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celebrating
130
years

November Worship

As we finish one church year and anticipate the beginning of the next one, November's readings and sermons focus on the theme of love – God's love for us, how we live in response to God's love, our love for one another, and our sharing of God's love with those outside our familiar circle.

Nov. 4 – Celebrating All Saints' Day

Communion; Home Communion

Remembering loved ones who have died in the past year

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 146; **Mark 12: 28-34**;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sermon: A Commandment of Love

Nov. 11

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 127; **Mark 12:38-44**;

Hebrews 9:24-28

Sermon: The Gifts of Love

Nov. 18

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1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 13:1-8;

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

Sermon: A Community of Love

Nov. 25 – Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 132:11-18; **John 18:33-37**;

Revelation 1: 4-8

Sermon: The King of Love

IN MEMORY

WILLIAM FAIRLAMB

Bill Fairlamb, a professor of piano at Lebanon Valley College, came to St Andrews in 1964 as choir director. He and his wife Joanne joined the church April of 1965.

As choir director Bill established a full program of music which in addition to regular services included a Lenten Cantata, and a Christmas Eve service that included all the church choirs. During this time Mr. Fairlamb monitored a number of Lebanon Valley students as our organists, many of whom went on to become professional organists. In 1993 Bill became the church organist until resigning in 2009. He was responsible during his period of service of raising the music program of the church to its current high level.

During his years at St Andrews Bill used his avid interest in reading to lead an adult Sunday morning class in reviewing and discussing current books. This class continued until recent years. Bill celebrated his 98th birthday this year and joined the church triumphant September 23, 2018.

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year has been one of great change for me. I am blessed to be at St. Andrews in the midst of this season in my life. St. Andrews has been my constant, and you continue to ground me in work, in ministry, and in faith as life changes around me. At times, it feels like being in the center of a moving carousel. I expect a great deal more to change this month. I expect to have no idea what to do, for much of the time. And I expect to fall even more in love with this little one, who is about to be born. Thank you for graciously allowing me this time to transition to being a mother. I understand it is a body and soul transformation that will take time. Thank you for already offering such a wonderfully joyful welcome to the little one. The shower, your cards, gifts, and prayers are an amazing blessing. It is a great gift to share this joy together. (Of course, I would greatly appreciate your continued prayers for the birth and this whole transition).

If all goes according to plan (and yes, I know the best laid plans...), I expect to be on Family Leave from October 29th to January 22nd. By the time you get this newsletter, you will already know if I made it to St. Andrews Day. I plan to be back for our single service in January for the congregational meeting and to install officers. It will be a good day to be back together.

While I am away, Roz Presby, our own lay pastor (technically her title is Commissioned Ruling Elder) will be here for you. Roz and I have worked together in the hope that things will continue to go smoothly during these 12 weeks. Roz is expecting to be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, no matter the day, please do let the church office know if you need something, or if you hear of someone in the hospital. Cliffy will be able to get in touch with Roz as well as the deacons. I know Roz will do a wonderful job, and I trust that all will be well.

Please care for one another while I am away. Together we are all the body of Christ. We are all a part of God's work in this place. Come to worship and gather together, encourage one another, continue to grow in faith, and keep seeking to know where Christ is leading us all. Trust yourselves to try new things, if the Spirit leads. And always remember that you are loved. Do not pause, or wait for me; keep going, and as we come back together, we will continue to follow Christ. For this is His church and we are His people.

*May Christ be with you,
before you, behind you and right beside you.
May the Spirit comfort and challenge you.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Robin



Does this Thanksgiving Day, November 22, find you celebrating away from family? Why not join your St. Andrew's family on Thanksgiving Day for the traditional turkey with all the "fixings." We will meet at the church at 12:30 for appetizers and plan for dinner around 1:00. All you need to bring is a dish to share. Please

RSVP to Don or Maggie Beatty at 304-2379, or at memab3@comcast.net. We'd love to have you come and share your Thanksgiving traditions and dishes. There will also be crafts and games for kids. There's always plenty left to take home for the traditional leftovers too! We have a lot to be grateful for. Let's celebrate together.

Now that the **Little Free Library** has been installed with the Little Free Pantry, Christian Education invites you to donate books to this outreach ministry.

Drop off your books in the donation containers in the church library and the Narthex. We encourage you to consider the content for adult and children books and be selective with your donations. We will mark

the books with our church "Little Free Library" stamp and place them into the Little Free Library for our neighbors to enjoy. Hopefully the theme "take a book, return a book" will eventually catch on and the library will flourish as a ministry in the

community. Thank you for your support of Shelby Lister's Eagle Scout Project at St. Andrews Church. It is very exciting!!



HELP WANTED: Looking for a way to serve your church on a Sunday morning, but not comfortable being in front of people? This is for YOU! And you only have to do it three or four times a year! Our Chancel Guild needs volunteers to set up Communion the first Sunday of each month. Your time commitment would be

8:00a.m. –
12:30p.m. when
two services –
9:30 – 11:30
when one service. We always work in twos.

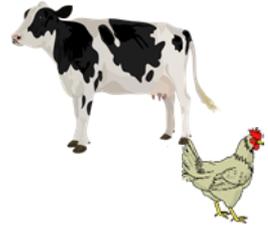


You would be matched with an experienced person the first several times. Please call Karen Register at 717-866-8522 to learn more.



LEBANON COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY GROUP UPDATE OCTOBER 2018

The Lebanon County Disaster Recovery Group is proceeding with the recovery operations as a result of the floods in July and August. There is an immediate need for volunteers to help with our phone bank. The job of the phone bank is to contact the home owners to see if they are still in need of assistance and to schedule a visit by our assessment team. Other volunteers will be needed for assessment teams and cleanout, and rebuilding. Prayers and donations will be gladly accepted. If you are interested please contact Don Beatty (717) 304-2533 or go on the Lebanon County VOAD Facebook page.



14th Annual Alternative Gift Fair

Sunday, December 2



9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Snyder Hall



Do your Christmas shopping while helping others! Representatives from charitable organizations will have opportunities for you to make a donation in honor of someone on your Christmas list. Instead of purchasing the usual returnable items, alternative gifts are contributions to non –profit organizations that help those in the community and around the world.

Specific organizations will be advertised closer to the date. If you have any new ideas of organizations that might want to participate, please contact Robin Gries at (717)838-4936 or RobinGries@aol.com

The Coffee hour will be in Snyder Hall that day in conjunction with the Alternative Gift Fair.



*****Cash and checks accepted by all organizations*****

**LCCM 2018
Benefit Dinner/Silent Auction**

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Silent Auction Begins at 5:30

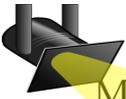
Dinner Begins at 6:30

**Location: Lebanon Area
Evangelical Free Church**

**Music: Brothers in Grace
Gospel Quartet**

**Tickets are \$25 each.
Table sponsorships \$300
(includes 8 tickets)**

For tickets call LCCM 717-272-4400 x 211
Or email Lyonel@lccm.us



MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR NOVEMBER

LEBANON RESCUE MISSION FOOD

Suggested Items:

Pasta/Stuffing/Rice	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruits	Sugar & Creamer
Canned Vegetables	Canned Meats
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Juice
Coffee & Tea	Soup
Condiments	Beans
Cereal	Oatmeal Packets
Tomato Products	Snacks



Mission Opportunities for Christmas

Once again, we will sponsor an Angel Tree to benefit children and youth of Lebanon County through Children and Youth Services. The Angel Tree will be available in the gathering area on
Sunday, November 18.

Gifts must be returned to the church by
December 9th.

An additional tree will be available in the gathering area to collect new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for boys and girls, men and women, all sizes. This tree will be available
November 25 – December 16.



Please consider giving
generously
to these opportunities.





Advent Family Dinner & Worship-

Come one, come all to Snyder Hall! Monday, November 26th beginning with dinner at 5:30pm.

After dinner there will be worship and activities from 6pm until 7-7:30.

This is an all-ages evening around a theme of "Waiting for Christmas"! There will be songs, crafts, bible readings, prayers, food & games! Please join us!



SESSION NOTES

On Tuesday, October 2 at 7 PM Pastor Robin opened the session meeting with prayer followed by her reading from the book of James: beginning with 3:13, concluding with "...heavenly wisdom is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, impartial, sincere; full of mercy and good fruit; sowing peace to raise a harvest of righteousness."

Monthly reports from standing committees were provided by their representatives.

Trustee Bridget Hofman reported on the sinkhole repair progress and was assured that initial estimates of \$60,000 including three days of digging should not impede progress toward a final solution through Funk & Sons (including possible draining water from the parking lot onto 12th Street.)

Clerk Glenn Royer reported the resignation of Diane Pomeroy from the Board of Deacons, effective December 31, 2018.

Elder Rick Borger reported Rev. Cheryl Galan as Interim Executive Presbyter of the Carlisle Presbytery effective 1-1-2019.

The Mission committee reported shelter dates for fall 2019. We will be hosting from 9-9 through 9-23-19. Also, the Alternative Gift Fair will be December 2.

Elder Perry Latshaw reported on the "beautiful and meaningful" service at Fort Indiantown Gap for Bill Fairlamb.

Elder Jere Shiner closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jere Shiner

Thank You

We are so very deeply grateful for the kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy and concern during the loss of our mother earlier this year. The support has been, and is, very much appreciated.

Pat and Jan Herschkowitz



Presbyterian Women

THANKS to all of you who donated to our Clothing Drive! And to the volunteers who helped pack and deliver items to the Salvation Army, Jubilee, Goodwill, LCCM and Rescue Mission/Agape. Thank you Betty Ann Seiser for making it happen!

There is still time to donate to our Christmas fund for Sunset Gap, Tennessee. This Appalachian locale, a Presbyterian mission with ties to St. Andrews going back years, is where our clothing items used to go – until postage became exorbitant. Now we send them a donation to help purchase needs/gifts for the children. Also, our sewing ladies have made 50 Christmas Stockings to fill with toiletries for local mental health facilities and nursing homes. This project is shared with Church Women United. Cost for each stocking is approximately \$8.00. If you would like to support either project please make your check out to **WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION** and enter **Sunset Gap**, or **Christmas Stockings** on memo line.

Beckie Dreibelbis served the “First Thursday Youth For Christ” meal at Calvary Church on Willow Street in October. Please look for the YFC sign-up sheet in the gathering area. This is a fun and meaningful way to serve. Give Sue Mechura a call if you would like to learn more about the Program.



Just around the corner we will be preparing for Christmas! What better way to start December off with our annual **Christmas Dessert Bar** coordinated by the Sewing Circle. **Mark Monday, December 3RD, 6:30p.m.** on your calendars and plan to bring family and friends! Lee Moyer . . . and Company will be there! As in years past we will be collecting layette items under the tree which will be donated to LCCM.

EPYC Expectations

Thanksgiving is nearly here! This is an absolute favorite holiday of mine! As a kid my family would spend our Thanksgiving by going first to one grandmother's house for a huge Thanksgiving lunch and then going for another grandmother's for Thanksgiving dinner. It is a warm memory for me of family gatherings and the joy of the season. I wonder what traditions and memories you have from this season that warm your heart?

With cooler weather nearly here I want to take a moment and remind everyone that there is an EPYC winter weather policy.

EPYC Inclement Weather Policy

In the case of dangerous weather conditions, conditions will be evaluated for the safety of students and families to arrive and leave from the church/event location. If conditions are deemed to be dangers by the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry (Rob) and in consultation with the Chair of Christian Education the event will be cancelled. Notification for any cancellation will go out through all available means of communication of phone/text/email/social media etc. In addition to this if Sunday morning services are canceled then all evening EPYC activities will be cancelled as well. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me (Rob) 717-847-7618.

EPYC Calendar

I would also like to take a moment and highlight the EPYC calendar. With the new website one of the elements that we incorporated was a google calendar for Epyc. The calendar can be easily found on the Epyc page on St. Andrews website. The Epyc page can be found under the ministries tab in the top right corner of the main webpage. The calendar can be found at the bottom of the Epyc page.

Upcoming:

November 18: Epyc Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, decorating Charlie
November 25: NO Epyc
November 26: Family Worship: Advent
December 13: WJTL Youth Group Night!
December 21: Creation Reunion

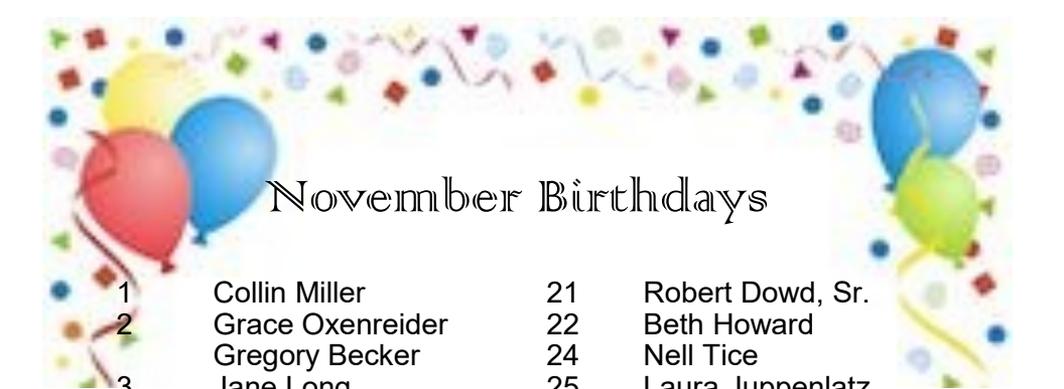
Announcing Trailblazers!

Last winter things began to change and quickly, Epyc saw an increase in younger age students and the church saw growth in the families of the church. Epyc has always had a reach to younger youth, but even more students wanted a time and a place within the fun and ministry of Epyc. Seeing this need, something needed to change! Spring saw the first experimenters in that change with several volunteers taking on the charge to carve out a space for the growing number of younger students. Claiming the gathering area as the teaching space and creating and using space creatively two programs began to exist. Epyc, 6th-12th grades continued downstairs and the new group with our 1st-5th graders began to form. Over the summer discussion continued and it was determined that the outreach and ministry should continue, and that the umbrella of Christian Education and Epyc and an expanded youth ministry needed to provide this space!

With the continued loving guidance of our volunteers, Tim P., Mary Lynn M., and Melynda C., the new group for younger students was officially formed and needed a name. At the guidance of Christian Education, it was determined that the name should come from the students. The immediate sillies of course set in and names such as Awesome Unicorn (Most likely recommended by my daughter) on other fun names were put forward. The process continued and as this the group found who they wanted to be, a name began to develop. **Trailblazers!** What an excellent name for the beginning of a ministry that is reaching out further to children and families! In that same boldness **Trailblazers!** our 1st-5th graders has continued meeting on Sunday from 4-6pm joining Epyc at the end of the evening for Dinner. As this year goes on, they will also have the opportunities to participate in different activities and events with Epyc and by themselves.

The vision moving forward is to continue to provide a safe place for students to explore and ask questions of their faith. It is also to create a space for families to grow together and in their faith. Throughout the year and the **Trailblazers!** We will be seeking ways to encourage this with families and youth. Romans 8:31 (NRSV) "*What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*" With this in mind the **Trailblazers!** will seek to move forward and equip students and families, so that we may all grow as children of God. Please add the **Trailblazers!** to your prayers as this program continues to grow within the church!

Trailblazers! Meets every Sunday that Epyc meets from 4-6pm. It is for all 1st-5th grades!



November Birthdays

1	Collin Miller	21	Robert Dowd, Sr.
2	Grace Oxenreider	22	Beth Howard
	Gregory Becker	24	Nell Tice
3	Jane Long	25	Laura Juppenlatz
5	Tom Bechtold	26	Nancy Hoff
7	Charlotte Allwein		Adam Shreve
	Marcus Battaglia	27	Will Juppenlatz
8	Kelsey McMillen		Megan Risko
15	Jody DeWald	29	George Pomeroy
17	Chris Risko		
20	Don Leshner		



Mourning **has Broken**

A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews

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of
St. Andrews Church**

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 profferings 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 cannot 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 November meeting will be on Thursday, November 8, at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel. On Thursday, December 13, we will enjoy our traditional Christmas Luncheon, at 12:00 noon, at the Lebanon Country Club. We will be glad 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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