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*Applause...Memorable Music at
St. Andrews
presents*



THE LANCASTER
BRITISH BRASS BAND
Friday, May 3, 2019, 7:30

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday schedule

8:45 AM Praise Service

10:AM Sunday school for all

11 AM Traditional worship

Through May 19

BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 26

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

May 5th	Communion Luke 24: 13-35 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 <i>What it Takes to See Jesus</i>
May 12th	John 21:1-19 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 <i>Throwing the Nets, Again</i>
May 19th	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 <i>What Else has Changed?</i>
May 26	Youth Sunday (Single Service at 10AM)

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my blessings and comforts, as a young adult, was my mother's prayers. As I would head out on a trip, or just out for an evening, as she said good bye, my mother would pray for me. For a few years the prayer would often include Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:18-21.

¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

As she prayed, I could feel my mother's love and it helped me imagine a dimension of God's love as a heavenly parent who watched over and cared for me.

Now as a mother, I find myself exploring another dimension of God's love, as I experience not only the love of a parent for me as a child, but my love for my child. In the earliest days I was amazed how my love changed my focus and the way I lived. With this fragile baby in the car, I drove with more care, and much more slowly. I turned off my country radio station and chose classical music, that I knew he liked and was good for him. Of course, the big thing for new moms is sleep. Yet, I was amazed at how although I used to *need* 8 hours to function well, I was somehow surviving with so much less as Reilly woke up to eat every 3 hours like clockwork.

My prayer is often for God *to help him sleep well* (it can't hurt), but the prayer that has more of my heart behind it, is for God *to watch over Reilly as he sleeps – entrusting him to God, even as I ask God to wake me up when he needs me*. For myself, the prayer has become for God *to give me wisdom to know what Reilly needs* and on the most sleepless nights *to help the sleep I do get to be enough*.

Becoming a parent is a part of my faith journey and it is already pulling me in different directions. In worship, as we read the passion narrative and sang *Were You There?...* I was pondering anew God's love for us as he allowed Jesus to suffer. I find myself wanting to protect Reilly from a common cold; the cross is too hard to think about...and as my mind tries to hold both, I look over and Reilly is looking up at me with a huge smile and a little giggle. My heart is going in two directions: it delights and warms at Reilly's smile and also feels anguish at the very thought of having to sacrifice a child.

As we enter this month of May and this season of Eastertide, may we reflect more on God's love. *What in your life, has enabled you to grasp a different dimension of God's love?*
How do your prayers change in different seasons of life?

May God's love lead us, always.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Robin



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!



APPLAUSE... MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS



The Concert Series Committee is excited to invite you to attend our next concert on **Friday, May 3, at 7:30 PM**. We will be welcoming **THE LANCASTER BRITISH BRASS BAND** to our sanctuary for this concert. It is more exciting because this will be our 50th concert since the Applause... Memorable Music series started in 2000-2001, under the leadership of Nan Hoff. It has continued for all these years, presenting three quality concerts each season, always offered free-of-charge for the enjoyment of the St. Andrews family and the greater Lebanon community.

We think presenting this band to celebrate our 50th concert will be a really wonderful celebration! The Lancaster British Brass Band follows the path first laid down in the smoky mill and mining towns of mid-nineteenth century Britain. Gradually evolving into a fixed instrumentation of 28 players and 1 conductor, the brass band flourished under the sponsorship of mill and mine owners bent on "morale and spiritual uplift", thus laying the groundwork for a later time when the Salvation Army began capitalizing on the success of the bands by establishing brass bands as part of their outreach through music.

For concert programs brass bands borrow from virtually every musical genre. A typical program consists of transcriptions of the classics, marches, hymns, popular music arrangements, solos, and last but not least, original compositions written for the medium.

The Lancaster British Brass Band is currently in their 13th season of music making. Walter Blackburn was the band's conductor for 7 years, and this is Stephen Allen's 6th year as music director.

We hope everyone will come to hear this concert and enjoy some truly authentic brass band music. We have been told by some who have attended their concerts in the past how wonderful the music is, and that it is LOUD! We suggest you plan to arrive early, first of all due to the parking situation, and also we are anticipating an over-flow crowd due to the popularity of the band. We have planned to open a Sunday School room for extra seating and will be live-streaming the concert there. So do come early to get a good seat!

As with all our concerts, there will be a Reception following the concert in the Gathering Area. The people of St. Andrews traditionally go all out to bring in tasty and delightful snacks to enjoy!

Your Applause... Memorable Music at St. Andrews Concert Series Committee will be happy to see many of you to celebrate our 50th concert on **Friday, May 3, at 7:30 PM**, presented by **THE LANCASTER BRITISH BRASS BAND**.

LEGACY GIVING – MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Take a look around our church. At every turn you see the legacies of those here today and of those who came before us in the life of this church. Those legacies helped build the sanctuary, renovated the air conditioning, replaced the building windows, added the entire bottom floor of the church, and allowed us to pursue our ministries without being hampered by changing financial conditions. These and countless other fixtures, features, and programs were funded by members of St Andrews past and present – all contributions gladly made to ensure that their church not only survived but thrived, not only in their time but in future generations.

All of us are indebted to the past, to those who preceded us. We drink from wells that we have not dug. We enjoy liberties that we have not won. We share faith foundations that we have not laid. At the same time, we are seeds of the future, for those who succeed us. We dream and envision and set things in motion. Only others whom we will not meet will know the fruition of our decisions. We are called to partner in faith with those who have gone before us and to offer the best that we have to give to those who will follow us.

Supporting one of St Andrews legacy funds is a tangible affirmation of faith and trust that God will use our gifts that have been prayerfully and faithfully given. Supporting our benevolence funds is a wonderful opportunity to leave a lasting legacy, and at the same time express our love for Christ's church by making a self-evident statement about the values we treasure most.

Legacy Funds

Memorial Fund

Funds allocated to the Memorial Fund may be used for any proper church related purpose. They may not be used for ordinary operational expenses. Recent use of these funds includes purchasing new choir robes, a basketball hoop, and the mobile interactive TV used in classrooms and the Gathering Area.

Perpetual Giving Fund

Funds placed in the Perpetual Giving Fund will be retained in the fund for the life of the church. Appreciation from the fund is used to finance the church's operational expenses.

Endowment Fund

Funds placed in the Endowment Fund will be maintained for the long-term benefit of the church. Appreciation (increases in asset value including generated income) or loss will be accumulated in the fund. The Finance Committee, with Session approval, may use up to 90% of the appreciation in any year to offset deficits in the church's operational expenses. Any remaining balance not needed to balance deficit spending from the 90% would be put in a Reserve Fund, which shall be used for capital repairs or improvements. The other 10% will remain in the fund.

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If you would like additional information, please contact the church office.

Partner in St Andrew's dream,
Rob Lowrie
Stewardship and Finance Committee Chairman

SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, our devotion a discussion of the opening chapter in The Agile Church. The chapter revolved around a church's ability to change their communication and environment to adapt to changing demographics and socio/economic factors without changing their culture, mission, and purpose in life.

Glenn Royer reported on correspondence initiated from Rev Barlow from Christ Presbyterian Church in Lebanon inquiring on our interest on joint endeavors. Rev Barlow was initiating the same discussion with their Session. The Session asked for further clarification on their meaning of joint endeavors after Rev Barlow completed discussions with their Session.

Rev Morgan asked for and received approval for Rev Bruce Humphrey to conduct services on Sunday, June 23rd as she will be on vacation June 18-24. There will be a New Members/Inquirers class on May 19th.

Christian Education asked and received approval for Sunday May 12th as senior recognition Sunday and May 26th as Youth Sunday.

Visioning Committee has a new leader in Rebecca Lister. She will be developing ideas brought forth in the Leadership Retreat.

Trustees reported another sink hole has developed in the parking lot (not as large as the previous sink hole) which will delay the final paving. The cost to correct the sink hole is estimated to be significantly less than the original problem. The Kitchen Committee is developing plans for slight modifications and improvements and they expect proposal shortly.

Congregational Life reminded everyone of the church picnic on June 2nd.

Finance Committee reported revenues and expenses were on track with the 2019 budget.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Submitted by Rob Lowrie

TRUSTEE NEWS

Greetings from the Trustees.

Everyone who has been attending Church in the last few weeks is aware that the parking lot devil had struck again. This was a small hole fortunately. The excavator dug out a 4x4 hole and noted that the base and sides were solid. The hole was lined with fabric and filled with stone - and is considered safe for travel. At the present time the plan is to wait until midsummer to do the final paving (pending further input from the paving company). Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that this will be the final fix.

There was a generator failure at the end of March, and we are in the process of deciding whether to install a new generator. Estimates are being sought.

Let us hope that we can get through the rest of the year without any major problems.

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

Your St. Andrews Deacon awaits your call! Yes, we can send seasonal cards, or make an occasional phone call - but we are not psychics. Please let your Deacon know of any need from a prayer request, a prescription picked up, or maybe just a visit to talk. If for some reason you do not know who your Deacon is, give a call to Donna Kuntz (717-274-2322), Moderator, or Cliffy Shiner, your church Secretary (717-272-9933).

Once ordained a Deacon, always a Deacon - even if your church affiliation changes; however, the term for being an "Active Deacon" is three years. The same is true for Elders. This is why every three years you receive a "Hi, I'm your new Deacon" letter. It certainly is NOT because your Deacon grew tired of caring for you!

Let us do what we are called to do, walk with you when you are in need!

Submitted by: Karen Register



Presbyterian Women

With the month of May comes the Presbyterian Women's birthday offering. The women of the presbytery are active in so many areas of the church and have a long tradition of caring for others. The birthday offering was begun in 1922 and continues our commitment to improving lives of others by enabling and supporting projects at home and around the world.

Each year a committee of women at the national level reviews applications for and decide on the mission projects for that year's offering. This year four projects have been chosen and a definite amount has been allocated for each.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM of the Presbytery of Charlotte will expand its ministry to support people affected by disasters, human made or natural.

EFFINGHAM CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER in Illinois will expand and improve its inclusive playground to help all of the children and their families with differing abilities learn and play together.

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES AND SERVICES OF KENTUCKY, INC cares for people who are poor, sick, and vulnerable due to poor health and age. This project will enable the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center of Eastern Kentucky in the Appalachian region to improve the care for these people.

WINGS OF REFUGE Restoration Home of Iowa Falls, Iowa, provides safe shelter and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking.. This offering grant will help fund a larger long term home.

Your generous gifts will enable the Presbyterian Women to meet their goals of support for these very worthy projects. Look

for the yellow envelopes in the pews beginning on Mother's Day, May 12, for collection on May 19. Please feel free to place your gifts into the collection plates any time, or mail your gifts to the church. Be sure to make your gift to "women of the congregation". On behalf of the women of the congregation of St. Andrews, thank you for your generosity.

Volunteers Needed!

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. 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



EPYC and Trailblazers

EPYC

The end is quickly approaching! Maybe some context, the end of the Epyc Sunday meetings is quickly approaching, Sunday May 19th is the last dual service Sunday and the Last Epyc meeting for the school year. While the end of regular Epyc meetings is in sight, there will be plenty to do this summer!

To kick the summer off we will start with Youth Sunday on May 26th for the first single service worship of the summer. The students have been working hard on this service and it will be a great way to kick off the summer! Service will be at 10am May 26th.

Also coming up quickly is Creation! Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend Creation. This year creation is being headlined by some favorite bands including Skillet, Mandisa, and David Crowder. In Addition to this there are some excellent speakers like a personal favorite Reggie Dabbs (Alright, Alright, Alright). If you are interested in joining the Creation crew please speak with Rob.

May 4th Pedals for Progress 9am-12pm

May 19th Last Sunday School and Last Epyc

May 26th Youth Sunday

TRAILBLAZERS

I want to say Thank You to Tim Peleen, Marylynne Mulligan, Melynda Cochran, and Collin Briggs! For the past year they have faithfully led TrailBlazers and built up a time and place for our 1st-5th grade students. It has been amazing watching the students grow and be encouraged by these leaders! So, Thank You for all you have done in this year!

With the youth Sunday Coming up our trail blazers are preparing the way to lead the church again during what is traditionally known as the Coming To Christ As A Child Moment. Last year they did a great job in bringing the fun a laughter to the moment with Seeking A Savior as a Septuagenarian. This year promises to be a great moment of spreading the joy and sharing the laughter in what an evening at TrailBlazers looks like!

Looking ahead this summer there are several Big Summer activities that TrailBlazers are welcome too participate in. The First Is Creation 2019, students and families are welcome to join in the fun of Creation, which has music and activities for all ages. Youth under the age of 13 are required to have a parent/guardian in attendance with them. If you are interested in attending please see Rob

Also quickly approaching is Krislund Day Camp. Krislund Day Camp is for students in 1st-8th grade. Students will have the opportunity to experience the fun of Summer camp here at the church and in an overnigher to camp Krislund on Thursday and Friday of that week. Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated for the week of Day camp, information to volunteer can be found in the gathering area. In Addition student sign up forms can be found in the gathering area as well.

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SENIOR RECOGNITION

Please join us on **May 12** as we honor and pray for our high school graduates



ST ANDREWS' MISSION WEEK

August 4 - 10

“Stepping out into the Community”

The Mission Committee is busy planning for Mission Week 2019. Activities in the planning stage include: no-sew blankets, mats for the homeless, work at the church, local parks, and on the Rail Trail, VA hospice meal, Youth for Christ meal, warehouse work at Mission Central (Mechanicsburg), assembling school kits and other kits for Mission Central, baking for Rescue mission, cooking and freezing meals for shut-ins and those discharged from the hospital, Free Noon Meal. Other activities may also be planned. There will be daytime and evening activities so that everyone can participate. On May 19, there will be signup sheets in the gathering area so that the committee can get a general idea of which activities to plan further, and who might be interested in participating in them. Remember to mark your calendars now for August 4-10!

Matthew 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*



“THANK YOU”s RECEIVED

Dear St. Andrews family, I wanted to thank all who sent me cards and prayers during my recent illness of a brain tumor. May you all find peace and love thank you from the bottom of my heart. In God's name sincerely. Karen Uhrich

Please thank everyone at St. Andrews for their love and support of my mother in the 13 years she was at Cornwall Manor. From the visits to the communion you and the deacons brought to her to the many cards that were sent, she felt the love of God through his people at St. Andrews!

Sarah Slayton Fontana

May Birthdays

2	Panka Peelen	20	Jean Gigler
3	Dale Hamlen	21	Carroll Ditzler
	Kathy Wissinger	22	William Young
4	Madeleine Overholt	25	Wybie Buckingham
	Lindsay Burkholder	26	Avery Dowd
6	William Andrews		Randy Kreiser
	Ted Etter	27	Valerie Chevalier
12	Kayla Lowrie	28	Marianne Kopp
	Reagan Brandt	29	Stephen Risko
17	Lee Moyer	31	Virginia Brandt
18	Anita Sauerwein		



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

*Grief melts away, Like snow in May;
As if there were no such cold thing.*

George Herbert

We thought it would never happen – that this grief would never cease, let alone melt away.

Yet grief, like the snow, does melt slowly away, until one day, perhaps to our surprise, we realize the landscape has changed – the snow has gone. Grass and stone and flower beds are visible again. Similarly, our grief seeps slowly away, until one day we realize we are feeling better – almost like ourselves again.

In the discussions during our meetings of the Grief Support Group, we discover that everyone grieves in a different way, at a different pace. We discover that it is OK to suddenly realize that yes, “the snow has gone and the flowers are visible”. Some may feel that this cannot possibly be. We are intended to grieve for ever and ever. It is a perfectly natural segue from deep grief to lighter grief to almost no grief at all. It is almost like the snow melting and the flowers appearing.

One of the things we seem to do best in our discussions is help each other find ways to work through this grieving process by talking about things that work for us. And especially for newer members, always reassuring them that what they are feeling, how they are acting and reacting, thoughts they are having, and emotions they express, are all part of the natural progression of their grieving.

We welcome anyone to come to our meetings. No matter how recent or how long ago the loss occurred, if you or someone you know can benefit from coming to our meetings and sharing in the story telling, the experiences, the sadness and the joys, please feel free to join us. Our sessions are open to anyone, whether members of St. Andrews or not.

Our meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. Our May meeting will be on Thursday, May 9, and the June meeting on Thursday, June 13. Please come join us. We will be happy to see you there!

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..

Our grief will continue to be part of the system of our life and the lives of those around us, depending on circumstances and where the need is greatest. It will not be lost. It will be transformed.

I will entrust to the processes of life this grief which lies so cold against my heart.

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