Mortal,” which takes a thought provoking exploration of care and questions around patients and their doctors toward the end of life. After viewing segments of the documentary, Dr. Scott Shreve, Director of the VA's Hospice and Palliative Care Program, will lead a discussion about key themes and how they may help you to consider your advance care planning needs.

October 21 – Common and Unique Journeys in Life

As we approach the end of life, there are common elements of the journey as each of us find our way. Dr. Scott Shreve will share an overview of the medical literature on “what dying patients want,” highlight a few observations from caring for dying Veterans and engage attendees in role play scenarios to explore the dynamics related to serious illness.

Oct 28 – What To Say? How To Get Started.

Roberta Geidner will lead interactive activities to help you feel more comfortable starting the advance care planning conversations. You will gain a sense of how you might describe your preferences and how to start the discussion with your loved ones. Because end of life journeys are personal, we’ll also share some unique stories and lessons learned from members of the St. Andrews congregation.

To help us plan for refreshments, please use sign up sheet in St. Andrew’s Gathering Area.



EPYC Expectations

Trunk or Treat is nearly here! For the past three years' trunk or treat has been an amazing outreach into the local community here and a great event for kids. This year's Trunk or treat will take place on Wednesday October 31st 6-8pm in the parking lot. While there have been some concerns expressed about the impact of the sinkholes, I am working with solutions for our parking and to continue to provide a safe place for families to come and trick or treat. As such please do take a moment and find the sign-up sheet for Trunk or Treat which is located on the youth bulletin board, by the Christian Education office, and sign up as parking will be limited!

Also, the dinner makers sheet is up on the bulletin board by the Christian Education office. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. If you are curious as to what an evening of youth ministry looks like and how the students learn and interact, joining us for dinner is one of the best ways to see this. The meal times with the students has proven to be one of the greatest moments of ministry and mutual learning that I have ever experienced. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of what Epyc is doing through the meal times!

October 20th Seyferts Corn Maize 3-5pm

October 31st Trunk or treat 6-8pm

Free Little Library and Free Little Pantry

Shelby Lister has been working hard with the construction of the Free Little Library and the Free Little Pantry. While Shelby has undertaken this project as his Eagle Scout project, it is a project that the church has been looking to as a means to help in our community here on 12th St. One the Library and Pantry are installed the stocking and care of these excellent opportunities will go to the church. As such, CE has begun to work on a plan for collecting books and is working to also enable the Free Little Pantry. Do take a moment and talk with Shelby about what he has gained from this experience and participate with the community through these excellent outreach opportunities.



Presbyterian Women

"We will come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

Presbyterian Women's fall activities are well underway. On Sept. 6, the "First Thursday Youth For Christ" meal was served by Christine Nelson, Carol Schiller, and Betty Ann Seiser. Beckie Dreibelbis will be preparing the YFC meal for October 4. The Cornwall Manor Health Center's Birthday Party" celebration on Sept. 11 was organized by Kathy Hetrick and her enthusiastic team.

The "Least Coin" jars continue to be present around the church. For each coin dropped into a jar, please say a prayer for peace and reconciliation around the world. These coins, along with others from over 80 countries, will fund grants for projects and programs for women worldwide. (A Church Women United project)

Our annual October Clothing Drive will be held throughout the month of October. Please place your gently used clothing donations in **Room 7. Note this change from prior years!** Your donations will benefit the Lebanon community through the Salvation Army, Jubilee, Goodwill, LCCM, and Rescue Mission/Agape. Please come and help us pack the clothing on Monday, October 29 at 10AM. **IN ROOM 7.** Thank you!

Looking ahead for November and December:

- Christmas Stocking Project (also through Church Women United) - 50 stockings at \$8 each will be filled with toiletries for local mental health facilities and nursing homes.
- Sunset Gao Children's Christmas, Sunset Gap, Tennessee – monetary donations for the needs and wishes of the children of this Appalachian locale under Presbyterian mission.
- Layette items for LCCM dedicated at the Christmas Desert Bar coordinated by the Sewing Circle. **DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

For more information or questions call Betty Ann Seiser.



October Birthdays

1	Diane Pomeroy Tiffany Spicer	15	Carolyn Kilgore Lorraine Lowrie
2	Bob Hearson		Sue Mechura
4	Nancy Leshner Virginia Phillips		Carol Schiller Fiona Tshudy
5	Ellen Dreibelbis	16	Rachel Salahub
6	Paul Kilgore	18	Belinda Spicer
7	Sam Dreibelbis Collin Jones	19	Marie Cikovic
8	Dave Funk Jere Shiner	26	Donna Marie Cikovic
		29	Don Beatty Karen Regester
10	Bridget Hofman Marilyn Marshall	30	Robin Welte Michael Hains
	Barbara Moyer	31	Katelynn Sensenig
13	James Miller		

Mourning  **has Broken**
A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews

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

Wilbur's heart brimmed with happiness... "Welcome to the barn cellar. You have chosen a hallowed doorway from which to string your webs. I think it is only fair to tell you that I was devoted to your mother... I shall always treasure her memory. To you, her daughters, I pledge my friendship forever and ever." "I pledge mine," said Joy. "I do, too", said Aranea. "And so do I", said Nellie... It was a happy day for Wilbur. And many more happy, tranquil days followed.

E. B. White

In this beloved children's story, "*Charlotte's Web*", we see one of the secrets of healing from grief – the passing on of one's love for the departed to others who come after. In this case it is to Charlotte's daughters that Wilbur's love flows; it could be anyone in need.

How well we know the world brims with people who need attention, care, love! If we have been blessed with a good relationship, now distanced by death, it is an honorable and praise-worthy legacy of that relationship to pass our love on.

The knowledge that there were people in our midst who needed attention, care, and love, was the basis for forming the Grief Support Group at St. Andrews a number of years ago. There were folks in our congregation who would benefit from such a group and we came together to share experiences and share with each other's grief in a special way that only those who have already "been there" can understand. Our group has grown over the years to include some whose grief has been continuing over a long number of years, and some whose grief is still very new and painful. We have embraced quite a few people who are not members of our congregation but heard of our group and came to find comfort and help and support from us.

We welcome anyone to come join with us, whether members of St. Andrews or not, no matter how long ago or how recent the loss. The experiences vary, as does the need for help, comfort, validation, and love.

Our usual meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. Our October meeting will be on Thursday, October 11, at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel, and in November it will be Thursday, November 8, also at 2:00. Please feel free to come join us anytime. You will be warmly welcomed there among us!

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

We never stop loving the one who is gone, and we will help our own healing and enhance the lives of others if, in some way, we open our arms to someone in need. This is exactly what the members of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group do best!

I know I have love to share. I will be on the lookout.

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