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Kickoff Sunday !!

September 9th

Praise Worship Service ~ 8:45 am

Buffet Breakfast ~ 10:00 am

Traditional Worship ~ 11:00 am

EVERYONE WELCOME !!

Sunday School Classes

Resume September 16th ~ 10 am

September Worship

Sept 2 Labor Day (Last Single

Service)- Communion

Psalm 20; Mark 4:26-34

James 1:1-16

To the Scattered

Sept 9 - 2 Services/

Home Communion

Teacher Dedication

3rd Grade Bibles

Psalm 111

Matthew 7:21-27

James 1:17-27

Hear Good. Do Good.

Sept 16

Psalm 125; Mark 7:24-37;

James 2:1-17

Living it!

Sept 23

Psalm 19; Mark 8:27-38

James 3:1-12

Oh The Things We Say

Sept 30

Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The Real Good Life

Sept. 2 –last 10AM worship

Sept. 9—services at 8:45 and 11AM
Kickoff Breakfast at 10AM

Sept. 16—services at 8:45 and
11AM
Sunday school begins 10AM

Sept. 23 and 30 –services at 8:45 and
11AM, Sunday school at 10AM

(Please note the change of time from 11AM to 10AM. There will still be a luncheon following—ALL ARE WELCOME!)

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Rev. Steve Gribble on Saturday, September 22, 10AM, at Lenape Valley Church. There will be a luncheon following the service in the fellowship hall. The website is www.lenapevalleychurch.org. The address is 321 W. Butler Ave. New Britain PA 18901.

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we head into the Fall, we cannot ignore that this year has certainly held some unexpected challenges. Some of them are already fixed, like the steeple. Some of them continue to get bigger....like the sinkhole. Some of them are good, like a new baby on the way. Some of them are sad, as we have lost many that we love in the past few months. Yet, in the midst of all of these unexpected events, we have one another. Colin Powell said: "The best method of overcoming obstacles is the team method." And scripture certainly agrees: "For the body is not one member, but many." (1 Corinthians 12:14).

There is good news: while the sinkhole went from a small problem to a much bigger problem, *it does not need to hinder our ministry in any way*. We have a great team of Trustees who are working on this. It is their ministry, and I know they will faithfully find the best long-term solution for us. All we have to do, while they work, is get used to entering the parking lot from Jackson St. (unless you are using the circle), and to use the ample street parking. We are blessed with the people and the resources to fix the problem, once we have a clear solution.

There is more good news, The Christian Education Committee is gearing up for a great fall, with a full schedule of Sunday School Classes, a Confirmation Class and a wonderful breakfast to kick everything off. WEBS (Wednesday Evening Bible Study) is all ready to go, with a sign up for the new book in the Gathering Area. And Rob is preparing for the Sunday afternoon Youth Group, to include both EPYC (6th – 12th Grade) as well as a separate group for the elementary children, who love coming to church. Fall is a great time to get involved and find a place, here at St. Andrews, to grow.

The other challenge, is that you have a pregnant pastor. I am thankful that you have all been gracious and received the news with joy. I am incredibly thankful for your faithfulness and generosity in approving the Family Leave Policy. It is the best present you could give. It gives us 12 weeks, the time Troy and I will need to transition our family and get used to the little one. Yet, I do realize this does pose some challenge, and certainly change. In August, session approved Roz Presby to fill in for these 12 weeks. It is good that you already know her and that she already knows you. But, what I most hope for, is that all of you carry on with the good work already being done; to continue to welcome and invite guests and new members into the life and ministry here, to continue to care for one another, and to continue to grow in faith together.

As we move into the fall, let us keep going! Let us keep focused on the ministry God has called us to. Let us not be distracted by sinkholes or anything else. Let us continue to work together, being the body of Christ, here in this place.

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." Philipians 3:14

In Christ,

Pastor Robin



Please come to a Baby Shower Luncheon
for

Baby Boy Morgan

and his parents-to-be

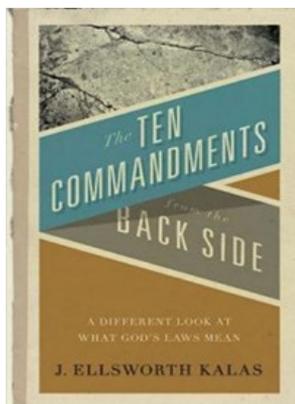
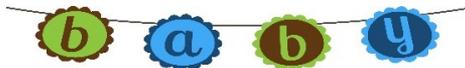
Pastors Robin and Troy

Sunday, September 30, 2018

at noon in Snyder Hall

Please RSVP ~ Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering
Area

Sponsored by the SAPC Congregational Committee
Contact Carla Dowd or Kim Risko with questions



**Wednesday 7 pm ~ Cassel Chapel –
W.E.B.S. ~ Small Group**

Beginning September 12th
**"The Ten Commandments
from the Backside"**
by J. Ellsworth Kalas;

Leader: Ken Gries

No book is necessary for this study, but if you would like to have one please sign up in the Gathering Area. Cost is \$5.00.



**Christian Education
Sunday Classes for All at 10:00 am
Everyone is welcome!!**

Children and Youth

Nursery: 8:30 ~ 12:15

K – 2nd Grade: Room #1
Karen Fedder, MaryLynne Mulligan, Dora Peelen

3rd and 4th Grade: Room #4
Tim Chevalier, Kim Risko

Confirmation Class

Grades 6 - 8

Room #5

Pastor Morgan, Maggie Beatty, Jere Shiner, Rob Cochran

7th ~ 12th Grade: Youth Center

Movie discussions – *The Shack*

Lisa Hamme, Barry Kohr, Connie Dowhower

Adult

Coffee & Conversation: Cassel Chapel

Scriptures leading to the next sermon

Leader: Rick Borger

Vineyard Class: Room #2

Fall Topic: *Spiritual Disciplines*

Leader: Ken Gries

IN MEMORY



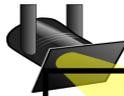
ELAINE BEHNEY

Elaine joined St Andrews along with her husband Paul in October of 1974. Both of them and their two daughters, Lori and Kate, were very active in the life of the church. She brought her love of singing to the choir where she was a member until her recent illness. She also was a member of the bell choir. Elaine also brought her skills for organizing church dinners and coffee hours. She was elected to the Session starting in 2000 and served a total of twelve years between 2000 and 2016. She was chair of the Session hospitality committee through most of those years. In addition, Elaine will always be remembered for her organizing and directing the drama The Living Last Supper during Holy Week each year. Elaine entered the church triumphant July 31, 2018.

WESLEY KREISER

Wesley and his wife Louise joined St Andrews June of 1987, transferring from Annville United Methodist church. They attended regularly adding his strong voice to congregational singing and participated in a small group at Cornwall Manor where they lived. Wesley joined the church triumphant August 21, 2018.

**AUGUST'S
SPOTLIGHT** of
Peanut Butter
and Jelly
brought in 103
pounds of
donations!



**SEPTEMBER'S
MISSION SPOTLIGHT**
Pancake Mix
and Syrup

Mission Week in Review

Thank You to all who participated in the activities during Mission Week. An estimated 60 people sporting blue "Mission at Work" T-Shirts, participated in projects throughout the week. It was a grand outpouring of service to the church and community.

Some of what was accomplished:

- 25 dozen cookies and brownies were baked for the Lebanon Rescue Mission
- 40 Activity Bags were assembled for Mission Central
- 40 Care Kits were assembled for Mission Central
- 12 Fleece Blankets were constructed for GAIN
- 300+ School Kits were verified and packed for shipping at Mission Central
- Weeds were pulled, and acorns raked at the church
- Home Communion Served
- 31 cards were sent to shut-ins
- Stoever's Park Nature Barn received a facelift
- Union Canal Park also got cleaned up
- Free Noon Meal was served
- Rails to Trails in Cornwall was weeded and pruned
- Dinner was served at YFC

THANK YOU! We hope that each of you who participated got back more than you gave and that you will look for mission opportunities throughout the year.

2018 FLOOD RELIEF EFFORT

While Lebanon County had minor flooding this past month, our neighbors to the north had considerably more damaging floods. There are several way to help. The first is prayer. Next, donations are helpful. A list of agencies involved in the flood relief effort are listed on the mission bulletin board at church. Finally, Lend A Hand and St. Andrews will be organizing day trips to Schuylkill County to help in cleanup and rebuilding. It will be hard work but it is rewarding as well as fulfilling. As this stage there is little need for skills, only a will to do good work.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Donald Beatty at 717-304-2533.



Thank You, Camp Krislund Volunteers!!

We would not be able to host youth from the community and our congregation for a week of camp without the willing hands of all the church volunteers. It was a spectacular week of faith and fun and everyone looks forward to coming back next summer to the Krislund Traveling Camp!!

Thank you to:

Housing and breakfast for our five counselors – Don and Beckie Dreibelbis
Hosting dinners for our counselors - Don and Maggie Beatty, Dave and Nicki Overholt, Rob and Lorraine Lowrie, Perry Latshaw

Daily Camp Staff – Pastor Robin Morgan, Rob Cochran, Perry Latshaw, Tim Chevalier, Karen Fedder, Brynna Lister

Krislund Overnight Drivers/Chaperones – Pastor Robin Morgan, Barry Kohr, Rob Cochran, Mary Reitz, John Reitz, Dora Peelen

Daily Attendance – Merry Capobianco, Rebecca Lister, Mel Cochran, Dora Peelen

Lunch and Snack Preparers – Betsy Sensenig, Maggie Beatty, Bev Hoffman, Barry Kohr, Ann Ormond, Dora Peelen, Annette Chevalier, Chris Nelson, Kathy Wissinger

Food Shoppers – Ron and Kathy Hetrick

Photographer – Bill Hoffman

Technology and Video Creativity – Rob Cochran

Lebanon Valley Youth For Christ connection – Laurie Funk

Daily Support – Daphne Hoke and Cliffy Shiner

And thank you to the congregation for generously supporting this outreach!!

Christian Education Committee

More Krislund Volunteers



MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to all our musicians for the beautiful music at our summer worship services. St. Andrews is blessed with so many wonderful musicians willing to share their gifts and talents to lead us as we praise our Lord in worship.

Our Praise Team and Kent Pierce
Our Chancel Choir
Maggie Beatty
Bob Hearson
Ruth Capobianco
Lee Moyer and Ben Donley
Robin Gries
Lisa Meyer
Carole Haines



Music rehearsals resume in September:

Praise Team – Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 pm
Westminster Bells – Sunday, Sept. 16, at 3:30 pm
Carillon Bells – Sunday, Sept. 16, at 6:15 pm
Bells of St. Andrews – Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 6:00 pm

New singers and ringers are needed and welcome to join our choirs and praise team.

SESSION NOTES

At it's August meeting the Session was opened with prayer and devotion on Isaiah 40 by Pastor Morgan.

The Session received into membership by reaffirmation of faith, Marcus and Miranda Battaglia. Their daughter, Hannah Battaglia was approved for baptism on August 12.

The Clerk's report included the deaths of Phyllis Allen on July 25, Elaine Behney on July 30, and Richard Charles on August 6.

The Trustees reported that the Steeple is up and that the finishing work that has been delayed due to heat and rain will be completed in September. The parking lot sinkholes are a serious problem. They have been expanding. Repair of the problem is going to be awhile.

Standing Committee reports were received with the following points of interest:

- Worship – St. Andrew's Day on October 28 will be Laity Sunday
- Mission – Mission Week was well received with an estimated 60 people participating during the week.
- Christian Education – Confirmation Class will be offered this year to students in grades 6-8
- Administration and Personnel – Session voted to approve the recommendation of Commissioned Ruling Elder Roz Presby to provide temporary pastoral services to the church during Pastor Morgan's maternity leave.
- Congregational Life – Plans are being made for a baby shower on September 30 for Pastor Morgan and Troy.
- Finance and Stewardship – 2019 Budget packets were distributed to the committees with proposed budgets to be submitted by September 17.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Robin Gries.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Gries.



CORNWALL MANOR BIRTHDAY PARTY



"Once again, the *St. Andrews Sewers* have accepted the responsibility for the "Women of the Congregation" to plan and participate in the September Birthday Party at the Cornwall Manor Health Center.

This year's party will take place on **Tuesday, September 11, at 2:00 PM** in the Community Room on the 3rd Floor of the new Cornwall Manor Health Center, just inside the front door of the facility.

The "sewers" have planned a songfest utilizing songs which highlight the History of Transportation during the lifetime of the residents... from row boats to "horseless carriages" to airplanes, and other modes of transportation in between. This year's program, which will be hosted by Sue Mechura, representing the *SAS*, will provide an opportunity for the residents to sing, reminisce about, and recount to their table mates, experiences that they might have had as modes of transportation expanded during their lifetimes. Choir Director, Carol Haines and organist, Lisa Meyer, will accompany the singing. The sewers, and **any other St. Andrews members and friends, who would like to join in the festivities**, will sing along, help the residents reminisce, serve those in attendance cake and ice cream, and hand out tissue boxes with specially hand-made covers for those in the Health Center who will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of September. Pastor Robin will also participate to provide a special blessing for the birthday recipients and all those in attendance. This mission of the St. Andrews congregation has become a popular experience for both the Cornwall Manor Health Center residents, as well as the *St. Andrews Sewers* and those individuals who have joined them for this event."

EPYC Expectations

Schools have started! I have to say that I sympathize with the kids, summer really went by quickly this year! Yet, it was a very good and full summer of activities and ministry! Thank you, one last time, to all of the volunteers who made Creation and Krislund possible! This coming fall and winter season will be a busy one! One of the first events to start the fall season is the Kickoff Sunday. This will be the first Sunday with the return of two services and the Sunday that we celebrate this in joining together for breakfast! This year Perry Latshaw is looking for volunteers to help with the breakfast so if you are able and willing please see Perry!

The week after the kickoff breakfast on September 16th, Sunday school will resume at 10am and youth group will resume in the evening 4-6pm. Please take a moment to consider joining us this year with youth group through signing up to be a dinner maker! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Christian Education office.

In addition to weekly youth group resuming there are also two upcoming events for September. The first will be Free Noon Meal hosted by Epyc on September 8th at 10:30am. Free noon meal is an excellent opportunity to start this year serving the church and the community! The second event will be a hike at Gov. Dick on September 30 at 1pm. We will meet at the nature center.

Finally, Trunk or Treat is quickly approaching! Trunk or Treat has been a great event and outreach to the community. This year Trunk or Treat will be on Wednesday October 31st. Everyone is invited to come out and join us for the evening either in handing out candy or dressing up to join the fun. This year will be a little different with the sinkhole joining in the fun. Because of that there will be some changes to the parking situation, As you are thinking of ideas for this year please keep that in mind!

Upcoming:

Free Noon Meal Sept 8th

Kickoff Sunday Sept 9th

First day of youth group and Sunday school Sept 16th

Hike @ Gov. Dick Sept 30th

Coming this Fall:

Epyc will return!! Epyc is for students who are between 6th-12th grade and meets on Sunday's 4-6pm. A normal evening at Epyc consists of game and community time, a lesson for a half hour and dinner. The whole of the evening is meant to allow the youth to have a time and space to connect to God and explore their faith. This year the students will be exploring the books of the bible through the Bible Project narrative. If you are interested in seeing what the students are learning and discussing I can easily provide materials.

Younger age group: Last year it was revealed that the church needs to have a time and space for a younger age group of children. This school year we will continue what we started in providing a time and space for the 1st-6th graders on Sunday evening upstairs in the gathering are from 4-6pm. Tim Peelen, Marylynn Mulligan and Melynda Cochran have been leading the group and have been using What's in the bible by Jellytelly. In addition to the lesson and the games the kids will have an opportunity to choose the name of this new group! For the first month of meetings the students will have the opportunity to work on choosing the name and taking full ownership of the group.





September Birthdays

3	Tim Chevalier	16	Nadine Jones
4	Fay Peterson	17	Annette Chevalier
	Ken Tice	18	Danielle Chevalier
5	Joanne Fairlamb		Bill Fairlamb
	Margi Hearson		Caitlyn Gelgot
	Charles Jones III		Barry Kohr
	Lois Bomberger		John K. Goetze (dad)
6	Dan Dowhower	19	Cynthia Condrack
	Bill Long	20	Nicholas Chevalier
7	Louise Kreiser		Gayle Reilly
	Chris Scholes	23	Claude Miller
8	Steve Martin	25	Bonnie Tenney
11	Alexamarie Lowrie	26	Lewis Sauerwein
13	Jim Reilly		Summer Hakkinen



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

*Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak
Whispers the o'er fraught heart and bids it break.*

William Shakespeare

The pressure of unspoken grief is like that inside a pressure cooker – it builds and builds until one feels as though another tiny increment of pain will drive one mad.

Speak. Tell a friend. Tell another friend, or the same friend again. A wise friend will know one must tell this tale again and again.

One way to begin – particularly if death has been unexpected and hard to believe – is to recount to this understanding friend, in as much detail as you can remember, the events of the day on which death occurred.

Telling the story is an important part of what happens with-

in the St. Andrews Grief Support Group. Especially when someone new comes for the first time, it is so important to let them tell their story, if they are able to tell it at first. We find that many are more than ready to share their story with others who have had the same type of experiences. Often they might say, "It's just such a strange feeling," or "I have the strangest thoughts," or something along that line. And those of us who have been there for a while can try to reassure that person that the feelings and thoughts are not "strange" – they are quite normal when you are grieving. It is so very helpful to be able to tell your story to others who understand and who care about what you are experiencing. The people in the group are great listeners, but we also have comforting and helpful suggestions and ideas to share as well.

During the last month our Grief Support Group again mourned the passing of another dear friend and long-time member of our group. Elaine Behney died on July 31, after a valiant battle with ovarian cancer. Her attitude toward her disease and her spirit were an inspiration to all who knew her. She was not going to let this cancer dull her bright spirit. She will be dearly missed by those in our group and her family and many friends. God go with you, Elaine, may you now rest in peace.

If you or someone you know could benefit from being part of our group, please don't hesitate to join us. Our regular meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The meeting for September will be on September 13, and we will meet at the Country Fare Restaurant, in Myerstown, at 12:00 noon to share the fellowship of lunch together.

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

The kind of retelling of the day grounds the event in the real world and helps us begin to believe the terrible thing we can put in a bubble and hold away from the rest of our life. It took place in real time, on a real day, and while it will be terribly sad to recount, the recounting will help release the pressure inside and activate the flow of healing – friend to friend.

I have a strength within myself that sometimes surprises me.

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