

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

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Ministry Fair!!

Sunday, January 27th
9:30 AM – Noon
Church Gathering Area

Displays of groups and ministries of the church.

Find your place of fellowship or service!!

Learn about your church in action!!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday schedule

8:45 AM Praise Service
10:AM Sunday school for all
11 AM Traditional worship

Schedule Changes:

Christmas Eve: services at 5PM
and 7:30 PM
December 30 and January 27
One service at 10AM

Advent's Sermon Theme is "Living for Now and Then:..."



December 2 Advent 1

*Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
Luke 21:25-36*

Advent Candle: Serenity
...Look for the Fig Tree"

December 9 Advent 2

*Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Luke
3:1-9*

Advent Candle: Humility
...Make That U-Turn"

December 16 Advent 3

*Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6;
Philippians 4:4-7*

Advent Candle: Majesty
...Bear Good Fruit" (8:45)
Christmas Cantata (11:00)

December 23 Advent 4

*Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Luke
1:39-45(46-55)*

Advent Candle: Serenity
...Sing a Song of God"

Christmas Eve

Services 5PM and 7:30 PM

5PM Family Service
7:30PM Lessons & Carols

**December 30 One Service at 10AM
(No Sunday school)**

*1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;
Luke 2:39-52*

"The Silent Years"

January 6 Epiphany of the Lord,
Communion

*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12*

January 13 Baptism of the Lord
Reaffirmation of Baptism

*Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Luke 3:15-
17, 21-22; Acts 2:1-11*

January 20

*Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John
2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

**January 27 One Service 10AM
Annual Meeting at 11AM**

Ordination and Installation of
New Officers
*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm
19; Luke 4:14-21; 1 Corinthians
12:12-31*

Pastor Robin returns!

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A Note from Roz

ADVENT-ICIPATION

“I can’t wait until Christmas!”

What child (or adult) hasn’t said this at some point? We look forward to the holiday with eager anticipation. The frenzied festivities surrounding the season make the waiting seem harder. In some parts of the retail world, you can begin spotting Christmas items as early as September. The minute Halloween is over, Christmas decorations appear in stores and shoppers hear carols over the mall’s sound system. We find ourselves being sucked into the race through December. . . shopping for gifts, baking cookies, attending school programs, sending cards, going to parties, visiting friends and relatives.

Seasonal impatience happens at church, too. We love singing Christmas carols, and sometimes wish we could cut to the chase and skip the Advent hymns. But waiting is not a bad thing. Advent gives us time to prepare for Christ’s coming. During Advent, we slow down and remember the Old Testament promises of a Messiah, we look forward to hearing again the story of the birth of Jesus, and we celebrate the promise of Christ’s return.

During December, sermons will look at different aspects of “Living for Now and Then.” How do we celebrate the past, live today, and look forward to the future all at the same time?

December 2 – Looking for the Fig Tree

December 9 – Making a U-Turn

December 16 – Bearing Good Fruit (8:45)

Cantata “Bethlehem’s Child” (11:00)

December 23 – Singing a Song of God

So take some time to hop off the merry-go-round; sit down with a mug of something hot and yummy, take a deep breath, and enjoy the wait.

Blessings,

Roz



Monday, December 3, 2018 6:30 PM

in Snyder Hall

Food, Fellowship, Carols, and entertainment by

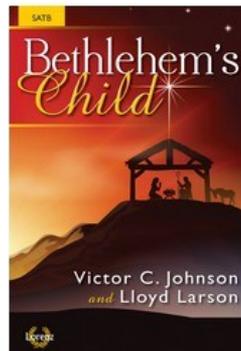
Lee Moyer and his One Man Band

Chancel Choir to Present Christmas Cantata, “Bethlehem’s Child” by Victor Johnson & Lloyd Larson

St. Andrews Chancel Choir will present a Christmas cantata, “Bethlehem’s Child,” on

Sunday, December 16, during the 11:00 service. This newly composed cantata tells the Christmas story from the vantage point that God’s ways are not typically our ways.

The story of Christmas - God becoming human - is filled with the unlikeliest of elements. God chose an unlikely setting: the tiny village of Bethlehem; an unlikely couple: Joseph and Mary; an unlikely audience through which to broadcast the news of Christ’s birth: common shepherds; and a newborn Infant as the lead character in this life-changing story of redemption, love, and grace: Jesus, the Holy Child of Bethlehem. There is deep meaning in singing familiar Christmas carols and reading the prophetic words of Isaiah and Micah or the inspired writings of Matthew and Luke. But there is something especially inspiring about experiencing Christmas through new music and fresh insights of understanding. This cantata is a musical tapestry blending the old with the new - familiar carols combined with original compositions create a fresh, new story of the timeless message of Christmas.



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

Weather, Winter and Sunday Worship @ St. Andrews

Winter is upon us again and while we hope all worship services will move forward as scheduled, it seems wise to have a plan for adjusting, if the weather requires. (And if we have a plan, we won’t need it. Right?)

If a delay or cancellation of worship is necessary, it will be on the website, on the church phone message, and on Facebook. WGAL channel 8, has told us they will no longer be putting church closings on their TV banner, but online only. As the website will very soon, allow editing from any computer, the notice will be on the home page of our website, under the worship schedule (in the blue box).

Thus, if you are wondering if there is a change or cancellation due to weather, you can:

- 1- Call the church office: 717-272-9933 and listen to the message.
- 2- Go to the church website: standrewslebanon.org and scroll down to the blue box that says: *Sunday Morning Schedule*.
- 3 -Go to the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church – Facebook group

Above all, take care and be safe, in all weather and in each day.

In any emergency, you can call Roz on her cell phone 717-507-4746.

SESSION NOTES

The annual joint meeting of Session and Trustees opened with a prayer and devotions by Roz Presby.

Rob Lowrie, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, presented the 2019 budget. Following a time of questions and discussion, the Session voted to adopt the 2019 budget for St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

It was emphasized that the congregation needs ongoing education and reminders of the annual per-capita obligation that the church has to the Presbytery of Carlisle and the desire for congregational participation in the per-capital member cost.

The Session approved a list of members of the church active roll to be moved to the inactive roll. Those members have been contacted and asked for input regarding their interest in remaining on the active member roll.

Ken Tice, President of the Trustees, presented an update of the sink hole/parking lot project. It was noted that the speed bump had to be removed based on an ongoing problem of water accumulation and icy surfaces in cold weather. The Trustees are considering options for slowing down the traffic that uses the parking lot for a thoroughfare. The congregation will be alerted to the fact that cars often cut through the church parking lot at a speed that does not consider the safety of pedestrians.

Perry Latshaw, Christian Education, reported on the Family Advent Worship Event on Monday November 26th 5:30-7 PM which is a family-focused evening of a light meal, prayer, worship and creation of individual family advent calendars. Everyone is welcome and should contact Rob Cochran if they plan to attend. There will also be an ornament-making event for children on December 2nd during the Alternative Gift Fair.

Robin Gries reported for the Mission Committee about the plans for Advent: There will be an Angel Tree and a Mitten Tree for congregation participation in the Gathering Area. There is no plan to participate in the "shoebox" ministry this year. The Alternative Gift Fair is on December 2nd and will be in Snyder Hall. The Mission Committee will have coffee available in Snyder Hall.

The Session also:

- * Approved the nomination of Annette Chevalier for a one-year term on the Board of Deacons. She will be installed on January 27, 2019.
- * Approved a resolution congratulating and blessing the participation of the Chancel Choir in a choral event at Carnegie Hall in 2019.
- * Approved Thomas Shott as representative to Presbytery meeting December 4th
- * Approved the DAR use of Snyder Hall for its March and May meetings. Beckie Dreibelbis is the church sponsor for these meetings.

Submitted by Perry Latshaw

LEND A HAND

If you are looking for rewarding work (such as hanging dry-wall, spackling, sanding or painting etc.) Lend A Hand has scheduled a trip to North Carolina in January. Contact information is listed below. As always, it doesn't matter if you are skilled or unskilled, we can teach those skills necessary to do most jobs. Come, enjoy the work and the fellowship. Because of recent flooding in Central Pennsylvania, day work trips are being scheduled. Stay tuned for dates, places and times.

Upcoming trip; January 20-26, 2019, Tarboro, NC

Contact Lend A Hand at www.lendahand.net

Lend A Hand office at (717) 731-8888

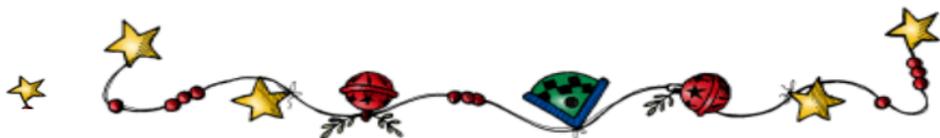
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THANKS TO THESE PEOPLE WHO HELPED WITH OUR
TWO-WEEK SHELTER EVENT, OCT. 22—NOV. 5

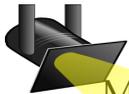
“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13

The guests in the Fresh Start shelter program have come and gone. Many, many thanks to all who participated as welcomers and overnight monitors during the two weeks in October/November. Please know that without your help, St. Andrews could not be an overnight shelter site. As one of the church partners with Lebanon County Christian Ministries, St. Andrews will host the overnight shelter again in the spring from April 22, 2019 to May 6, 2019. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to be a part of this local mission to share Christ in our community. Thanks to these volunteers:

Maggie Beatty
Judy Borger
Rick Borger
Bob Capobianco
Merry Capobianco
Annette Chevalier
Ben Donley
Beckie Dreibelbis
Vicki Eberly
Larry Everhart
Lorna Everhart
Dave Funk
Marc Hamme
Kathy Hetrick
Fred Jones
Nadine Jones
Carol Smith Kilgore

Barry Kohr
Marianne Kopp
Donna Kuntz
Art Murray
Tim Peelen
Cliffy Shiner
Isaiah Shiner
Sammy Shiner
Barb Shreve
Scott Shreve
Robin Welte
Terry Williams
Kathy Wissinger
John Wissinger

Submitted by
Beckie Dreibelbis, coordinator



MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR DECEMBER

TOMATO SOUP &
PLAIN APPLESAUCE
(no glass containers, please)



Presbyterian Women

“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL!”

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!

We filled 50 Christmas stockings (made by our Sewing ladies) with toiletries, and Rob Cochran graciously delivered them to Church Women United. In turn, CWU will deliver them to women in mental health facilities in Lebanon County. Again, thanks go to Betty Ann for managing this annual mission.

There is still time to donate to our fund for Sunset Gap Children's Christmas or for the CWU Stocking Project (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.

The PW Coordinating Team met recently, and because of your most generous mission giving, we were able to give donations to these local charities: Lebanon County Christian Ministries (in memory of Dorothy Bliss), Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County, Lend-a-Hand, the Lebanon County Rescue Mission, Sunset Gap Community Center and Ting Ministries. Charities and donation amounts are posted on the PW bulletin board.

We will continue our community outreach to **Lebanon Valley Youth for Christ** with our First Thursday dinners. We are reaching out to the St. Andrews family to become involved in this important mission - look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area and lend your name to donate veggies, applesauce, dessert, or even the main course - we traditionally make Sloppy Joes, a real crowd pleaser! Beckie Dreibelbis served November's meal, Karen and Dennis Shalters coordinated December's meal, and Sue Mechura will coordinate the meal in January.

Our January Celebration Giving appeal will be in your mailbox shortly. We look forward to a wonderful and productive 2019, full of mission opportunities! A joyful and blessed Christmas and New Year to our St. Andrews family from Presbyterian Women!

Our Sewing Circle is again hosting a Christmas Dessert Bar on Monday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. We will be enjoying Lee Moyer's musical program. Friends and family are invited! Please bring an unwrapped layette item to place under the tree. These gifts will be dedicated to the Baby Jesus and donated to LCCM.

EMMANUEL—GOD WITH US!

EPYC Expectations

It is officially Post Thanksgiving!! Which means that we have begun playing Christmas music in my house. The kids harass me about this, but I like to have my Turkey before starting into the Christmas season. Here we are through Christmas is finally upon us! Of course with Christmas also comes winter, and there are all kinds of dun predictions for what the weather will be this year in terms of snow. With that please do take a moment to review the weather policy for Epyc and **Trailblazers!!**.

Weather Policy

If inclement weather cancels church on a Sunday all Epyc and Trailblazers activities for that Sunday are cancelled as well. In case of a weather event that is projected to hit before or during an Epyc or Trailblazer event the Director of Children and Youth Ministries will consult with the Christian Education Committee and the Pastor to determine the safest course of action. If it is determined that Epyc and Trailblazers should be cancelled notification will be sent out through social media, email, text messages, and phone calls. Every attempt will be made to provide a safe and accurate decision for the safety of everyone. If you have any questions, please call or ask Rob Cochran.

While the weather may be a drag at times, there are some exciting events coming up in the next several months. The first of which is that Epyc has the opportunity to be on WJTL 90.3 for youth group night on December 13th. This event is for the Epyc age range (6th-12th grade). The congregation is invited to listen in as the students will be on the radio at some point after 7pm.

Also coming up is the Creation Reunion of December 21 at 7pm. It is already that time of year to start thinking ahead to Creation which will be on June 26th-30th. The Creation Reunion is a time for everyone to come together, remember some of our favorite creation moments, or discover what creation is, and to get more info on this year's creation! If you are interested in Creation, this moment is for you!

A final note on Big Events that are coming up is the yearly Lock-in! This year the Lock-in will be February 2nd at Paramount Sports Complex for the Epyc age range (6th-12th). A normal lock-in night is filled with games and challenges. This year the students will have the opportunity interact with the American Ninja Warrior Course at Paramount as well as all kinds of games and fun! More information will be available as the date draws closer!

Upcoming:

December 13th WJTL Youth Group Night 7pm meeting at the church 6pm to leave by 6:15pm

December 16th Last youth Group of the year.

December 21st Creation Reunion 7pm Snyder Hall

Jan 6th First youth group of the year

Jan 25th Movie night 7pm Snyder Hall

Feb 1st-2nd Epyc Lock-in

Feb Trailblazers Late Night



December Birthdays

1	Wilma Miller	11	Liz Kalb
	Jeannie Tice	12	Ed Miller
2	Shelby Lister	15	John Wissinger
6	Lisa Hamme	17	Marc Hamme
6	Neal Logdahl	29	Penny Samuelson
10	Merry Capobianco	31	Scott Stambaugh



January Birthdays

1	Sally Renda	25	Maggie Beatty
	Robert Lowrie		Sarah Flowers
3	Timothy Sensenig		Susan Strock
8	Clarence Umbenhauer	26	Ron Hetrick
14	Jacob Overholt		Jean Ditzler
	John Spicer IV		Gary Strock
17	Grace Hakkinen	28	Doug Lister
18	Mary Reitz		Karen Uhrich
21	Karen Fedder	30	Kate Tshudy
22	Rosanna Slayton		

Mourning



has Broken

A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews

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

I must learn to open bottles, move the furniture, open stuck windows, go home alone, investigate the noise in the night, eat alone, make decisions alone, handle money alone, go on trips alone, fight with service companies alone, be sick alone, sleep alone.

Sonja O'Sullivan

Often we are better forewarned, better prepared, to deal with the big events like birthdays and holidays than with some of the more formal times when we have been accustomed to our loved one's presence. A woman whose husband had died said that the first time she heard some note-worthy news and turned around to relay the news to her husband--- "That was when I knew he was gone."

A lot of the conversation that takes place during the meetings of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group centers around just these simple incidents. Yes, we talk about getting through the holidays, the anniversaries, the birthdays, and the frustration of having to deal with ordinary things once shared with a partner and now having to deal with alone. We usually find that one person's frustration in these seemingly simple things is often the same frustration of many of us. For some the up-coming holiday season can be an especially sad time. We try to find ways to try to enjoy the holiday in spite of the sadness. It is OK to be happy in the midst of grieving. It is OK to be laughing as family members repeat old family memories, while creating new ones. And yes, it is OK to shed a few tears when you hear a favorite carol or meaningful scripture or light the candles on Christmas Eve. This shows that the love is still there and your loved one is in your heart.

The members of our Grief Support Group welcome anyone to come join with us.

Our usual meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. For our December meeting we will have our traditional Christmas Luncheon at the Lebanon Country Club, on Thursday, December 13, at 12:00 noon. In January we will meet again at the church on Thursday, January 10, at 2:00. Please feel free to come join us. You will be warmly welcomed!

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

Remember that eventually the memory of our loved ones once having shared this or that particular experience will carry a poignant gratitude for all the times they were with us. We will find the power to go it alone.

As I learn my life anew, may I be empowered by loving memories.

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