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IT'S A SPOOKY SCENE!



**JOIN US FOR
TRUNK OR TREAT!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
6-8 PM**

October Worship

October 6 World Communion Sunday

Receiving the Peace and Global
Witness Offering

Psalm 1; Matthew 20: 20-28

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. David True

“The GOAT”



October 13

Psalm 119:137-144;

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

“The Little Things Matter”

October 20 Stewardship Sunday

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Matthew 13:1-9

Matthew 5:13-16

“Scattering the Light”



October 27 St. Andrews Day

Psalm 65; Joel 2:23-32

Gospel TBD

Laity Sunday: Come hear one of
our own, share a part of his
faith journey



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October Worship Schedule: For October 6, 13, and 20, we will have our regular 2-service schedule with services at 8:45 and 11 AM with Sunday school in between.

On October 27 we will have one special service for St. Andrews Day at 10 AM., followed by our annual congregational meeting and potato bar lunch. More info on page 4

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A Note from Pastor Robin

To All of God's People at St. Andrews,

It was almost 12 years ago that I joined Facebook. I joined because I was a new Associate Pastor and one of the things I did was work with youth. Now, way back then, Facebook was the best way to communicate with the youth (not so much anymore). The first time I created an event on Facebook, I had 15 replies within an hour – it was amazing! Clear, timely, communication! I was thrilled.

Today, Facebook has become less about youth, but more about people of all generations sharing, creating events, building community and connecting. It is time for us to use Facebook intentionally as a communication tool to reach out to our community.

Now, I know some of you don't use Facebook and don't want to, and that is fine. But keep reading, I am hoping this will still be meaningful information for you.

When I came to St. Andrews, it was wonderful to see the active Facebook group. This continues to be a place where we as a congregation connect, share prayer concerns and announcements, as well as scriptures or songs to offer us all a moment to connect with God during the week. This is a meaningful part of our life as a congregation, and it should continue just as it is. Yet, we are starting to actively use our Facebook **page**. (The group and the page are connected but are very different). The Facebook page allows us to post things that the community is also able to see and engage with. For the next year, we are working with a consultant, who sees his ministry as helping churches use Facebook to grow. The goal is to reach over 500 people regularly, offering a bit of Christ's hope in a scripture or through a song recorded from our worship service. This will help us reach our neighbors online, and perhaps help us get to know them as well.

To do this we need your help. If you do use Facebook, please **like** our Facebook page. Next, when you see a post click like or even comment. The more a post is engaged with, the more Facebook connects others to the post and to us at St. Andrews. These are small interactions, yet ones that will greatly change how St. Andrews interacts with the community. If you have ideas for other ways we can use social media, please come and talk to me.

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Part of our mission statement says that we: *welcome and serve the greater community in God's love*. In today's world, part of welcoming and serving the greater community is offering God's love through social media. May God use all of our efforts to reach those who need to know they are loved, who need to know that they are important to God and to us.

In the Hope of Christ,
Pastor Robin



Like us on
Facebook

St. Andrews Day! Is Sunday, October 27th

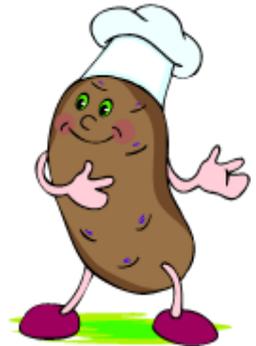
10AM Worship with Bagpipes, Bells and Brass, honoring our 50-year members as we celebrate the past and present of St. Andrews, while catching a glimpse of the future.

11AM Congregational Meeting
to elect officers, approve the pastor's terms of call, and attend to any other business of the church

THEN you are invited to join the Congregational Life committee in Snyder Hall for a **Baked Potato Lunch**.

Come enjoy lunch, talk with someone new, and hear your leaders share what happened at the recent Leadership Gathering and where God is calling us in 2016.

No RSVP necessary -- just come!



St. Andrews Day Baked Potato Lunch Buffet!

Please plan to stay for lunch immediately following worship and the Congregational meeting on St. Andrews Day, October 27th. Join us downstairs in Snyder Hall for some fun, fellowship and baked potatoes. Please RSVP by signing up in the Gathering Area. Donations of potato topping and/or cookies is appreciated.



Presbyterian Women

October Clothing Drive Is Underway!

Our annual fall clothing drive will extend through the month of October. All gently used wearable items are acceptable and will be shared with Lebanon County Christian Ministries, the Salvation Army, the Rescue Mission/Agape, Jubilee, and Goodwill. Please deliver your donations to the stage area in Snyder Hall. Heavy plastic bags and/or sturdy boxes are appreciated. Packing these items will be on Monday, October 28th at 10 AM in Snyder Hall. We welcome all volunteers to participate with us in this heartwarming mission.

“For I was naked and you clothed me...” Matthew 25:36



P.W.'s Fellowship of the Least Coin

Thank you for your continued participation in this global, ecumenical prayer movement uniting all in a family of faith by praying for peace and reconciliation. Each “least coin” deposited is a symbol of that prayer. The gathered “least coins” fund special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness building among women and relief throughout the world. Look for the “Least Coin” jars around the church.



OCTOBER'S MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Tissues and
Toilet Paper

A MISSION THANK YOU for
FRESH START volunteers!

These saints of St. Andrews “welcomed one another as Christ welcomes us, **for the glory of God**”
(Romans 15:7):

Molly Barahona	Marc Hamme	Tim Peelen
Maggie Beatty	Margi Hearson	Karen Register
Judy Borger	Kathy Hetrick	Glenn Royer
Rick Borger	Fred Jones	Mev Royer
Annette Chevalier	Nadine Jones	Penny Samuelson
Ben Donley	Barry Kohr	Cliffy Shiner
Beckie Dreibelbis	Bob Kopp	Isaiah Shiner
Carla Dowd	Marianne Kopp	Sammy Shiner
Larry Everhart	Donna Kuntz	Robin Welte
Lorna Everhart	Sue Mechura	John Wissinger
Mardy Fedder	Art Murray	Kathy Wissinger
Dave Funk	Chris Nelson	

We were host for 2 weeks to 24 different guests from 8:30 pm to 7:15 am. Eight were children under 10 who enjoyed a snack, played games, drew pictures, and read with us (if they weren't jumping off the steps) while parents prepared for much-needed rest. Whether you helped check in and welcome or stayed overnight, your time aiding in this ministry is **invaluable**. *Thank you for making the time.* Please continue to pray for folks who find themselves homeless. Pray that they quickly find a physical home and, ultimately, a “home” in knowing the love of God through His Son, Jesus. I thank God for all the blessings of life and Thank YOU for sharing His love! Next opportunity to help with Fresh Start emergency shelter: March 23- April 6, 2020.

Beckie Dreibelbis, coordinator

EPYC Expectations

Everyone

Fall is upon us, that means that it is also time to start thinking about Trunk or Treat! Everyone is invited to participate in the fun of the evening. All you need to do is sign up so a spot can be set aside for your vehicle, and then have fun with dressing up your vehicle! There have been some fun costumes over the year, from dental exam vans to Lord of the Rings. Each year brings out the creative side of this church and it is a blast. If you are interested in participating in Trunk or Treat the sign up is on the bulletin board by the CE Office.

EPYC and TrailBlazers have kicked off to a great start! I would like to encourage everyone to take a moment to take a look at the curriculums that we are using for the year. The TrailBlazers are using What's in the Bible with Buck Denver, and EPYC is using the Bible Project. There are links to information on each of these curriculums posted on the Church Facebook page. What's in the Bible offers the TrailBlazers a chance to explore scripture in a fun and entertaining manner. The Bible Project offers overviews on discussion on each of the books of the bible. If you have any questions about what the youth are learning please feel free to ask.

Epyc

Upcoming EPYC

October 26 3pm Seyferts Corn Maize

October 31 6-8pm: Trunk or Treat

TrailBlazers

Upcoming TrailBlazers

October 26 3pm Seyferts Corn Maize

October 31 6-8pm: Trunk or Treat

Music & Movement Time

*Sundays after the early service from approx.
9:45am-10:00am*

St. Andrews wants to make music is an important part of our children's education program. We are planning a fun and energetic time to introduce the children to their faith through song & movement, and give them experience singing as a group. Children in Preschool thru Grade 6 (the 'upstairs' classes!) will have a music time each week in the C.E. hall -Room 2 right after the early service and just before Sunday School time, and will sing occasionally in worship. Questions about this new adventure can be answered by Kent Pierce and Mary Lynne Mulligan.



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SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Rev. Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and then led a discussion, reflecting on the notes from the 2019 Leadership Gathering.

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, Clerk of Session Glenn Royer reported that two new members, Charles and Joanne Whary, will be joining our congregation by membership transfer.

Trustees – The committee is awaiting bids to manage the water drainage issue. Session members requested cost information to expand the use of the current generator as opposed to replacing it.

Worship – Taizé service for the fall was approved for Thursday, October 24.

Christian Education – Rob Cochran is checking on several possible co-teachers to work with Mel to teach the Grades 3-6 Sunday School class. Ideas for Gathering Time activities for Pre-K through Grade 6 children are being developed.

Congregational Life – Possible new Christian Fiction/History book series for both youth and adults alike being considered for the existing library.

Mission – Spring dates for Fresh Start homeless shelter to be hosted at SAPC approved for March 23-April 6, 2020.

Mission Week 2019 deemed successful.

Stewardship and Finance – Ready to kick off the 2020 budget season.

Visioning – Hosted Bingo night for DDS during Mission Week. Was well received and enjoyed by all attendees. Developing plan for a welcoming outdoor, spiritual park at St. Andrews (SPARK) and improvements to our existing prayer labyrinth to invite our neighbors into our outdoor space.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Betsy Sensenig. The next meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Sensenig



October Birthdays

1	Diane Pomeroy	15	Carolyn Kilgore
2	Bob Hearson		Lorraine Lowrie
4	Nancy Leshner		Sue Mechura
	Virginia Phillips		Carol Schiller
5	Ellen Dreibelbis		Fiona Tshudy
6	Paul Kilgore	18	Belinda Spicer
7	Sam Dreibelbis	29	Don Beatty
	Collin Jones		Karen Register
8	Jere Shiner	30	Robin Welte
10	Bridget Hofman		Michael Hains
	Marilyn Marshall	31	Katelynn Sensenig
	Barbara Moyer		
13	James Miller		



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

Whoever survives a test, whatever it may be, must tell the story. That is his duty.

Elie Wiesel

Surviving the death of a loved one is its own kind of test. What does it mean, that it's our duty to tell our story?

To tell our story is a way of affirming the life of the one who has passed – the experiences we had together, the favorite family stories. To tell the story is also a way of moving our grief along, and so contributes to our own healing.

But it is also a gift to others – to tell not only the shared story of the life that has passed, but our own story in relation to this event – how we got through it. What were our fears, our panics? What helped us? What saved the day? If there was a moment when we felt light break through, what was that like?

Sharing the stories is what the members of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group do every time we meet together. Some one or more than one of us has a story to tell about some part of the grief journey we are all working through. By sharing these stories we are helping the others realize that their experiences are not so strange, rather they are very “normal”. We frequently have someone who has been meeting with us for a period of time, come to us and say how much better they feel about their time of grieving and about their approach to the life ahead of them, as a result of meeting with us and hearing the stories of the other people who are in similar circumstances. It’s a huge step in the grieving journey to be able to feel that way.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, regardless of how recent or how long ago the grieving process began. If you or someone you know might benefit from meeting with us, even if they are not members of St. Andrews, please encourage them to come talk to us. We will welcome them warmly.

Our meetings usually are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel.

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

Our friends will come to their crises of death soon enough. Perhaps we can ease the way for them. See – it’s alright to cry. It’s alright to be confused and not know what to do. And if there are moments of light and hope, of wonderful support and faith – why, we need to tell those stories, too.



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