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Kickoff Sunday !!

September 8th

Praise Worship Service ~ 8:45 am

Buffet Breakfast ~ 10:00 am

Traditional Worship ~ 11:00 am

EVERYONE WELCOME !!

Sunday School Classes

Resume September 15th ~ 10 am



Looking ahead to early September...

September 1—final 10AM service

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

September 15—regular service schedule, Sunday school resumes

September 1st Onesimus

With Communion

2 Samuel 9:1-7

Philemon 1

“The One Who is Loved”

Final sermon
in the “Faces
of Faith”
sermon series

September 8—resume two services:
8:45 AM and 11 AM

Psalms 24; Jeremiah 18:1-11

1 Timothy 1:1-11

The Heart is Everything

September 15

Psalms 14; Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-27

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Turning the Other Way

September 22

Psalms 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Political Challenge

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

The Economic Reality



No matter whether you attend the 8:45 or the 11AM service, please make plans to join us in Snyder Hall at 10AM on Sunday, September 8, for our KICK-OFF Breakfast. At this time we acknowledge the end of summer, the beginning of a new school year, and we recognize and celebrate a new year of Sunday School, beginning on September 15.

Breakfast is in Snyder Hall—no RSVP needed. Please join us! EVERYONE is welcome!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (**WEBS**) Group

The WEBS Group will begin 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.

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear People of God,

Every September, I feel like 'the world' pulls us 'back to reality.' (Even though we never really were out of reality.) School starts, schedules change, the long days of summer start to get shorter and somehow fuller. Yet there is this sense of 'gearing up!' And it is good. It is good to have times when we re-start, or start over, or begin again.

Here at St. Andrews we will kick off the fall on September 8th, with a great big breakfast at 10 AM, in between our Praise Service at 8:45 and Traditional Service at 11AM. Sunday School for everyone will resume on September 15th. The children will be going through a chunk of the Gospel of Luke. There will also be two adult classes, one in the chapel on the Psalms and one in the Library on Galatians. Sunday afternoons will be filled with youth group as both Trail Blazers and EPYC have a Back-to-School Bash on September 15th, and the bells will begin ringing again before the month is over.

As we look beyond Sunday, the **W**ednesday **E**vening **B**ible **S**tudy will take a faith-based look at immigration. This is certainly a topic we hear a great deal about. This will be a *non-partisan* discussion as they work through the book "Welcoming the Stranger." September also allows us to continue the Spirit of Mission Week as we host the Fresh Start Shelter for two weeks in our own fellowship hall. Fall also brings the return of choir, praise team and bell rehearsals and this is the perfect time to take on a musical practice (did you know the praise team is looking for a box drummer?).

As September pulls us out of summer and into fall, as your schedule or routine changes, pay attention to your faith and to your faith journey. Commit to a class, engage in worshiping again or in a new way through a music ministry, choose a daily prayer practice or find a spiritual friend to walk with or meet for coffee. Let this fall be an opportunity to re-enliven your journey of faith as a disciple of Jesus Christ, or even to begin again.

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If you have a new idea, to enliven or deepen the journey of faith, share it with one of the leaders here at St. Andrews. May we encourage and challenge one another.

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

In Service to Christ,
Pastor Robin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 15 between services at 10am. Sunday school classes are a time of fellowship for each of the age groups of St. Andrews to study and explore scripture. Each of the Sunday schools (k-6th) will be supplied with resources from Spark to enable and equip the students to explore scripture together.

Pre-K-3rd grade will be upstairs in room 1

4th-6th grade will be upstairs in room 3

7th-8th grade will be Downstairs in room 7

Sr. high will be in the youth room

FOR ADULTS

Coffee and Conversation

Sunday morning Coffee and Conversation class will resume regular meetings on Sunday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Each week we will study one of the Psalms, learning about the several types of psalms, their varied purposes and styles, and their place in Jewish and Christian worship traditions.

No particular preparation will be required. All are welcome to join the group.

Vineyard Class

The Vineyard Adult Sunday School class will begin meeting on September 15th at 10:00 in the Library. The topic will be Paul's letter to the Galatians.



Presbyterian Women

WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION FALL GATHERING

Enlightening Program –

Fellowship with your St. Andrews Sisters

Yummy dessert bar –

While our PW's mission outreach does support Synod mission projects around the world, our personal outreach has been mostly local. On Monday, Sept. 9th the Rev. William Teate of **GLAD TIDINGS INDIA** ministry will change that, taking us all the way to INDIA! Glad Tidings India has been transforming the lives of tribal villages for many years. Sugali, Chenchu and Lambadi Villages are three of the next 20 targeted groups. Their ultimate goal is 100,000 women delivered from deplorable living conditions through literacy and the Gospel.

Come join us on the 9th to hear their story!

7:00p.m. * Gathering Area

www.gladtidingsindia.org

Dear Congregation of St. Andrews and Pastor Robin

Thank you so much for allowing Steitz City Players the use of your gymnasium for rehearsal of our production of Godspell. The gym was perfect for our needs. We had a wonderful show, which would not have been possible without your generosity and grace. St. Andrews is truly an example of a community-oriented congregation.

Warmest regards,
Steitz City Players
Sue Fisch, Board President
Steffan Bomberger, Artistic Director

Band Together at St. Andrews is 2 Years Old and We Are Celebrating!

**{Did you ever wonder...“ *What is this program all about?*”
Well, here is your chance to find out!}**

You are invited to join us for this one session to experience what BT has to offer...

- Strength-generating exercises with different weighted bands
- Activities to increase balance
- Core strengthening challenges
- Comradship and caring among the participants

When - Tuesday, September 24, from 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Please Come Early to be welcomed and get prepared before we start

What - Participate in or just observe our various activities

Interact with some dedicated, fun-loving BT'ers

Hear their success stories of the past year

Learn about the past and future of the Penn State
Band Together program

Enjoy some light refreshments with us following the class

Where - A converted Sunday School room in the educational wing on the first floor of St. Andrews - Look for the signs and the participants!

**See you at Band Together at St. Andrews on
Tuesday, September 24!**





The PW Sewing Group is hosting a Birthday Party at Cornwall Manor...Join Us!

On Tuesday, September 10th, at 2:00 PM, Cornwall Manor will be holding a birthday party for residents of the Health Center. The PW Sewing Group will be hosting the party by providing:

- the program for the party - a sing along of favorite tunes from the past featuring our Choir Director Carol Haines and Organist Lisa Meyer
- a question and answer reminiscence experience about birthday traditions
- the presentation of hand made birthday gifts to the September celebrants
- help with serving the birthday cake provided by the Cornwall Manor Society
- socialization with the residents who attend the party.

YOU are welcome to join those who will be attending the party from St. Andrews and participate in this fun-filled event to celebrate the birthdays of Cornwall Manor Health Center residents.

For more information or transportation contact Kathy Hetrick at 717 269-5208 or meet us at the Activity Room of the Cornwall Manor Health Center located just inside the main entrance of the building at 1:45 PM on Tuesday, September 10th.



MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS

The choirs and praise team of St. Andrews are small group ministries where we gather to rehearse and prepare music to enhance our weekly worship, as well as to share devotions, pray together and have fellowship with one another. The rewards are great for the amount of time given and shared with each other.

Over the summer our handbell and chancel choirs take a well deserved break in rehearsing and leading music in worship, however, our praise team and organist continue to lead music during our summer worship where many of our talented musicians provide special music and solos each Sunday.

As the final weeks of summer come upon us and we look forward to a new choir season, please prayerfully consider supporting our choirs and praise team by joining one of these music ministries. Time and commitment are the usual constraints that individuals have in joining small group ministries, especially for our choirs and praise team that rehearse and lead worship on a weekly basis most of the year. Please consider a short term commitment if that works better for you. For the chancel choir and praise team you can come sing with us for a week, a month, a special church season such as Christmas or Easter, or for the entire choir season. For the handbell choirs at least a month's commitment for rehearsals and a Sunday worship service is required to learn the music for worship. The choirs and praise team of St. Andrews welcome you to come to one of our rehearsals and share our fellowship and love of music.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

Praise Team – Wednesdays, September 4 through May – 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary; would love someone to play the box drum!
Sundays, September 8 through June - 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary
Contact: Kent Pierce, Praise Team Leader
Phone: 717-805-7566
E-mail: kentmpierce@gmail.com

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays, September 4 through May - 7:30 p.m. in the music room
Sundays, September 8 through May – 10:30 a.m. in the music room-
Contact: Carole Haines, Music Ministries Coordinator
Phone: 717-838-6037
E-mail: hainesterry@comcast.net

Westminster Bell Choir for children in grades 3 through 7.
Carillon Bell Choir for youth grade 7 through adults
Bells of St. Andrews

Our handbell choirs will begin rehearsing in mid-September. Announcements will be made regarding the start times for each of our three handbell choirs.

Contact: Rebecca Lister, Director of Handbells
Phone: 717-272-8150
Email: lister@lvc.edu

“He who sings prays twice.”
“Bell ringers lift every note up to God.”

God might be calling you to be part of our music ministry here at St. Andrews. Are you listening??

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all our musicians for sharing their special talents with St. Andrews and glorifying our Summer Worship services. The music was wonderful!!

Bob Hearson – Euphonium
Maggie Beatty – Piano
St. Andrews Brass Quartet – Ben Donley, Lee Moyer,
Bob Hearson, Doug Lister
Maggie Beatty and Lisa Meyer – Piano and Organ Duet
Daniel Peelen – Organ
Robin Gries – Vocal
Carole Haines - Flute



**SEPTEMBER'S
MISSION SPOTLIGHT**

100% Juice, Breakfast Bars, and
Bagged Popcorn...for the Shelter

CARNEGIE HALL TRIP UPDATE

Twelve members of our chancel choir are preparing for the trip to New York to sing at Carnegie Hall in a 275 voice choir for the world premiere of *Christmas Evergreens* by Joseph Martin. The performance on Sunday, November 17, is part of the *Sing! Christmas Dreams* concert at Carnegie Hall featuring the music of Joseph Martin, Mary McDonald, and Heather Sorenson. The composers will be directing the choirs accompanied by a full professional NYC orchestra. In addition to our twelve choir members, there will be two persons traveling with us for the rehearsals and performance. We will depart from St. Andrews on Thursday, November 14, and return on Monday, November 18. Much of our time in NY will be spent in rehearsals, but we hope to get a chance to do some sight-seeing! We are busy rehearsing and learning all this beautiful Christmas music! So we are so very excited about this wonderful achievement and opportunity. We thank our church family for all their prayers and support as we embark on this amazing musical journey. Many thanks to all of you who have given financial support to us through your donations.

Our Carnegie Hall singers: Barbara Moyer, Judy Borger, Diane Pomeroy, Carolyn Wakefield, Robin Gries, Bonnie Tenney, Terry Williams, Maggie Beatty, Ben Donley, James Hanna, Lisa Meyer, Carole Haines

Our Carnegie Hall travelers: Jim Williams and Jocelyn Mahone



EPYC Expectations

Everyone

Recently I have been reading and talking with some of my peers in youth ministry. These conversations have centered around a flaw that is inherit within youth ministry to separate out the youth from the main body of the church. I am thankful for practices that St. Andrews has taken even before my time serving this church in working to connect with the youth in direct ministry to them and incorporating youth into the life of the congregation. One of the greatest actions that the congregation has done in this is the dinner makers! Through providing a meal and being present with the youth our dinner makers have shown the students that St. Andrews cares for them. I personally am thankful for everyone over the years who has come down and shared in the ministry through this! If you are interested in continuing this, please take a moment and sign up for dinner; the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the CE office.

Also, as I have shared and praised our dinner makers here, some of my peers have sought to bring a similar connection into their own churches, so thank you again for all you do and the example that you have set.

Prayer: Lord thank you for the gift of fellowship when we come together for a meal. In this year allow us to see moments of your kingdom reflected in our fellowship.

Epyc

Upcoming EPYC

September 8, 10am: Kickoff Breakfast

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

September 15, 4-6pm: Epyc

October 31 6-8pm: Trunk or Treat

TrailBlazers

Upcoming TrailBlazers

September 8, 10am: Kickoff Breakfast

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

September 15, 4-6pm: TrailBlazers

October 31 6-8pm: Trunk or Treat

SESSION NOTES

The August meeting of the St. Andrews Session met on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Rev Robin Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and led a devotion on Luke 10: 25-37, The Good Samaritan, as well as continuing the discussion on the book The Agile Church – Chapter 4. .

In the Clerk's report, Glenn Royer reported that the Presbytery is looking for 2 delegates from the Presbytery to attend the June 2020 General Assembly meeting in Baltimore, MD. See Glenn Royer for an application if interested. The Clerk also shared a note from the Presbytery thanking SAPC for paying our complete Per Capita assessment for this year. (The \$27.10 per member is distributed as follows: Presbytery \$15.85; Synod \$2.30; General Assembly \$8.95)

Deacon Report - The July 23rd Board meeting minutes were presented. The new members have been assigned to Deacons.

Trustees' Report – In preparing for Mission Week projects significant water damage was found in the basement walls on the South and West side of the building. A contractor is needed to repair it. Currently seeking recommendations. (Band Together has been moved to an upstairs classroom while the repairs are being done.)

The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2019 at Central Church in Chambersburg. Another delegate from our congregation is needed.

The following are highlights from the standing committee reports:

Worship: 10 new members were welcomed on June 30. New American and St. Andrews Flags have replaced the flags in the sanctuary.

Christian Education: Plans for Sunday School classes for all ages are underway. Curriculum was shared in the minutes. Kickoff Breakfast is set for September 8th between services.

Congregational Life: No July meeting

Mission: Mission Week is underway. The schedule for Mission Week was included in the minutes.

Administration and Personnel: The session voted in favor of the Inclement Weather Policy allowing any fulltime hourly staff who miss a regular workday due to the church being closed will be paid for those hours missed. The session also

voted to participate in the Digital Disciples Program which is supported by Presbytery. In general, it will help to enhance our Facebook Page with the hopes of increasing church membership.

Stewardship and Finance: The treasurer's report was received. Committees were reminded that annual budgets are due in October. They are asked to share 2 accomplishments from 2019 and 1 goal for 2020 with their budget submission.

Nominating: David Overholt reported that the current vacancies for Trustees and Session have been filled and the committee is working on the slate for the October congregational meeting.

Visioning: Updates to the Labyrinth are planned.

The Memorial Funds Book in the Narthex has recorded in it the names of honorees and donors to the Memorial Fund. The meeting was closed with prayer by Robin Gries. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Robin Gries

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>



September Birthdays

3	Tim Chevalier	16	Nadine Jones
4	Fay Peterson		Carol Hockenbury
	Ken Tice	17	Annette Chevalier
5	Joanne Fairlamb	18	Danielle Chevalier
	Margi Hearson		Caitlyn Gelgot
	Charles Jones III		Barry Kohr
	Lois Bomberger		John K. Goetze (dad)
6	Dan Dowhower	19	Cynthia Condrack
	Bill Long	20	Nicholas Chevalier
7	Louise Kreiser		Gayle Reilly
	Chris Scholes	23	Claude Miller
8	Steve Martin	25	Bonnie Tenney
11	Alexamarie Lowrie	26	Lewis Sauerwein
13	Jim Reilly		Summer Hakkinen



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

Dying is a wild night and a new road. --- Emily Dickinson

One of the things so astonishing and costly about the passing of a loved one is that, while the sun continues to rise and set, newspapers continue to be delivered, traffic lights still change from red to green and back again, our whole life is turned around, turned upside down.

Is it any wonder we feel disoriented, confused? Yet the people we pass on the street are going about their business as though no one's world has been shaken to the core, as though the earth has not opened and swallowed us up, dropped us into a world of insecurity and change.

I can remember vividly my first trip to the grocery store alone after my husband died. I wondered if I looked different, if anyone could tell that I was grieving, did I act any differently? Obviously none of that was so, unless I met someone who knew me, and then I had a few tears to share, fortunately with someone who understood.

At the meetings of our Grief Support Group we often talk about events such as this and how they are so common. No, you are not alone in thinking these thoughts and in feeling a sense of confusion and vulnerability. It is good to be able to share these thoughts and these questions with other folks who have “been there, done that” and are still here to share their stories and experiences and help guide someone else along the way.

If you or someone you know is grieving and could benefit from coming to our meetings, please feel free to come to our meetings. All are welcome! In the years that we have been meeting, we have helped a lot of people work through their grief and feel better about the life they have ahead of them. Our regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The September meeting will be on Thursday, 12, and the October meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, both at 2:00, in Cassel Chapel. Please feel free to come meet with us. You will be welcomed there among us!

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

It is, as Emily Dickinson says, “a new road” – for us as surely as the one we have lost. It will take time to learn to walk that road. Those who have had their own experiences of loss will probably be our most helpful guides. In time, we will be helpers for others.

I have entered a new country. I will be patient with myself. I will look for companions on the way.



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