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Meager Meal,
Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Members and Friends are encouraged to attend! There will be a short service with communion and imposition of ashes, led by Pastor Robin, after the meal.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the gathering area and let us know if you can provide a hot soup (ready to serve). Drinks and bread will be provided.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday schedule

8:45 AM Praise Service

10:AM Sunday school for all

11 AM Traditional worship



Ash Wednesday: March 6, 6PM; Taizé services: March 21, April 4, 7PM
Living Last Supper: Thurs., April 18, 7PM; Tenebrae: Fri., April 19, 7PM
Easter Sunday: April 21, worship at 8:45 and 11AM

March 3 Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-

4:2;

Luke 9:28-36

Light that Transforms

March 6 – Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 55:1-9; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Matthew 6:5-6, 16-21
How Will We Move?

March 10 Lent 1
Deuteronomy 26:1-11;
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; **Luke 4:1-13**
God Moves...into the Desert

March 17 Lent 2
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27

Luke 13:31-35

God Moves...past All Obstacles

Rob Cochran preaching

March 24 Lent 3
Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9
God Moves...to Where We Are

March 31 Lent 4
Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
God Moves...Toward Us

During Lent the Worship committee will be sponsoring two special Services in the Taizé style. Mark your calendar NOW for Thursday, March 21 and Thursday, April 4. Join us for these special opportunities for reflection and prayer. Each service will be at 7PM in the sanctuary.

Taizé



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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my favorite scriptural greetings for worship is: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). When I was an intern at Deep Run Presbyterian Church in Perkasio, PA these were always the first words the Pastor said as worship began, and it always reminded me that it was a joy to gather together as Christ's church. This reminder was very good, after waking up in the dark, leaving at 6am, to drive an hour to the church and get ready for the busy morning. The reminder was good, to stop the rushing and enjoy being together in worship.

Recently, I had a difficult day. One of those days, when I felt like I was pushing a rock up a hill and it was getting bigger and bigger. At the end of the day, things seemed to be in a fine mess. And then Sunday morning came. Sunday morning when I pulled myself out of bed at 6AM, rushing to take a shower before the baby woke up, rushing to get everything done and set and in place before worship began at 8:45AM. And then something wonderful happened. You showed up. God's people coming one by one, offering a smile, a hug in greeting, sharing a joy in their week, or a moment in laughter, catching up after a few weeks away, and I started to remember the reason why I love what I do. It is you, each one of you, God's people who without knowing it can offer just the encouragement I need. Thank you.

Thank you for coming and sharing your joy. Thank you for lifting me up. Thank you for your genuine and loving greetings, at just the needed moment. Thank you for reminding me that all of this church stuff is about people - about each one of us, journeying together as we seek to follow Christ on this challenging and joyful journey of faith.

May we be glad, when we come to the house of the Lord.
May we find encouragement and joy, when we most need it.
May you also be lifted up by being a part of God's people here at St. Andrews.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Robin



APPLAUSE... MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS

**TO ALL ST. ANDREWS FRIENDS OF MUSIC
AND OTHER FRIENDS!**

Sometime in 2000-2001, under the leadership of Nan Hoff, a committee was formed for the purpose of bringing quality musical groups to perform at St. Andrews. These concerts were intended to bring the people of the greater Lebanon community to St. Andrews to enjoy the music free of charge. The first concert was on October 19, 2001, and was presented by the Messiah College Concert Choir. This was a successful endeavor, so the concerts continued, two or three in a season for the next eighteen years. The committee worked diligently to bring in quality music groups, ranging from solo performers to larger 20-30 piece concert bands, both vocal and instrumental, covering a wide range of music genres.

In 2005, after sponsoring 10 concerts, Nan decided to resign as chairman of the committee and I was approached about taking over the leadership. Since I had recently found myself with some free time on my hands, I gladly agreed to take on the challenge.

The committee continued to research groups to invite to perform. In recent years we actually had groups get in touch with us to inquire about how to be included in our concert series. The word was out in the music circles that we had a great venue for concerts and always an appreciative audience.

Members of the congregation have been very supportive of the concert series by generously donating money each year, anywhere from \$25.00 to \$250.00, so that we could continue to bring quality musical performances to St. Andrews. This support was very much appreciated by the committee. We also received great support from the cooks and bakers in the congregation who graciously donated lots of goodies to be served at the Receptions after each concert. Many guests have remarked as they left, saying, "This church has wonderful bakers!"

Our next concert for this season, May 3, will be our 50th concert of presenting beautiful and entertaining music to the community, free of charge. We are quite proud of this accomplishment!

Now to the real reason for this message: I have been chairman of the committee for 15 wonderful years, but now, due to some health issues, I find it necessary to resign as chairman. No member of the committee is in a position to step in. So we are coming to the congregation in hopes that one of you might think this is something you would enjoy doing – being chairman of the Concert Series Committee. It takes some work, but it is rewarding at the end of a concert when person after person comments on how much they enjoyed the music and thanks us for making the concert possible!

If this person is you, I would love to talk to you about what we do and how we do it. Please, if you have any questions, e-mail me at: bobpat423@comcast.net; or call me at: 717-273-9297; or talk to Bob Hearson, Maggie Beatty, Bonnie Tenney, Roz Presby, or Marc Hamme.

*Most sincerely yours, in the name of MEMORABLE
MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS!*

PAT YATES

Easter Flowers

To decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning, we invite you to order daffodils, tulips, and Easter lilies, which will then be available to take home following the services. The flowers may be dedicated in memory or in honor of loved ones and there will be an insert in the Easter bulletin with these dedications. The first day to order will be Sunday, March 3 and the final day will be Sunday, March 17. Order forms will be in the bulletin on March 3 and subsequently may be found in the Gathering Area and the narthex.





St. Andrews 2018 December College Graduate

The CE Committee takes great pleasure in recognizing the accomplishments of our youth and young adults. We are proud of their academic and athletic achievements and want to recognize the following college graduate.

William Juppenlatz graduated from Penn State University Park in December, 2018 with a B.A. in History and a B.S. in Economics. He is the son of Stuart and Veronica Juppenlatz. William is currently evaluating options for employment and graduate school.

Please congratulate William and continue to pray for him as he closes one chapter in his life and begins a new one. Encourage him as an important member of our congregation and help him to continue to grow in faith and share his gratitude, humility, love, and faith with others.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS) Group

The evening that Jesus was arrested and led away to be crucified it seemed like the His influence on the world had ended. Little did anyone know that it was just truly beginning. Join the WEBS group as we look at the influence and challenge Jesus has on history, and on our lives. The Lenten study for this year is a video study "Who is this man?" by John Ortberg. In this study the author will reveal how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world. The study begins on Wednesday March 13th at 7:00 pm in the chapel. This is a dvd study, so no book is necessary. If you have any questions on this study or the WEBS Group, please contact Ken Gries knagries@aol.com or 717.838.4936 (home) or 717.679.0677 (cell).

EPYC Expectations

Spring is quickly approaching! I am personally looking forward to some warmer weather and the beginning of flowers and trees in bloom. I am also looking forward to some changes that I have coming up in my life this spring. The biggest of which is the journey I started, and the congregation has walked with me on furthering my education. This May I will be graduation from Lancaster Bible College with a Master of Divinity, and a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies. It has been four year of work completing these degrees and as I reflect on that time, I am thankful and amazed at the support and love that my family and I have received from St. Andrews. Thank you!

With Spring it is also time to begin thinking of Creation! Every year St. Andrews Creation Crew has journeyed out to Agape farms to spend the week camped out and listening to speakers and Christian Artists. Rain or shine every day at creation is filled with a new adventure that makes a new memory! If you would like more information on joining or supporting Creation 2019 please talk with me (Rob) or Lisa Hamme.

Dr. Scott has faithfully enabled the youth of St. Andrews to help in a mission outreach every year through Pedals for Progress. Pedals for Progress is an international mission to provide bicycles to other areas in need throughout the world. The youth have actively and faithfully taken part in preparing bikes that have been collected in this community to be shipped overseas. This year collection and preparation Day will be May 4, 2019 at 9am. If you have a bike that you would like to donate please bring it by the church!

Upcoming Dates:

March 8th Trailblazer Late Night

March 24th 3:30pm Creation Meeting in Youth Room

May 4th 9am Pedals for Progress

It's Time to Sign Up!!



Krislund "Traveling Day Camp"

July 8th - 12th

9 am - 3 pm

With an overnight to Camp Krislund

- WHAT?** A week-long Christian, outdoor ministry experience at SAPC
- WHO?** K through 8th grade (completed) campers
- STAFF?** Trained, enthusiastic staff from Camp Krislund
Additional staff from St. Andrews each day
- PROGRAM?** "Wild and crazy" recreation, worship, singing, crafts, Bible study, plus an overnight camping experience at Camp Krislund

Please consider making a commitment to this weeklong opportunity at St. Andrews. We are looking for 35 campers from this congregation and the community. This camp experience is a tailored experience being planned for the youth and will include skits, unique outdoor games and activities (including water games and field games), lunch, worship, and discussion time.

The fourth day (Thursday) will include traveling to Camp Krislund for an overnight experience, using the camp's wonderful facilities and experiencing the awesome beauty of Krislund. The campers will return on Friday by 4 pm.

Invite your friends and neighbors!! Applications are in the Gathering Area.

Questions? Contact Perry Latshaw

Volunteers are needed for each camp day!!

SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. A reading of Psalm 48 (“. . . you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever, **He will be our guide forever**”) was followed by prayer and discussion of how each one’s epiphany word is being used in our faith walk.

Glenn Royer was elected as Clerk of Session. William Mulligan will serve as Clerk, Pro Tem for January through March in Glenn’s absence. Marc Hamme was elected Treasurer for 2019.

Approvals were made for:

Taize services during Lent – **March 21** and **April 4**, both at 7 p.m.

Living Last Supper for Maundy Thursday service on **April 18**

Mission Week – **August 4-10, 2019**

Congregational Life has planned a Family church activity for **February 17**, 2-4 p.m. Former praise team leader, Kate Bright, will be the caller for the Family Folk Dance event.

For Ash Wednesday, **March 6**, there will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering area for bring crockpots of soup.

Rob Lowrie and Marc Hamme reported for the Finance committee. It was noted that Amazon users can designate St. Andrews as charity recipient for AmazonSmiles. This resulted in \$39 for 2018.

Rebecca Lister reported that Visioning committee will host a bingo session for clients of Developmental and Disability Services of Lebanon (DDS) with family members and St. Andrews members invited to attend. The event date is **March 24**, 2-4 pm at St. Andrews.

It was reported to Session that a sub-committee of Trustees has been formed and met to discuss Kitchen improvements. Members are: Barry Kohr, chair, Bob Dowd, Maggie Beatty, Ann Ormond and Beckie Dreibelbis.

Committee assignment changes for 2019: Rick Borger will be chair of Christian Education. Jere Shiner will also be on Christian Ed. David Overholt will chair Nominating.

Beckie Dreibelbis was elected to be a commissioner for the February 26th Presbytery meeting in Hershey at Derry Presbyterian. Tom Shott was also elected to be a commissioner for the meetings this year with Rick Borger as an alternate for the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by
Beckie Dreibelbis

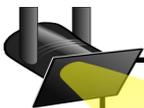
DEACON DOINGS

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28 NIV

What does a Deacon do? Officially the Book of Order states that the ministry of the Deacons is “one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.” That’s great, but, what does a **St. Andrews Deacon** do? We work alongside Pastor Robin to ensure that the needs of the congregation are being met. The Deacons each have their own flock for whom we are to care. We are committed to pray for our flock as well as meet needs as they arise. Whether it be to visit the sick, provide meals or transportation and also to be a point of contact with the church. To that end, we are unable to fulfill our duty to you if you do not contact your Deacon when there is a need. Please never feel that you will be a bother if you contact your Deacon. We are here to help you through your times of need.

This is the beginning of a new year, and therefore, we have some new Deacons on the board. If you are unaware as to who your Deacon is, you can contact Donna Kuntz, Moderator or the church office and they will be glad to inform you as to who your Deacon is for this year. Please feel free to get in contact with them. It will become easier to call upon your Deacon if you have already established a relationship with him or her beforehand. At the very least you will be on the way to having a new friend! Please help the Deacons help you. Let us do what we are called to do, **HELP YOU** when you are in need.

Submitted by: Ken Gries



MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR MARCH

SOUPS AND STEWS

KITCHEN NEWS

The Trustees have set up a committee that is looking at short and long-term improvements to the Snyder Hall kitchen. The committee met recently and is looking at these concerns:

- Lighting – Most of the lights in the kitchen have been replaced with more efficient, brighter bulbs. The light above the smaller sink area will be replaced so it will also be brighter.
- Heating – This issue is a little more complex. The committee will contact Bowman to look at alternatives that would not be costly at this point, but help with keeping the kitchen warmer.
- Faucets – Both faucets need to be replaced. Committee members are getting bids on the replacement cost and installation.
- Cleanup day – Committee members will be holding an inventory and organize/reorganize day later in February.

Other issues for immediate attention included: putting new signage up in the kitchen, missing cookie sheets, a leak in the bathroom, and cleaning the commercial can opener. If you have any questions or concerns that involve short-term items, please contact Barry Kohr, committee chairman. Larger, more costly improvements will be discussed in the future.



PLAN TO ATTEND – Saturday, March 23, 2019

**ANNUAL
LENTEN
BREAKFAST**

The breakfast begins at 8AM and will be held at the Lebanon Expo Center

The breakfast is catered by Country Home Catering and includes egg casserole, pancakes, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, sticky buns, juice, and coffee.

This year's speaker is
Rev. Charles L. Ilyes, senior pastor,
Midway Church

**All proceeds benefit the FRESH Start
Emergency Shelter and
Resource Center**

FREE LITTLE PANTRY

Our Free little Pantry is being used! The Mission Committee has been charged with stocking the pantry. Your donations over the past 3 months have been wonderful. However, the members of the committee are finding it difficult to keep the pantry stocked due to its heavy use. Therefore, we are asking for your help:

- We encourage donors to place donations directly into the pantry.
- If you are not able to take your items to the pantry you may leave your donations at either of the two locations within the church: the soup pot in the Narthex or the marked bin under the table across from the Christian Education Office.
- In addition, if you are at the church and notice that the pantry needs restocking, feel free to restock using some of the donated items from one of these locations. (Please be mindful of the LCCM Spotlight Collections, these are for LCCM.)

Working together we can help supply the Free Little Pantry for the community. THANK YOU! -- The Mission Committee --

Winter Time Donation Suggestions:

- Pasta/rice
- granola bars
- crackers
- paper products
- cereal
- nuts/dried fruit
- gelatin/pudding mix



Please, avoid the following:

- glass bottles or jars
- homemade food/canning
- expired products.



Presbyterian Women

During the month of March PW will be collecting various cleaning items to help both Agape and DVI (Domestic Violence Intervention). You'll find baskets in the Narthex in which to deposit your items. Below is a list of items requested by each organization

DVI

- blankets
- pillows
- cleaning supplies

Agape

- disinfectant spray - Lysol
- mop refills for a Libman Wonder mop, either size
- Clear heavy duty vinyl shower liners
- family size shampoos and rinse
- spray cleaners with no bleach
- kitchen sponges
- paper products

2019 Lenten Study led by Roz Presby

Our Lenten study consists of learning about five ways to pray as several famous theologians describe how they pray in the book *Kneeling with Giants* by Gary Neal Hanson, one of Roz's professors.

If you are interested in obtaining the book, please contact Roz ((717) 273-9541 or email her at rozprez@nbn.net) and she will order for the group. The books cost around \$12. unless we have eight or more participants, which will reduce the price. Roz would like us to sign up by Feb. 17th and pick up the books March 3. We **MUST** do our homework before the first class and our first meeting will be Monday, March 11th at 11 o'clock in the chapel. There is a copy of the class schedule and assignments on the PW bulletin board next to the church office. We will have six Monday hour-long classes from March 11th through April 15th I hope you can join us.

Judy Borger

March Birthdays



2	Bill Kalbaugh	14	David Overholt
3	Mardy Fedder	15	Maggie Jones
	Bob Capobianco	16	Martha Gelgot
4	Ken Peterson	17	Connie Dowhower
5	Gwen Yordy		Donna Kuntz
6	Rev. Tom Jackman	20	Christine Nelson
7	Caroline Gelgot	22	Robin Gries
	Bruce Kurtz	23	Rosemary Birt
	Ann Ormond	24	Kristen Jones
9	Beckie Dreibelbis	25	Will Gelgot
	Louise Koons	26	Jessica Heister
10	Perry Latshaw	27	Lee Samuelson
	John Reitz	28	Samantha Strock
12	Amanda Gries	30	Jamie Yocum



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

For everything there is a season...a time to break down, and a time to build up: a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

If there is one thing grievors know, it is how changeable our moods can be. One moment we are relatively calm, in control, keeping our grief at bay. The next moment we are overwhelmed, our equilibrium shattered.

Anything can set us off – a fragrance, the words of a song, the first sign of spring – and our loved one is not here to share it.

Other times we are carefree, relishing the moment, and then wonder why we are susceptible to such mood swings. We wonder – “When will my moods be more measured so I am not always in danger of being swept away with the feeling of despair?”

Those questions and many others are things we talk about when the St. Andrews Grief Support Group meets together. We have discovered that we are not alone with these feelings, that others have exactly the same thoughts and feelings. The sharing of these experiences with other people who are going through the same grieving process has become a valuable tool for many of the folks who attend our meetings. Through our conversations we realize that these sudden feelings of being overwhelmed are actually very normal among people who are grieving. These emotions even occur to those of us for whom the grieving has been a continual journey for a number of years. Finding out that others experience the same kinds of feelings and emotions can be a comfort to us. For these reasons, I have always found great comfort in the scripture from Ecclesiastes that is quoted above and continues at the end of this article. It lets me know that in time and with God's help, I will be OK and feeling more comfortable with my grief.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, regardless of how recent or how long ago the grieving process began. If you know of someone who might benefit from coming to our meetings, please encourage them to come, even if they are not St. Andrews members. A better idea would be to let them know about our group and offer to come with them for the first time.

Our meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. The February meeting will be on Thursday, February 14, when we will have our annual Valentine's Day Luncheon at 12:00 noon, at Country Fare in Myerstown. The March meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, at 2:00 in Cassel Chapel.

If you have questions about our group, please feel free to contact our Advisor, Diane Pomeroy, at 717-454-0756; Pat Yates, at 717-273-9297; or the church office, 727-272-9933.

Our lives have been shattered by the death of a loved one. Of course it will take time for the pieces to come together in any coherent pattern. For some it takes longer than others. But with God's help we all will realize it is now "*the time to build up, the time to laugh, and the time to dance*".

I will be patient with myself, honoring the seasons of my grieving, trusting I am on my way to being healed.

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