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Come join the St. Andrews family for a
Lenten Taizé service!



Thursday, April 4, 7pm
Theme: Light Amidst the Darkness

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday schedule

8:45 AM Praise Service

10:AM Sunday school for all

11 AM Traditional worship



Thursday, April 4th 7PM

Lenten Taizé Service

Sunday, April 7th 8:45 & 11AM 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

"God Moves Us...to Give it all"

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 14th 8:45 & 11AM Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 22-23 (selected verses)

Thursday, April 18th 7PM Maundy Thursday

Living Last Supper

Friday, April 19th 7PM

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Sunday, April 21st 8:45 & 11AM Easter Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12

"Life Where There Shouldn't Be"

Sunday, April 28th 8:45 & 11AM 2nd Sunday of Eastertide

Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, Matthew 28:1-15

"Twisted Easter"

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Back in January there was a survey sent out by the visioning committee. Thank you for all who were able to respond! This survey showed us that as a congregation we see our strengths in *music and worship*, and we see *community outreach* as an area where we can grow. I agree, we have a wonderful music ministry that includes a range of music styles as well as many generations. (I have never seen a children's bell choir before coming to St. Andrews, but I know that Westminster Bells is by far my favorite!) Over the last year the worship committee has planned several special services in different styles, and I so appreciate the wide scope of worship we have here. I also agree that there is a great deal more we could do to reach out to our community, especially this neighborhood. We seek to live our faith by loving our neighbors, but this is far too abstract when we do not know the very neighbors we are called to love.

Following through with the survey, the Elders, Deacons and Trustees gathered together with the Visioning Committee in February. We looked at the survey and had some great conversations. As we left, we named what we want: **we want to grow**. As we left, we also went out pondering two main ideas:

What if we offered a huge range of community classes that would bless this community?

What would it look like to intentionally update our space and reshape the area around our building into a spiritual park for our city?

So, what's next?

It may seem counter-intuitive, but I have asked Session to take a step back and read a book together. It is good to know what we want, but we also have to hold onto Jesus' prayer that says: "*Not my will, but your will be done.*" The book is: The Agile Church by Dwight J. Zscheile. It was suggested by our new Interim Executive Presbyter, Cheryl Galan. At the very beginning we are asked to consider:

"What would it look like for churches to embrace agility today? To attend prayerfully both to God and to a changing world? To adapt their lives in response to deep listening and relationships with those who are not part of them? To move with quick and easy grace, to be led by God in a dance? To identify and carry forward what is most life-giving and true, and to leave behind the baggage that gets in the way?" The Agile Church, page 1

I am thankful that Session said, “yes” to reading this book and I hope it gives us space to more fully discern together, looking honestly at our assumptions and what truly needs to change. I am as eager as anyone for us to move forward, but I want to be sure we run toward Christ and not in any other direction.

If the future of the church is pulling at your heart, I encourage you to read along with us. (The book is easy to find on amazon smile). As we read, may we learn about ourselves, our neighbors, and above all about what God wills. Each year, Easter reminds us how God brings new life, out of the most unexpected places. May we see God anew and follow God anew in and through the unexpected.

With Courage in Christ,
Pastor Robin



Inquirer’s Class will be held on April 28th

immediately following 11am service.

This is a great opportunity for learning more about SAPC and exploring church membership!

Lunch will be provided. Please call the church office 717-272-9933 at to RSVP.

SAPC Church Picnic
Sunday, June 2nd following
10am Worship
Featuring smoked meats from
the Lowrie and Tice families
and games for the youth hosted
by Rob Cochran
Please plan to bring a side
dish or dessert to share.
Please RSVP by signing up in
the Gathering Area!



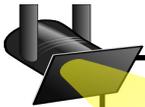
Shelter Hosting April 22 – May 6

St. Andrews will host the **emergency shelter for Fresh Start** (First Response Emergency Shelter for the Homeless) for two weeks from **Monday April 22 to May 6, 2019**. 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 below to sign up online or on the volunteer board in the gathering area.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094ca8ac2eabfe3-fresh1>

Donations from April's Mission Spotlight will be used to feed our Shelter guests April 22 – May 6.



MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR APRIL

**100 % Juice, Bagged Popcorn,
Breakfast Bars**

To my St. Andrew friends,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and food during my recovery. Bob and I are so thankful to be part of such a caring community.

In Christ's love, Marianne Kopp

Dear St. Andrews Family,

It is with my sincerest gratitude I wish to thank you! Your support over the years has been such a blessing to my ministry! With your assistance, we have been able to reach people with the Lord's message through music and stories and your contribution from the February concert will again help us to offer our talents to God by helping others. May the Lord continue to use you and allow you all to be part of His ministry.

In God's Love,
Jessie Weidman

Greetings from the Little Library Stewards!

We are happy to take your gently used books to share with our neighbors. The books that really move are children's and cookbooks. Drop off the books in our 'inside' Library and we will sort them and fill the 'outside' Little Library!



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SESSION NOTES

Pastor Robin opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m. Those present were asked to share their reactions to and gatherings from the Leadership Retreat held last weekend. The Session agreed, to Pastor Robin's request to continue the discussion and to read together *The Agile Church*, by Dwight J. Zschelle. This book was recommended by the Interim Executive Presbyter.

Following that time of sharing Session received regular reports from the Clerk of Session, the Pastor, the Deacons, the Trustees and all Standing Committees.

Representing the Trustees, Fred Jones proposed that the Session approve the renting of a 15-passenger van when necessary for church programs. His proposal was approved unanimously.

Commissioner to Presbytery Beckie Dreibelbis reported that three of our long-time members were among those recognized by Presbytery for their contributions to the lives of their congregations and presbytery. She also noted that the new Interim Executive Presbyter was introduced at the meeting.

Elder Jere Shiner reported that in January at the conclusion of her final meeting as Chair of the Christian Education Committee the members of that committee expressed to Perry Latshaw their gratitude and admiration for her many years of dedicated service to that ministry.

On behalf of the Mission Committee co-Chair Robin Gries recommended that on October 6, 2019, St. Andrews hold an intergenerational event during the EPYC/Trailblazers meeting time of 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. This event will focus on World Peace and Global Witness Sunday, with activities centering on Honduras and our mission co-worker Dori. The proposal was approved unanimously and will be sent to the Christian Education Committee.

Under New Business the Session unanimously approved a request on behalf of the music team going to Carnegie Music Hall in November 2019 to request and accept donations to offset the cost of the trip.

Rick Borger offered the closing prayer, including supplication for the comfort and healing of our Treasurer Marc Hamme, who has recently been suffering significant pain.

Pastor Robin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Rick Borger

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 brought with his own blood. Acts 20:28 NIV

The Deacons have completed their yearly reorganization following the installation of new Deacons. Flock assignments are completed, operating procedures have been revised as needed, and committee assignments have been made. Monthly assignments of responsibility for the on going tasks needed to keep the Board running smoothly are in place.

Deacons continue to be the support team of the congregation, expressing our and the congregations' compassion through sending cards of cheer, visits to hospitals and homes, provision of meals, being ready with prayer and transportation assistance, grocery shopping and prescription pick-up as needed.

St. Andrews Deacons are ready and willing to serve our flock. If you have a need with which the Deacons can assist or know of a need please contact the church office, or your assigned Deacon, or any Deacon that you know and we will be ready and happy to help.

The Deacons wish each of you a very blessed Easter. May the knowledge of Christ's resurrection fill your soul with great joy and gratitude for that which He has done for us.

Submitted by: Lew Sauerwein

EPYC and Trailblazers

Spring is here! I love the transition of winter to spring, there is a cleansing nature to this change of seasons. I think it has to be found in the signs of new life that begin to abound, the first signs of the April flowers, the sightings of blue jays, and the squirrels being squirrelly. All this new life breathing into creation gives sense of expectation and excitement!

EPYC/TrailBlazer: Of course some of the excitement is the events and activities of the summer months to come as we begin to prepare for the events and happenings of the summer! One of the biggest is the annual outing to Creation! Creation is fast approaching and as always we will need some coolers! If you are willing to let the creation crew borrow your cooler please let Rob or Lisa know! Also If you are interested in going to Creation please get a form from Rob or Lisa. Creation is open to anyone in the church who would like to attend, students under the age of 13 need to have a parent attend with them.

TrailBlazer: Another big event for the summer is Krislund Day Camp! Krislund Day Camp is an amazing opportunity to open the doors of the church to the community kids and youth and share the love of Christ. To do this though we need YOU! Krislund Day Camp needs supporters and volunteers from the church! It is the volunteers who have made this camp a huge success every year and the work that has been done to share the gospel in this way is having an impact in our community! If you are interested in volunteering please check out the volunteer board by the upstairs kitchen, there are plenty of jobs!

Upcoming

April TrailBlazer and EPYC Youth Sunday Prep

April 14 Creation Meeting 3:30pm in youth room
(TrailBlazers & EPYC)

May 4 Pedals for Progress 9am-12pm (TrailBlazers & EPYC)

May 12 High School Graduates Recognition

NO EPYC/TrailBlazers Mother Day!

May 26 Youth Sunday (TrailBlazers & EPYC)

June 25 Creation Packing (Creation Crew)

June 26-30 Creation (Creation Crew)

July 8-12 Krislund Day Camp (Trailblazers)

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 SACP
- 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 Rob Cochran

Volunteers are needed for each camp day!!



News from the Kitchen

A kitchen committee has been formed to work on improvements, large and small, to the Snyder Hall kitchen. Some short term work has been done. The lighting has been much improved with the use of more efficient, brighter bulbs. The light above one of the sinks has been replaced and is also brighter. An inventory of everything in the closets and drawers has been completed. Committee members are in the process of getting bids to replace both faucets and looking at possible short term options for better heat in the kitchen itself.

After completing some of these immediate concerns, the committee will explore longer term issues and their solutions. Until then, here are some things you can do:

- If you have a kitchen item that you no longer need or want, rather than just dropping it off, please ask someone on the kitchen committee if it is something that is really needed. Committee members are: Barry Kohr (chairman), Maggie Beatty, Bob Dowd, Beckie Dreibelbis, Ann Ormond.
- As you work in the kitchen if you see something that needs replacing, please let a committee member know.
- When using kitchen items, please return them to the cabinets in which you found them. Most of the items are in their usual spots, but during the course of inventory, some changes have been made. New labels, although not posted yet, will be made and put on the cabinets.

Thank you.



Presbyterian Women

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.

There is a copy of the class schedule and assignments on the PW bulletin board next to the church office. We have three classes remaining: Mondays April 1, April 8, April 15.

Please join us for the remainder of this study.
Judy Borger

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IN MEMORY

Rosanna Slayton

Rosanna, Carroll, and their teen-aged children Paul and Sarah joined St Andrews in January 1977 on transfer from Trinity United Methodist Church. Rosanna grew up in Lebanon County and graduated from Lebanon Valley College in music education. She used her musical talents in the church in many ways, filling in as organist when needed and singing and playing bells at St Andrews and many other churches. Rosanna served the larger church as a missionary, teaching music at a school in Ybor City Florida. Rosanna and Carroll were faithful members of St Andrews until her recent residence at Cornwall Manor. Rosanna entered the church triumphant March 1, 2019.

Delores Jean Miller

Jean and her family, husband Claude and daughters Julie and Karen, joined St Andrews in September 1965. Jean was very active in many areas of the church. She sang in the choir and along with Claude and Carroll and Jeanne Ditzler formed a quartet that sang at many services and events. She also formed a group of young girls known as the GEMS who sang frequently. As her children grew up Jean was a youth leader, the youth affectionately knowing her as "Mopsy". She was elected and ordained as a Deacon, serving a number of terms, some as Deacon Moderator. She was a leader in the Presbyterian Women's organization serving for many years as the president. She served God and the church her whole life, entering the church triumphant March 8, 2019.

April Birthdays



2	Henry Overholt	20	Judy Borger
3	Veronica Juppenlatz	23	Joy Eubanks
5	Elizabeth Burkholder		Kristen Heister
	Susannah Heister		Jessica Goetze
7	Bill Mulligan	26	Charles Jones
8	Fred Jones		Pat Yates
9	Benjamin Sensenig	27	Wanda Bechtold
12	Andrew Hofman	28	Scott Shreve
16	Emma Heister	29	Beth Hamme
17	Barbara Shreve	30	Bill Birt
19	Brennan Mulligan		



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

Whereas previously our moods seemed simply sad with occasional patches of light, now we may find an unsettling variety in our feelings, as happy times seem engrossing and satisfying, and then we are plunged into sadness again. Perhaps we can learn to accept these mood swings, recognizing the reality of each, knowing light gives way to darkness and darkness to light.

Martha Whitmore Hickman

When we have suffered the loss of a loved one, we experience a deep sense of emptiness and loss for sometimes a long period of time. When we begin to feel better we enter a new range of feelings, maybe even some guilt – How could I feel good when the one I loved is gone? But even when we succeed in putting that false monster aside, the mood fluctuation can be unsettling. We'll be having a

genuinely wonderful time, freed at last from that continual background music of sadness. Then we remember, and it feels like dropping through a trapdoor – a much more sudden and upsetting shift than when sadness was our prevailing mood.

During the meetings of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group one of the familiar topics that frequently comes into our discussions is this feeling just mentioned in the previous paragraph. It is a sense of sadness that seems to come over us “out of the blue”, during an otherwise happy time. It can be triggered by something someone says, or by seeing an old friend, or hearing a special piece of music, (or just any music for some), or being in a familiar location. Or it can be triggered by nothing at all – it just happens. (This writer calls it “my boo-hoo moments”!) And it is true that it can be very unsettling, even confusing at times. Once again, as we talk we discover that everyone in the room has had the same thing happen at one time, or often many times, during the grieving process. Then we understand that this is not a strange or unusual occurrence, but a very common part of grieving.

Being able to share these kinds of experiences and feelings is one of the helpful and wonderful facets of this Grief Support Group. We welcome anyone to come and meet with us to share experiences or simply to listen to what the others have to say. Our usual meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The meeting for April will be on Thursday, April 11, at 2:00. Please feel free to come join with us or to bring a friend who you think might benefit from our meetings.

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

These experiences and feelings just mentioned are all part of our healing process. Just as a physical wound has its painful and pain-free moments, so does this wound of loss. At least we know we’re moving in the right direction.

I will revel in the times I can be happy – which is what my loved one would want for me.

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