

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2019



Creation 2019



Krislund 2019

Summer Worship 10am Weekly Coffee Hour Fellowship: 11am

Continuing the Worship Series: "Faces of Faith"

**August 4th The Penitent
Thief on the Cross**

*Communion and
Mission Week
Commissioning*

Psalm 51; Luke 23:32-43

*"The One Who Knows
Thyself"*

**August 11th Joseph Of
Arimathea**

Romans 12:9-21

Luke 23:44-56

"The One Who Stays After"

August 18th Lydia

Psalm 119:1-19

Acts 16:11-15

"The One Who Welcomes"

August 25th Eutychus

Luke 15:1-7

Acts 20:1-12

*"For the Ones Who Have
Fallen Away"*

Looking ahead to early
September...

September 1—final 10AM
service

September 8—resume 2
services, 8:45AM & 11AM
with KICK-OFF BREAK-
FAST between

September 15—regular
service schedule, Sunday
school resumes

*Kickoff Sunday is quickly approaching!
SEPT. 8 Breakfast will be held in Snyder
Hall at 10am between the first and second
services. Everyone is invited to attend as we
celebrate the start of the fall schedule and
Sunday School Classes!*



**AUGUST'S
MISSION SPOTLIGHT**

T-shirts, Sox, and underwear for
Boys and girls of all ages

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Everyone always says things slow down in the summer. After 11 years of ministry I know they don't. The big weeks come, one after another with Creation, Krislund and Mission Week that is just around the corner. The staff vacation schedule keeps worship planning ahead of schedule. Yet, always there is the *hope* for time to pause, to reflect, to dream, and to plan ahead – *hopefully way ahead*. And then suddenly it is August. (Can you believe it is August?) Rob is muttering “Advent is coming,” and I am looking for scriptures to speak to us in worship for the Fall. Things do not slow down, *but the pattern changes*. The season of summer changes the pattern enough to refresh one's perspective.

This summer, it was refreshing to sit in the front pew and worship with Troy, holding Reilly as we presented him for baptism, to receive the gifts of God. It was a day full of blessings; from the beautiful words to the banner that is hanging in Reilly's room. I am grateful for how all of you have surrounded us as a family and have promised to show Reilly the love of God and to teach him about Jesus. It was a special day, and I hope that every child, every person, who is baptized finds their baptism to be just as special and blessed.

This summer, it was a joy to have 23 children talking, playing, singing, and asking questions for the week of Krislund Day Camp. It was also a challenge, to be asked over and over again: ‘*Where is God?*’ ‘*Didn't Jesus die?*’ Yet it was wonderful to engage their faith, and to pause and see God in a different way, through the eyes of inquisitive children.

These types of things do shift our pattern in the summer. These larger faith experiences require greater attention and more space, forcing some of the regular everyday things to take a back seat. I am looking forward to Mission Week. It begins on Sunday, August 4th and it is one more opportunity in this summer for all of us to shift our pattern and give more attention, more space, to how we serve God together here in our community.

I wonder how can we add a bit more of this summer pattern to the rest of our year?

How could we set aside time and create intentional spaces to enact our faith together?

How can we continually seek to see God from different perspectives?

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

In God's Grace,

Pastor Robin

Mission Week August 4-10

Mission Week is an opportunity for our church to make a difference in our community, in our own church, and in the lives of others by giving our time and talents generously.

Wear your
"Mission at Work" T-shirt
to church!

Kick-Off Mission Week

Sunday August 4, 10:00 AM Worship Service

- Commissioning of all Mission Week Volunteers (Plan to attend)
- Following worship, 7 activities will be available (Participate in any that you like. See schedule on back and on display in Gathering Area.)
- At 12:00 Noon – A light lunch will be served in Snyder Hall for all volunteers

See Display in Gathering Area to:

- Claim your t-shirt you requested on the volunteer survey
- Request a t-shirt if you are participating in Mission week and don't have one (use clip board to make request)
- Sign up for specific activities during the week so we know who to expect

General Guidelines for all Mission Week Activities:

- Wear closed toed shoes
- Wear "Mission at Work" T-shirt
- Bring water and a packed lunch to all activities over lunch unless a meal is included
- Participation waivers are needed for Habitat and Mission Central (they will be available the day of the event)

***Activities are subject to change. See church website for changes

Schedule for Mission Week - August 4 -10

Sunday, August 4 after worship

11 AM – Noon (Light Lunch at Noon)

- Home Communion
- Cookie Baking
- Cards to Shut-ins and Mission Co-worker
- Cleanup Outside Church Property
- No-Sew Blankets
- Health and School Kit Assembly
- Making Plarn for sleeping mats

Please sign up in the Gathering Area for specific activities or contact Robin Gries at rlgries02@gmail.com



Monday, August 5

- 8:30 AM – Noon - Northeast Park – Painting a building
- 6PM – 8 PM – Rails to Trails Clean up

Tuesday, August 6

- 8:30 AM – 3 PM -Mission Central, Mechanicsburg, PA – i.e. Packing school/health kits, warehouse work (specific work will be assigned that day)
- 9 AM - Work projects at S APC – patching to prepare for painting

Wednesday, August 7

- 8:30 AM – 3 PM – Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon
- 10 AM – 2 PM – Prepare and Serve Meal for VA Hospice
- 6 PM – 8 PM – Rails to Trails Clean Up – Part 2

Thursday, August 8

- 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM - DDS Bingo in Snyder Hall S APC

Friday, August 9

- 9 AM – Work projects at S APC – painting projects and/or cleaning nursery toys

Saturday, August 10

- 10 AM – 1:30 PM - Free Noon Meal
- 8:30AM – 3 PM - Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon

Sunday, August 11

- 10 AM Worship Service – Video and review of the week
Hot Dog and Ice Cream Celebration following service

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS Group)

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS) Group will be beginning our study season on Wednesday September 11th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. We will be studying the book “Welcoming the Stranger” by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang.

Immigration is one of the most complicated and controversial issues of our time. Voices on all sides argue strongly for action and change. Christians find themselves torn between the desire to uphold laws and the call to minister to the vulnerable. This debate is not new to the United States. All throughout the history of our country we have struggled with this debate.

In this book, World Relief immigration experts Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang move beyond the rhetoric to offer a Christian response to immigration. They put a human face on the issue and tell stories of immigrants' experiences in and out of the system. With careful historical understanding and thoughtful policy analysis, they debunk myths and misconceptions about immigration and show the limitations of the current immigration system. Ultimately, they point toward immigration reform that is compassionate, sensible, and just as they offer concrete ways for the Church to welcome and minister to immigrant neighbors. This 2018 revised and expanded edition includes new material on refugees and recent changes in policy.

This study is to be a discussion of the issue and how we, as Christians, should respond. This is **NOT** meant to be a partisan discussion or a repeating of talking points. In the church there are as many opinions as members and **ALL** have merit and are valuable. Our aim in this study is respectful and polite discussion so that we may learn from each other.

Books will be provided to group participants. If you plan to attend and would like to have one, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

The beginning of the study season is always a great time to join us and find out what WEBS is all about! If you have any questions about this study or WEBS Group, please contact Ken Gries knagries@aol.com or 717.838.4936 (home) or 717.679.0677 (cell). Hope to see you in September!



PW Bakeless Bake Sale 2019



"Sharing the Pie" - Funding PW Missions



Lend-A-Hand



Habitat for Humanity



**Domestic Violence
Intervention**



**Lebanon Valley
Youth for Christ**



**Lebanon Rescue
Mission**



**LCCM
"Fresh Start"**



Ting Ministries



**American Foundation
for Children with AJDS**

I Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation to our annual Bakeless Bake Sale. Please make checks out to "Women of the Congregation." We, the women of St. Andrews, so appreciate your generosity and support!

WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MONDAY * 09/09/2019 * 6:00pm

POT-LUCK SUPPER

PW welcomes you to . . .Come share the joy of fellowship with your St. Andrews sisters! Come embrace the calling to mission as Christian women!

EPYC Expectations

Everyone

August is always an interesting month for families and youth. While it is the last month of the summer and the last chance for family vacation, it is also a time when everyone's mind starts turning towards starting back up with school. As I write this the start of school is one month away! I would like to invite everyone to take time every week this school year and pray for our students and the schools that they attend. Below is the list of schools from which we have students in the Youth Ministry.

Cornwall Lebanon
ELCO
Lebanon Catholic
Lebanon School District
North Lebanon School District

Prayer: Lord be with your children this year in the schools. Give guidance to the administration, teachers, and helpers as they seek to educate your children. Allow your peace and protection to rest on the schools this year, giving a place for education not fear. Lord be present in this year for the students, Amen.

Epyc

The school year is quickly approaching! This means back to school shopping, band and sport camps, and last minute vacations. Enjoy these moments and celebrate the fun that has been this summer! As part of that celebration we will have a back to school bash on August 23 starting at 7pm at the church. Also quickly approaching is the beginning of fall which is the kickoff of Sunday School, Youth Group, and all of this starts with the Kick-off Breakfast on Sunday September 8th between first and second service. Youth group will resume on Sunday September 16th 4-6pm.

Upcoming EPYC

August 23, 7pm: Back to School Bash

September 8, 10am: Kickoff Breakfast

September 14, 10:30am: Epyc/Trailblazers Free Noon Meal

September 16, 4-6pm: Epyc

TrailBlazers

Summer is coming to an end, which means that the weekly TrailBlazer meetings are quickly approaching! Kickoff breakfast will be September 8th between first and second service. September 16th 4-6pm will be the first TrailBlazers meeting of the fall.

Upcoming TrailBlazers

September 8, 10am: Kickoff Breakfast

September 14, 10:30am: Epyc/Trailblazers Free Noon Meal

September 16, 4-6pm: Epyc



Krislund
Camper
on the
Zipline!

HELP WANTED

Starting in September a number of vacancies will be opening up behind the desk at the sound board. Help is needed at both services to make sure that everyone can hear the scripture, sermon, and songs.

If you have any experience with a control board and want to help out, you're welcome to join us. If you've never done it before and are interested in learning, that's good too. It isn't difficult. You will receive training. It's all a matter of adjusting mic volume as needed. It's not the hard job of running the projectors. (We'll let the experts handle that.)

Contact Doug Lister if you want to give it a try. The land line is 717-272-8150. Email address is <im1apeman@verizon.net>

SESSION NOTES

The July meeting of the St. Andrews Session met on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Rev. Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and then led a discussion revolving around Chapters 2 and 3 of the book, The Agile Church. Session members have been asked to read this book and corporately discuss how the concepts contained in the book might be relevant to St. Andrews. This particular discussion centered around describing the culture of St. Andrews.

Following the open discussion, a motion was made and passed to approve the Consent Agenda. Rev. Morgan briefly reviewed her report that had been received by the Session members.

During the Clerk's report, Glenn Royer, Clerk of the Session, reported on a second meeting which had taken place with representatives of Christ Presbyterian Church. The church hopes to continue to serve the community and is looking for options to stay viable in it. Representatives from both congregations have been discussing possible joint ventures in the future. The Clerk also reported that resignations have been received from Bridget Hoffman from the Trustees and Dick Hoffman from the Visioning Committee, due to their upcoming move out of state. Both resignations were approved with regret by the Session.

The following are highlights from the Standing Committee reports:

Administration and Personnel - A spiritual renewal day has been approved for Pastor Morgan on Thursday, July 25, 2019.

Trustees - Fred Jones, President, reported on the repair of the sinkhole in the parking lot, and informed the Session that a new battery has been installed in the AED located in the entrance hallway near the office.

Deacons - The minutes of their May 28th meeting were provided for the Session. Several positive experiences that had happened between Deacons and those they serve were shared with those present.

Worship - Successful outcomes of the Outdoor Worship Service held on June 12th, with the theme of "Water", were reported. Appreciation had been expressed to Rob Cochran by the committee, for organizing this unique experience.

Christian Education - A report from this committee elaborated on the planning that had been done for the trip to Creation,

and the planning being done for the Camp Krislund Experience that will be held at the church (with one night at the camp), during the week of July 8 - 12. It was reported that volunteers to help with the activities of the week were still needed.

Congregational Life - Plans for various upcoming celebrations and gatherings to be sponsored by this committee were presented. A request was issued for more volunteers to help with the Coffee Hours. A poster listing the responsibilities of those who organize Coffee Hours will be prepared to hang in the preparation kitchen.

Stewardship and Finance - Marc Hamme, the Church Treasurer, reported on the current annual financial position of the church in regard to income versus expenses.

Nominating - David Overholt reported that the Nominating Committee has met to start planning for a new slate of church officers for 2020. They will also be working on filling the new vacancies created by the resignations from Dick and Bridget Hofman.

Mission - All Session members were reminded that the Mission Committee will be sponsoring a week-long "Mission Week in our Church and Community" during the week of August 4 - 10. Minutes of the committee's June 18th meeting had been shared with the Session, in which the various mission projects being planned for that week were highlighted.

Visioning - This committee has been discussing how ideas generated at the January Leadership Retreat can be acted upon.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Ron Hetrick. The next meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Hetrick





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To the AMAZING Prayer Warriors and WONDERFUL folks at St. Andrews:

Thank you soo much for your continued prayers and support through my recent illness and surgery.

I am well on the mend and healing comfortably.

My faith would not be nearly as strong as it is now without you.

So thank you for everything you have done for me—the memories, the friendship, the support, the love.

Prayerful with Great Thanks,
Marcus Battaglia

IN MEMORY



JAY AND NYLA MACK

Jay and Nyla joined St Andrews in June of 1995 after moving to Cornwall Manor. They had lived in many locations in this country as well as many countries around the world as Jay followed his career as a metallurgist. Jay was an ordained Elder and also an accomplished artist having had gallery showings in New Hope and Cornwall. A number of his pen and ink drawings have been used on covers and cards at the church.. Both Jay and Nyla were faithful and active members at St Andrews and the many churches they attended in their travels. They were both in their late 90's when they joined the church triumphant. Nyla on June 8, 2019 and Jay on June 29th.





August Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Shirley Etter | 12 Jim Tibbitts |
| 2 Karen Shalters | 13 Tom Shott |
| 3 Jeff Burgis | 14 Shawn Burgis |
| 5 Michael Yordyr | Judy Kurtz |
| 6 Rebecca Lister | John P. Goetze (son) |
| 7 Helen Leaman | Teagan Lowrie |
| Brynna Lister | 15 Ford Rau |
| 9 Kathy Lebo | 18 Cliffy Shiner |
| John Hakkinen | 22 Dennis Shalters |
| 10 Roz Presby | 27 Maureen Goetze |
| 11 Mary Lynne Mulligan | Linda Rau |



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

Love... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

I Corinthians 13:7-8

What a truckload of responsibility and potential for pain we take on when we love another human being: all the dangers of misunderstanding, of betrayal, of indifference, and ultimately, of loss.

To more than balance those dangers, we feel the possibility of life made rich through sharing experiences with another – of physical and spiritual warmth and communion, of enriched understanding and common achievement, of a stay against loneliness and isolation.

Most of us have no trouble opting for love.

But then, to have invested so much of our life's energy in the life of a loved one – and then to find that loved one gone! Is it any wonder we are, for a time, laid low?

This is where the St. Andrews Grief Support Group can be of help. The people who come to these meetings all have loved and all have lost, some more than once, and have expe-

rienced these feelings of extreme sadness and loneliness. Yes, we have been “laid low” by our intense grieving for a period of time. We help each other work through these feelings by sharing our stories and experiences, by offering ideas and suggestions, and expressions of hope to those who are feeling especially low. We learn through sharing that these feelings are “normal” – whatever “normal” is! – and that we are not alone with what we are experiencing. We often say that during this time we will find a “new normal”.

No matter how recent or how long ago the loss occurred, if you or someone you know could benefit from meeting with our group, please do not hesitate to join us. Better yet, tell them about our group and offer to come with them for the first time. We are always very welcoming to new members, whether members of St. Andrews or not. We presently have quite a few people coming to our meetings who are not from St. Andrews and they have told us that we have been a big help to them during this time of grieving, and so they continue to come again month after month!

Our meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. The meeting for August will be on August 8, at 2:00 in Cassel Chapel, and in September, we will meet on September 12, at 2:00 PM. Please feel free to come join us – to share, to learn, to listen, to cry, to laugh – we will be happy to have you there!

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.

The love we have shared helps form the strength to deal with loss. The hope and joy we have known helps us believe in the possibility of hope and joy again. And the intensity of grief (which *will* moderate, though we may find that hard to believe) mirrors the intensity of shared love, which will continue to beam through our life, to illuminate and nourish all that we do and are.

Love never ends. Never.

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