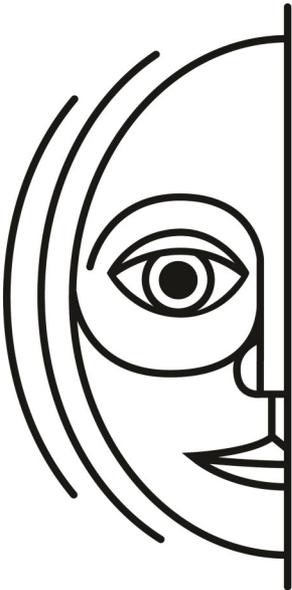


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FACES
OF OUR
FAITH
BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES

Summer Sermon Series
Beginning June 30

June-July WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUMMER WORSHIP

We will have a SINGLE worship service each Sunday at 10 AM through **September 1, 2019**

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Coffee will be available before worship at 9:30 and following worship there will be a time of fellowship with snacks.

June 2nd

Communion/Church Picnic
Psalm 131; Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
"Be Lifted"

June 9th Pentecost/Confirmation

Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27
"A New Spirit"

June 16th Baptism of

Reilly Griffin Morgan
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Derek Wadlington
Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 23rd Guest Preacher:

Rev. Bruce Humphrey
Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
Acts 10:1-20
"Procrastination is a Thief"

Summer Worship Series: *Faces of our Faith*

June 30th Puah & Shiphrah

John 15:12 -20; Exodus 1:8-22
"The Ones Who Push Away Injustice"

July 7th The Daughters of Zelophehad

With Communion & Krislund Commissioning
Matt 7:7 -11; Numbers 27:1-11
"The Ones Who Dare to Ask"

July 14th Deborah

Psalm 46; Judges 4:1-10
"The One Who is Still and Knows God"

July 21st Shadrack, Meshack & Abednego

Acts 12:1-14 ; Daniel 3:8-30
"The Ones Who Live Under God - ONLY"

July 28th Anna

1 Samuel 16:4-12; Luke 2:21-38
"The One Who Sees Beyond"

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When a comment spoken by another keeps coming back to me again and again, I know there is something important to deal with in that word, and often the Holy Spirit is using it to nudge me in the right direction. One such comment was made at the April Session Meeting. In the midst of our discussion on The Agile Church, one person said: *Sometimes I wonder, if we know how to share our faith, and why it matters to us. How might we learn to do this together?* These words have stayed with me, like a refrain in a song that comes back at just the right moments. I pondered these words as I began planning worship for the summer.

I found a sermon series from sanctifiedart.com, entitled '*Faces of Faith*,' and I started to think about how often God uses others, how God uses people in our lives to shape our own individual faith stories. As we look at some stories in scripture that receive less attention than others, we will look at how God has worked through individuals, and allowed individuals to shape stories of faith, even ours. My hope is that this will be one step in discovering ways to tell our own faith stories, as together we consider how God has worked in our lives, through others. From June 30th- September 1st we will look at '*Faces of Faith*,' using scripture, art, and hopefully our own stories to see how God is working in our lives and in this world, in ways that matter.

I wonder who the people are who have shaped your faith.

Who prayed for you, at the moment you most needed a prayer?

Who offered you hope, when life seemed pointless?

Who stood up for you and fought for you, when you couldn't fight for yourself?

Who saw God in you and in your life?

Who loved you, in such a way that you could see a glimpse of God's love?

This summer, in the Gathering Area, there is a space to interact with the scripture stories and to share some of your own story. There will be an interactive display for all of us to name those whom God has worked through in our lives, as well as a place to post any part of your story you feel led to share. If in reading this, you have a story of how someone has shaped your faith that you would like to bring into our worship space, please talk to me (or at least call or email). Our worship is a time to lift up our hearts to God, and a place to reveal the moments God has shown up in our lives.

May this summer offer us space to reflect and also to share what God has done in our lives, through the actions of others.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Robin



Movie night

Do you miss the fun of a Drive-in movie? Where I grew up there were two drive-in movie theaters and it was a family favorite to go and enjoy the movie from the trunk of the car! While we cannot get the same experience from our church parking lot, we can have an outdoor movie night! Bring your blankets, camp chairs, and if you would like to roast anything at the fire pit bring that too. This summer's movie will be Mary Poppins Returns. **Movie will start at 8:30pm on July 19th.**

Outdoor Family Worship

Please join us on **Wednesday, June 12**, as we gather to eat together and then worship together.

Our potluck dinner will begin at 5:30—please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

Following dinner we will have a worship service with “WATER” as the theme. This service is intended for “**Children of God of all ages**” and will include crafts, music, and lots of fun.

Krislund Krislund Camp will be July 8-12.



It seems like a little thing, but every year I love making one phone call, reserving the vans for Krislund! I love this because it means that Krislund is getting closer and I get to take a bunch of students to an amazing experience of camp fun. Of course three vans full of kids headed to camp may not seem like everyone's idea of fun, but I love it! There is a joy that the students have from the buildup of the week and anticipation of the fun of camp! While I enjoy the pinnacle of this moment, it is not possible without the help of the church volunteers! Volunteers are needed for every area of Krislund Day Camp from lunch and snack prep to check in and class helpers. **If you are able to take some time and help make Krislund a exciting adventure for our community kids please take a moment and see where you can help, the board is located by the gathering area kitchen!**

Rob

EPYC

Creation

I remember my first trip to Creation in 2015. Having worked in Youth Ministry for several years at that point I knew of Creation, and I also understood the amount of work that it would take to take a youth group to Creation. With that understanding I looked at my upcoming first outing to Creation with no small degree of concern. While I was concerned, I have come to greatly appreciate the amazing effort that goes into Creation and the value of the years of experience from Lisa Hamme in coordinating the week! That first year in 2015 might have been the wettest year out at Creation, but I cannot put a value on the bonds that were made through the shared worship and life at Creation. Creation is a tremendous opportunity for anyone of any age to join in a week of worship and fellowship and gain connections with the Creation Crew that are lifelong. If you are interested in joining the Creation Crew there is still time! If you are interested in helping support the Creation Crew you still can! **Coolers are needed at the church by June 23**, please place your name on the cooler. **Creation will begin with packing on June 25th 6pm and the Creation Crew will be heading out early on June 26th and return the afternoon of June 30th.**

Game Days

During the summer last year several youth would gather at the church and we would play board games. This was an incredible opportunity of fellowship and fun. This year we will be doing this again every **Tuesday at 1-3pm**. Students are invited to come and hang out, bring a favorite game or enjoy some of the games we have here at the church. **Please note we will not be doing this during Creation and Krislund weeks!**

TrailBlazers

Big Summer Events

What an amazing year for the TrailBlazers! While this school year has ended and youth group is done for the summer, that does not mean that there is nothing to look forward to! TrailBlazers are invited to participate in **Creation June 26-30**, please note though that anyone under the age of 13 must have a parent attend with them. In addition, there is also **Krislund Day Camp July 8-13**. Krislund is filling up quickly if you are interested please get on the list, **Forms are due back by June 23**. If you have any question about either of these events, please feel free to ask Rob.

Game Days

Also this summer TrailBlazer will have two Board game days! Board Game days are chances to come and hang out at the church and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship. Student are invited to bring a favorite game or enjoy the games here at the church. The Trailblazers board game days will be **June 20th and July 25th at 1-2:30pm**.

Our High School Graduates

Shawn Burgis: will be graduating from Lebanon High School. After graduation he will attend Universal Technical Institute where he will be working in the Ford FACT automotive program.



Shelby Lister: will be graduating from Lebanon High School. After graduation he will begin working at Camp Bashore as a counselor for the summer. Afterward he will begin studies at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA, working toward a degree in Environmental Sciences.

Mason Logdahl: will be graduating from Elco High School. After graduation he will be shipping out for basic training in the Army where he will train to be an Apache Attack Helicopter mechanic.



Brennan Mulligan: will be graduating from Cedar Crest High School. After graduation he will attend Shippensburg University to work toward a degree in Software Engineering.

Our College Graduates

Caroline Gelgot: graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Marketing, with minors in Spanish and International Business. After graduation she will be attending post-graduate studies in Europe for a Masters in International Business.



Charlie Jones: graduated Magna Cum Laude from Juniata College with a double major in Psychology and Politics. He will be attending Washington and Lee School of Law in the fall.

Tim Sensenig: graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL on May 19 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a minor in Finance. He also won the Economics Award for Excellence, one he was chosen for by all of the Economics professors to receive.



Mission Week: August 4-10, 2019

Summer is just beginning, but the Mission Committee has been hard at work planning for Mission Week which is scheduled for **August 4 -10!**

Mission Week is a focus on local mission opportunities that involved over 60 members of the SAPC congregation last year. We will follow a similar schedule as last year starting after worship on Sunday August 4 and continuing throughout the week until the following Saturday, August 10. Some opportunities will be offered right here in the church where others may take you to a neighboring town or even to the other side of the river! The committee is trying to offer opportunities in the mornings, afternoons and evenings to accommodate many peoples' schedules. Throughout the week you can participate as little or as much as you like.

Completing a survey in the Gathering Area will help the committee to finalize the schedule by planning events at times when there are people available who are interested in those activities. We do ask that a separate form be filled out for each individual volunteering for any time during Mission Week, including Sunday after worship. Take a survey and return it to the basket in the Gathering Area by Sunday, June 16th.

Once the schedule is finalized e-mails will be sent out to those who have expressed an interest in particular times or activities so that signups can be completed by July 17. If you have questions please contact Robin Gries, Betsy Sensenig or any member of the Mission Committee.

Some Activities that May be Scheduled:

Baking/Cooking/Serving	Free Noon Meal
Home Communion	Habitat for Humanity
Kit Assembling	Outdoor Clean up
Work with Youth/Seniors	Work around the Church
Warehouse Work	Food Bank Work
Sewing/Crafts	Gardening
Habitat for Humanity	
Letter/Card Writing – Shut ins & Mission Coworker	

...And More!





SPOTLIGHT ON JUNE

Peanut butter and jelly are the LCCM spotlight requests for June. With kids home during the summer, you can bet there will be lots of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches made.

Looking ahead: The **July Spotlight** will be canned pasta and juice boxes. Thank you.

The Mission Committee is also asking you to participate in the Rescue Mission's "**Dad's Drawers**" drive. As you are shopping for a Father's Day gift, consider picking up a pack or two of boxer briefs (size small to 4X). Bring them and place in the bureau drawer in the chancel area.



Thank You! To all who helped welcome our "Fresh Start" Shelter guests. I look forward to serving with you next time, September 9—23, 2019.

Beckie Dreibelbis,
Coordinator



APPLAUSE...MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS FIFTY CONCERTS!!!

After the wonderful and exciting concert by the Lancaster British Brass Band on May 3, an audience member and member of our congregation came to me to say how much he enjoyed the concert. He was quite impressed when he heard that this was our 50th concert since the Concert Series inception in 2001. He continued by saying it would be interesting to know what some of the previous concerts were. So this article will fill in all the blanks from 2001 to 2019 – 50 concerts in all. This is a pretty amazing record, considering our series is entirely funded by donations from members of our congregation who understand the importance of providing concerts to the Lebanon community free of charge, welcoming all who would like to attend.

Starting with November 2001, we welcomed the Messiah College Concert Choir. The second concert of that series was April 2002, with the Reese Project. Continuing from there, in November 2002 - the Lancaster Brass Quintet; March 2003 - the Ephrata Cloister Chorus; January 2004 - the Heritage Chorale of Lancaster; October 2004 - a Flute and Guitar duo; December 2004 - the Annville-Cleona High School Chorus; April 2005 - the Messiah College Jazz Ensemble; February 2006 - Rebecca Lister, Soprano, and Bill Fairlamb, Organ; December 2006 – Lebanon High School Chamber Singers; February 2007 – Judy and Paul Whitman (Vocalists); April 2007 – Messiah College Divided Hearts Ensemble (Praise Band); November 2007 – Lebanon Big Swing Band; February 2008 – Eric Fung, Piano, Ai-Lin Hsieh, Cello, Beverly Butts, Clarinet (Lebanon Valley faculty members); April 2008 – Bell-A-Deux (Handbell Duo); October 2008 - the Air National Guard Band from Fort Indiantown Gap; December 2008 - Third Stream Jazz Quartet (Tom Strohman); February 2009 – Jessica Weidman, Soprano; April 2009 – Messiah College Choir; October 2009 – Lebanon Big Swing Band; December 2009 - Lebanon High School Chamber Singers; February 2010 - Martin Family Band (Celtic music); April 2010 – Rebecca Lister, Soprano, Guillermo Munoz, Guitar; October 2010 – Basic'ly Brass; December 2010 – Hershey Handbell Ensemble; March 2011 – Singing Cedars Barbershop Chorus; October 2011 – Lebanon Big Swing Band; December 2011 – Randy and Dawn Marks (Vocalists); March 2012 – Still Simple Gifts (Folk Music combo); October 2012 – Keystone Band of Rehrersburg; December 2012 – Lebanon High School Chamber Singers; April 2013 – Tarnished 6 Jazz Combo (from State College area); September 2013 – Air National Guard Band from Fort Indiantown Gap; December 2013- Cedar Crest High School Concert Choir;

March 2014 – Celtic Martins (Martin Family Band); October 2014 – Bavarian Barons (German-style folk music, Oktoberfest, complete with pretzels and a keg of Root Beer!); February 2015 – Johnathan and Laurie Shuey (Vocalists); April 2015 – Quintessentially Brass; October 2016 – Octagon Jazz; December 2015 – Hershey Handbell Ensemble; March 2016 - Celtic Martins (Martin Family Band); October 2016 – Ringgold Band of Reading; January 2017 – The Reese Project (Jazz Ensemble); April 2017 – Jessica Weidman (Soprano); October 2017 – Rizzetta's Tones (Folk Music Ensemble); February 2018 - Third Stream Jazz Quintet (Tom Strohman); April 2018 – Lebanon Valley College Marimba Ensemble; October 2018 – Greater Harrisburg Sweet Adelines Chorus; February 2019 – Jessica Weidman (Soprano); and Number 50 – May 2019 – The Lancaster British Brass Band.

As you can see, we have heard a variety of all styles and genres of music over the years. We were disappointed a few times by the quality of the music, but for the most part, each one was as wonderful as the last! And if you carefully read this list, you will notice we did have a few favorites who we invited for return appearances! With these groups we usually had a “full house”!

We do have one more concert scheduled for November 22, 2019 – the Mainstreet Brass, a brass ensemble from the Lancaster area. After that, the future of our concert series is a bit uncertain, pending our finding a new committee chairman. If you are reading this and would like more information, please feel free to talk to any member of the committee: Maggie Beatty, Marc Hamme, Bob Hearson, Roz Presby, Bonnie Tenney, or Pat Yates (chairman). It's a big job, but very fun and rewarding in the end!

From the very beginning, the concert series lived up to its name: APPLAUSE...MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS! We have been blessed with 50 “memorable” concerts over the past 18 years!



Presbyterian Women

Ronald McDonald House

PW Mission Event 2019

PW Women will be making and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey on **Monday, June 3rd**. Eight women will be needed at the Ronald McDonald House from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, or longer if you wish to chat with children/parents.

There are several ways you can participate:

1. Help to make and serve. Up to 8 people may come to prepare dinner. Remember that the children may be immune-suppressed so if you have or have been exposed to illness, please do not come.
2. Provide food or money to cover the costs of dinner.
3. Send frozen individual dinners or entrees to restock the Ronald McDonald House freezer, or canned goods for their pantry. A wish-list of items is available in the Gathering Area. We will transport any donations when we go to make dinner.

To volunteer, please contact Beverly Hoffman at 717-222-1705, or Hoffman1bb@comcast.net

THANK YOU!

*Dear St. Andrews Family,
Just a note to thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent fall recovery. I am healing well and appreciate your concern.
Ellen Arnold*

SESSION NOTES

The session met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Rev. Morgan opened the meeting with prayer. Everyone in attendance, including the confirmands were encouraged to share a time in their lives when they felt God's presence.

The elders reviewed the statements of faith and met individually with each confirmand. Discussions included sharing about faith journeys and thoughts about the future as members of St. Andrews. Rev. Morgan closed with each confirmand publicly professing their faith and desire to join the church. Cake and conversation followed as a brief reception and welcome.

The meeting was called to order and the consent agenda was approved. Fred Jones, the trustee representative reported that the parking lot repair should be completed in June.

A motion was made and approved to have the baptism of Reilly Morgan at St. Andrews on June 16th.

The following are highlights from the standing committee reports:

Rebecca Lister spoke for the Worship Ministry and a motion was made and approved to have communion on June 2nd outside. This will be a continuation of the indoor worship service. The church picnic will begin after the service completion.

Robin Gries from the Mission Committee flagged the upcoming Mission Week on Aug. 4-10. She spoke about how we might share our faith with others during this time in our local community.

Ron Hetrick from Administration and Personnel noted that staff reviews are almost complete. He shared that this experience during his years on session, has been very positive for his own spiritual growth and that we at St. Andrews are blessed with an awesome staff.

Dave Overholt reported that the nominating committee is beginning its work on the new slate of officers for this fall. He also noted that they're working to fill 2 positions on the boards that are currently open.

Upcoming events:

June 2nd Moving outside to complete communion service - followed by all church picnic

June 9th Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation

June 12th 6PM Outside Worship Service starting with pot luck dinner

June 16th Baptism service, Reilly Griffin Morgan, guest preacher - Rev. Derek Waddlington

June 23rd guest preacher - Rev. Bruce Humphrey

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted by

Carla Dowd

Our June-July Birthday Peeps!

June Birthdays

- 1 Bob Latshaw
- 3 Ann Marie Lansberry
- 5 Kim Risko
Craig Samuelson
- 10 Karen Dielmann
Ian Tshudy
- 11 Ben Donley
- 13 Megan Fedder
- 14 Luke Tshudy
David Sensenig
Nick Burkholder
- 16 Hannah Battaglia
- 18 Bob Dowd, Jr.
Betsy Sensenig
- 21 Margaret Kilgore
- 22 Adam Burgis
Robert Regester
- 23 William Gelgot
Ralph Heister
Robin Morgan
- 25 John Condrack
- 26 Pauline Charles
Douglas Fackler

July Birthdays

- 2 Janis Herschkowitz
Barbara Kalbaugh
Amber Buckingham
Ann Widger
- 3 Joan Umbenhauer
- 5 Dick Cassel
- 6 Don Dreibelbis
- 7 Carla Dowd
Ted Kalb
Miranda Battaglia
- 9 Darrylle Buckingham
- 11 Vasantha Ross
- 12 Betty Ann Seiser
- 16 Melissa Burgis
- 18 Ed Tenney
Wallace Vitez
Conrad Knight
- 19 Nicki Overholt
Amy Fackler
Kathy Crager
- 20 Evalyn Lansberry
- 25 Robert Kopp
- 26 Pat Herschkowitz
- 27 Nancy Wengert
Mardi Messer
- 29 Stuart Juppenlatz
Craig Lowrie



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

All that we do is touched with ocean, yet we remain on the shore of what we know.
Richard Wilbur

We who stand close to the mystery of death yearn to know more. What is it like to make that crossing? *Is* it a crossing, or is this the end? In the power of faith and hope, we believe that our loved ones have gone on to greater glory.

But what is that like? Do the dead know our lives? Do they know how we love and miss them? People who report near-death experiences tell of hovering above their bodies watching efforts to resuscitate them – and report moving toward images of light and love so inviting that it is almost difficult to come back. And when they – or

any of us – die, do our spirits stay around for a while and then move on? Do our loved ones come to meet us when we go?

Questions such as these have been raised during the discussions at the Grief Support Group meetings. Some say they like to believe that the answers to these questions are definitely a “yes”. But then there are often other questions surrounding the strength of one’s faith with regards to these topics and many other questions. Very often there are no real definitive answers. But we find that by simply asking the questions and talking about them, we can feel better about where we are with our grieving, even though there is no real “answer” to the question. Perhaps we don’t really need to know the answers after all!

We welcome anyone who has had a loss, recently or a while ago, to join our group. Our meetings are open to anyone, whether members of St. Andrews or not. Our usual meeting day is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The June meeting will be our annual Covered Dish Picnic at Bob Bross’ home, (535 S. 12th St.), on June 13, at 2:00 PM. Please feel free to come meet with us! July’s meeting will be in the St. Andrews chapel on July 11 at 2:00 PM.

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.

When I read the essay printed above, I was reminded of a poem that was shared a while ago in our group. The poem was given to Maria Shriver at the time of the death of her cousin, John F. Kennedy, Jr. I have been moved every time I read it, and I will share it with you.

The Little Ship (author unknown)

I stood watching as the little ship sailed out to sea. The setting sun tinted his white sails with a golden light, and as he disappeared from sight a voice at my side whispered, “He is gone”. But the sea was a narrow one. On the farther shore a little band of friends had gathered to watch and wait in happy expectation. Suddenly they caught sight of the tiny sail, and at the very moment when my companion had whispered, “He is gone”, a glad shout went up in joyous welcome, “Here he comes!”

I trust that what is unknown to me is for my good and my ultimate peace and joy.

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