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ST. ANDREWS CARNEGIE HALL SINGERS HEAD TO NYC!

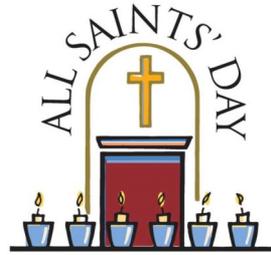


The Carnegie Hall singers rehearse in the
Choir room, in preparation for their
performance on November 17

November Worship

November 3 All Saint's Day/
Communion and Candle Lighting
Psalm 103; Ephesians 1:11-23
John 6:35-40

Sermon: *"All Who Come"*



November 10
Psalm 100; Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: *"The Gratitude Perspective"*

November 17 Thank Offering
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 6:20-31

Sermon: *"Savoring Life"*

November 24 Christ the King Sunday
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 1:67-79

Sermon: *"We Are Ruled"*

A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the cooler weather comes, and I have to find shoes that you wear with socks, I feel like November offers me Thanksgiving as a peace offering. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. For me it holds the warmth of family, and pies fresh out of the oven. It offers the space to reflect on the year and notice all that has been good. Because of Thanksgiving's place in November, I think of it as the month to practice gratitude.

Over the years this has meant writing one grateful thought on a calendar, or at the dinner table each night sharing what we give thanks for, in that specific day. Sometimes, it has been a wonderful season to be intentional about writing extra cards to those I am thankful to have in my life. This year, November also holds Reilly's 1st birthday, and it creates so much more space for gratitude. In the last 365 days, I have watched Reilly learn to smile and laugh, eat and move, play and dance...and I know there is so much more to come. People always say the days are long and the years are short. I am holding this close to my heart, and intentionally giving thanks, as I savor and soak up every stage of his life, and mine as well. I am overflowing with thanks that this past year has gone so well for us as a new family, and for all of us together at St. Andrews. But I am not unaware that reflecting back in this year may not be full of such wonderful things for everyone. Sometimes a year holds grief or brokenness or unbearable stress.

The Apostle Paul encourages us to: "*Give thanks in all circumstances.*" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Paul's life held death threats, arrests, shipwrecks and more events that one would not think of as moments to give thanks. Yet, living through all that, knowing the very tangible and often difficult ups and downs of life, Paul gives the counsel to *give thanks at all times*. Knowing this comes from someone who has dealt with hardship, this advice becomes – not just

nice words from someone out of touch, but wise words that offer a challenge to choose, to live with an attitude of gratitude, and see how God might enter in.

No matter what this year has been for you, I invite you to join in this intention to practice gratitude, for the whole month of November. In this way we see more and more of God's blessings and presence in each of our lives and in our life together.

With the joy of Christ
and with thanksgiving for all God has done,
Pastor Robin

THINKING AHEAD TO THANKSGIVING DAY!



Does this Thanksgiving Day, November 28, find you celebrating away from family? Why not join your St. Andrew's family on Thanksgiving Day for the traditional turkey with all the "fixings." We will meet at the church at 12:30 for

appetizers and plan for dinner around 1:00. All you need to bring is a dish to share. Please RSVP to Don or Maggie Beatty at 304-2379, or at memab3@comcast.net. We'd love to have you come and share your Thanksgiving traditions and dishes. There will also be crafts and games for kids. There's always plenty left to take home for the traditional leftovers too! We have a lot to be grateful for. Let's celebrate together.

Seeking Christ's Nativity in 2019 Family Advent Service

Monday, December 2nd 6 PM (dinner at 5:30)

This year for the season of Advent, we will be seeking Christ's nativity around us as we gather in worship and as we go out into the world, looking for signs of Christ's presence as we seek and find: Hope, **Good News**, WONDER, **Surprises**, and even **God with us now**.

As we begin the advent season, *children of all ages* are invited to a special family worship service in Snyder Hall, where we will put together nativities to take home, as we journey together to Christmas. The service will begin at 6PM. If you can come early, there will be dinner at 5:30. All are welcome, even at the last minute, but if you know you are coming sign up by November 22nd to help us plan for dinner and our number of nativities to build.

CHRISTMASTIDE AT ST. ANDREWS

During Christmastide this year the Christian Education Committee invites families of the congregation to share in a display of Nativity scenes in the church building after Christmas Day itself. We would like to display as many such scenes as possible for members of the congregation and guests to enjoy during the twelve Days of Christmas.

If you are willing to offer your family's Nativity scene to be viewed at St. Andrews please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering area before Wednesday, 18 December, in order to allow us the time to plan for the scenes.

Please bring your scene to the single service on Sunday, 29 December at 10 AM. We invite you to help us set up the displays after church on the 29th and ask that they remain up through Sunday, January 12. Following the services on January 12 you may pick up your display and take it home.

A few suggestions:

- Be sure to take a photograph of your display and to label its components so that we may be sure that each is returned to the correct owners.
- If yours is a particularly delicate or valuable Nativity scene, you may want to submit a photograph of it for people to see rather than expose it to the potential hazards of a public display.
- Notify us of any special requirements that your display may have, such as electric power for lights or animated figures or protection from direct sunlight.



APPLAUSE... MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews announces its 2019-2020 Concert Series. Our first concert of the season will be held on Friday, November 22 and will feature the Mainstreet Brass Quintet. This ensemble is based out of Easton, PA and promises an evening of music that entertains and educates with a varied repertoire spanning the centuries and some musical surprises! This unique ensemble performs with an enthusiastic spirit that creates a contagious onstage energy from the opening downbeat to the final chord.

Two additional concerts are planned for this year's season. Friday evening, January 31, the Russian Duet will perform at St. Andrews. Elena Lebedeva, classical pianist and Nikita Burakovsky, violinist are both gifted artists in their own right. But these two soloists will come together to provide us with an evening of beautiful music. Friday evening April 17, our season will conclude with the Lebanon Big Swing Band. Their program of music based in the 30s, 40s and 50s will have your feet tapping and you swaying in time with the upbeat sound. You just might hear some newer tunes too!

The concerts begin at 7:30 pm. There will be a reception following each concert. No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be taken. Hope to see you there!





CHANCEL CHOIR SINGERS HEADED TO CARNEGIE HALL

On November 14th, twelve singers from our Chancel Choir accompanied by two concert patrons will travel to New York City to sing with a 275 voice choir in a holiday performance of *The Music of Joseph Martin* on the Distinguished Concerts International Concert Series featuring the World Premiere of his newest large choral work, *Christmas Evergreens*. The concert will be presented on Sunday, November 17th at 8:30 pm in Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall under the baton of Maestro Joseph Martin accompanied by a professional NYC orchestra. Our singers will spend 5 days and 4 nights in NYC. They will attend approximately ten hours of rehearsal time preparing for the performance. There will be opportunities for sight-seeing.

Our singers have been busy learning the music in bi-weekly and Saturday morning practice sessions here at St. Andrews. Perhaps you have heard the sounds of Christmas music coming from our music room on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings! The music is wonderful! Our twelve singers are thrilled to have this amazing honor and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall. We are most grateful for the many kind individuals in our St. Andrews family who have given their financial support to help make this trip possible. Many thanks! We pray for God's blessings and your continued prayers and support as we embark on this wonderful musical journey.

Anyone interested in attending the performance can obtain tickets at www.carnegiehall.org or by phone CarnegieCharge at 212-247-7800.

Carnegie Hall Singers: Judy Borger, Barbara Moyer, Carolyn Wakefield, Diane Pomeroy, Robin Gries, Terry Williams, Bonnie Tenney, Maggie Beatty, Ben Donley, James Hanna, Lisa Meyer and Carole Haines. Our concert patrons: Jim Williams and Jocelyn Mahone.



**LCCM 2017
Benefit Dinner/Silent Auction**

**Thursday, November 21, 2016
Silent Auction Begins at 5:30
Dinner Begins at 6:30
Location: Lebanon Area
Evangelical Free Church**

**Music: Pastor Jim and
Joanna Lucas / Grace Point
Church of the Nazarene**

Tickets are \$25 each.



**NOVEMBER'S
MISSION SPOTLIGHT**

**Sugar and
Flour**

Mark Your Calendar

The St. Andrews
Annual
Alternative Gift Fair

Will be held on
Sunday, December 8,
9:30 – 11 AM in Snyder Hall

AGAPE CHRISTMAS

Sometimes it is easy to forget that not everyone is as blessed as we are. The Agape Christmas Program run by the Lebanon Rescue Mission brings joy to senior citizens who may not have family and friends with whom to connect. In the spirit of love, the Mission takes a simple red bag and transforms it into a gift of holiday cheer. This year they will be filling 750 bags in the early part of December. For this they need donations of food and gift items, plus money to purchase items not donated. Our Mission committee would like St. Andrews to participate. To that end, we are collecting donations of **Swiss Miss Hot Cocoa Mix (box of 8-1.38 oz envelopes)**. Please contribute, putting your donations at the Red Bag display in the gathering area. Items will be due by the middle of November. Thank you for helping to bless our community.



EPYC Expectations

Everyone

I love Thanksgiving! There is an anticipation to this season for me, the air is starting to have a winter chill, the leaves have changed and dropped. Before too long Thanksgiving has passed and we celebrate Christmas. Actually, my wife and kids love to torment me with early decorating and Christmas music in the lead up to Thanksgiving. But it is the anticipation of Christmas that makes Thanksgiving a cherished time of year. Entering into the celebration of Christmas through a season of giving thanks has always seemed fitting!

While it is a joy to give thanks and celebrate this time of year, I want to take a moment and remind everyone of the Epyc and TrailBlazer Snow Policy. Below is the policy if you have any questions!

EPYC/TrailBlazer Inclement Weather Policy

In the case of dangerous weather conditions, conditions will be evaluated for the safety of students and families to arrive and leave from the church/event location. If conditions are deemed to be dangerous by the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry (Rob) and in consultation with Christian Education Chair the event will be cancelled. Notification for any cancellation will go out through all available means of communication of phone/text/email/social media etc. In Addition to this if Sunday Morning services are cancelled then all evening Epyc activities will be cancelled as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Rob) 717-847-7618

Epyc

Upcoming EPYC

November 15 Family Movie Night- Aladdin (2019)

December 1 No EPYC

December 2 Family Advent Service - 5:30pm Dinner

TrailBlazers

Upcoming TrailBlazers

November 15 Family Movie Night- Aladdin (2019) 7pm

December 1 No EPYC

December 2 Family Advent Service - 5:30pm Dinner



Presbyterian Women

A NOTE FROM PW: THANK YOUs ABOUND!

A warm thank you to our St. Andrews church family for your generous response to the **BAKELESS BAKE SALE!** Because of your generosity, we have \$2200 to add to our benevolence fund, which will be dispersed at our November planning meeting. Check your December Newsletter to see just who **YOU** have helped! Another **THANK YOU** goes to all who donated to our **CLOTHING DRIVE!** Also to those who helped sort and deliver the items!

The beauty of Fall, especially here in Pennsylvania, only enhances the depth of our thankfulness during the month of November! What a wonderful time of the year! As we take time to be grateful for our personal blessings, may we also include the amazing creative way in which our Lord works in the minds of man to bring blessings to others. Each year the **PW CREATIVE MINISTRY COMMITTEE** of Presbytery spends hours looking over grant requests submitted to them – usually several hundred! Last year 4 international grants, and 14 here in the US were approved. They ranged from a traveling shower van for homeless people in a large city, to a security system for a women's shelter. Disbursement of last year's giving is currently posted on the PW bulletin board outside the church office. All this happens through the annual **THANK OFFERING** which will take place on **Sunday, November 17, 2019.**



SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Rev. Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and led a discussion reflecting on Psalm 121, which was followed by a discussion on Cultivating Spaces for Conversation and Practice from the Agile Church.

Clerk of Session Glenn Royer reported that Neil Boger, a member since 1938, has requested to be removed from the church roll. The Session received correspondence from Diane Pomeroy about her positive experience with Compassion International, a child advocacy ministry pairing compassionate people with children living in extreme poverty.

Trustee President Fred Jones reported on the progress with assessing and correcting water damage on the northwest corner of the church. Robin Gries reported on the meeting of the Carlisle Presbytery on September 24, 2019 at Central Church Chambersburg. The Session approved a request for the youth to participate with the Philadelphia Project in local mission and work in Philadelphia from January 24-26, 2020. Trunk or Treat will be held on the church property on October 31 from 6-8 PM.

At the request of the Administration and Personnel Committee the Session approved the hiring of a student intern to support the leadership of the Westminster Bell Choir through May 2020.

Stewardship Sunday will be on October 20. The annual budget meeting with committee chairs will be on October 21. The Session approved a donation of \$300.00 to Union Steam Fire Engine and Hose Company.

The Session heard discussion on a proposal to place American flags on the church property during certain national holidays with the matter referred to the Trustees for further review. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Stuart Juppenlatz.

The next meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th at 7PM which will be a joint meeting with the Trustees to approve the 2020 budget.

Respectfully submitted by Stuart Juppenlatz.

IN MEMORY



Meredeth "Merry" Capobianco

Merry joined St Andrews along with her husband Bob in 2002 on transfer from Presbyterian Community Church of Massapequa N.Y. Merry was active in that church and attended regularly and was active at St Andrews, She was a member of Session from 2007-2012, was a member of the Bell Choir and was a frequent liturgist at the morning worship services. Along with Bob she assisted the Finance Committee by counting the morning offerings the last few years. Merry will be missed by all her St Andrews friends. She entered the church triumphant on September 29, 2019



November Birthdays

2	Grace Oxenreider	20	Don Leshner
3	Jane Long	21	Robert Dowd, Sr.
	Charlie Whary	22	Beth Howard
4	Deb Miller	24	Nell Tice
5	Tom Bechtold	25	Laura Juppenlatz
7	Charlotte Allwein	26	Nancy Hoff
	Marcus Battaglia		Adam Shreve
8	Kelsey McMillen	27	Will Juppenlatz
15	Jody DeWald		Megan Risko
17	Chris Risko		



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

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goes forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126

This reference in the Bible is for people far from home, anticipating their return. It can also be a metaphor for following the grief process courageously, confident that after a season of winnowing and growing, we will come back to our state of equilibrium, even joy, enriched and made strong and productive by our difficult passage through grief. Had we not ventured forth into this strange and new terrain – had we stayed back, unwilling to move – we would not return in joy with the riches of our difficult passage. We carry these riches not only for ourselves, but for others who will need our help as they turn venture into their own journeys of recovery.

Helping other people as they make their journey through the grieving process is the key purpose of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group. But, as we help each other, we also are helping ourselves to better understand the feelings, the thoughts, the fears, and the joys that are part of the grieving experience and its subsequent recovery. Our help comes in the form of sharing ways in which we are able to get past certain milestones, and ways to cope with feelings and emotions that seem to come “from out of the blue”. We even continue to help those of the group for whom the death of a loved one was years ago, but still have moments of great sadness. Talking and sharing stories and situations seem to be wonderful “medicine” in these instances along the journey of grief.

If you or someone you know is grieving, no matter how recently or how long ago, we want them to feel comfortable about coming to join with our group. You/they will be warmly welcomed. Our meetings are open to anyone, whether members of St. Andrews or not.

We usually meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. Our November meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 2:00, at the church. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Lebanon Country Club, on Thursday, December 12, at 12:00 noon. Please feel free to come visit with us anytime.

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, 717-272-9933.

May we be brave to set forth, brave to continue, brave to trust those who are there to help us, brave and compassionate as we return to help others.

I will set forth on this journey in hope and trust. What more have I to lose? And how much to gain!



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