

# ST. ANDREWS HERALD

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# ZOOM IN ACTION!

# WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY

*Until we can meet again.*

In preparing for our weekly online worship, the following are the scriptures that will be used each week. Watch for the worship email that will have the bulletin, music, and announcements for the week.

## **Scriptures for June Worship**

June 7 John 21:1-14, Communion at home

As you prepare for worship, get a piece of bread or cracker and some juice or wine.

June 14 Matthew 28:16-20

June 21 Father's Day, Genesis 18:1-15

June 28 Youth Sunday, Isaiah 52:7-10

Join us for worship online, Sunday at 10AM

<http://www.standrewslebanon.org/watch-live/>

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:16-20

**Zoom Fellowship** – is happening Sundays 11am – noon, right after online worship. Find a link in the announcements under the "Watch Live Sermons" on the website.

**Zoom Sunday School** – Sunday school classes will resume in the fall

## **A note about moving into "yellow."**

Please be aware that Session will meet in early June and continue to discern our path forward, one step at a time. When there are any changes to the worship schedule or other ministries at St. Andrews between newsletters, an email will be sent. Please be sure you get the congregational emails. If you are not on the list, please email Cliff to be added to the list. Or if you do not use email, at all, please call Cliff and ask to be added to the 'snail mail only list.' We will try to keep everyone up to date. The theme this summer is *Creative and Flexible!* (Your patience and prayers are greatly appreciated!)

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## *A Note from Pastor Robin*

Dear People of God,

Warmer days have come and it is good. It is good to stop for a moment and let the sun's rays rest on our faces. Every sunny day, it is a joy to get out and watch Reilly explore. And if it is warm enough, to watch him laugh as he dashes back and forth across the driveway with bowls of water. Since the pandemic, so much of our work and connection is high tech and online...and the balance to this dramatic seesaw seems to be simplicity.

We will begin June gathering around Genesis 1. Layer by layer, we hear how God formed and shaped the world. Then God pauses, looks at each aspect and calls it GOOD. In these strange difficult days, when our hearts are tender, our minds overwhelmed, our souls holding too much anxiety, the season of summer may be just the time for us to pause. To find some moments to rest; to set down the burdens, the next impossible task, the sorrows and fears. And to look around for what is good. The smallest things can show us, remind us, that indeed, in spite of all the bad, that God created this world GOOD and *for good*.

While this season feels like pastoring blind, I can still see the good that God brings through St. Andrews. I hear echoes of how conversations, prayers, cards, and unexpected gifts continue to scatter blessings. The free little pantry has truly become our community blessing box, as so many come by and leave staples or treats. And somehow Zoom conversations and online meetings occasionally contain not only business and meaningful conversation, but *laughter!*

As we enter summer, we continue to worship online and continue our ministry and fellowship together, in different ways. Don't forget the simple things. Look for the good moments, the good work, the good days. Rest when you can. Reach out when you need to. And join us. I know it is not the same to gather online, but worship as you are able and fellowship, maybe even in new ways with like with bingo online or in welcoming a Zoom Theologian. This newsletter shares some new things we are trying. May God use all we do *for good*.

*God is GOOD! All the Time!  
All the Time! God is GOOD!*

In the Peace and Love of Christ,  
*Pastor Robin*

## *“Cultivate”*

*by Sarah Are*

*I wish I could cultivate my days  
Like my mother’s favorite recipe,  
Blending together the sweetest things—  
Hope and love, you and me,  
Justice and peace,  
Music and dreams—  
Like spices pulled from the shelf on the wall.*

*I’d add one cup of family,  
And one cup of grace.  
A dash of starry nights,  
A pinch of snow.  
One tablespoon of hope, and like oats, they would grow.  
A tablespoon of music and the hymns that I know.  
A cup for friends that feel more like family,  
A teaspoon of vanilla, for life’s sheer beauty.  
Three teaspoons of summer, and one tablespoon of dreams.  
Plus half a cup for the church that raised me,  
And half a cup for the moon that serenades me.*

*The instructions would read:  
Melt your love and whisk with justice until it expands beyond  
the pan.  
Gently stir in all that you hope for. Cover, and let rise.  
Drizzle with a sweet glaze of mercy.*

*Please be sure to leave heartache and grief tucked on the shelf  
Beside comparison, doubt, fear, and depression.  
Busyness will make this dish sour,  
As will grudges and gossip, which is not to mention  
Trauma and loss, or my fragile bones.*

*So use only the best ingredients  
When you cultivate your life.  
For like your mother’s favorite recipe,  
These days are sacred.*

**BINGO Night!**  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 7PM



**What are you doing on Friday night?**

*Join your church family online for a Friday night of FUN!*

Doug and Rebecca Lister will be our hosts!  
*Look for an email with the BINGO meeting info.*

**Coming Soon**



**Drive Through Picnic July 12th  
11AM-1PM.**

**Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this.**

Do you use **Spotify**?

The Youth have created a playlist:

**EPYC 2020 LOCKDOWN.**

Find it by searching for "EPYC 2020"



Songs include:

*Carnival of the Animals No. 12 Fossils* (Saint Petersburg Radio)  
chosen by: Daniel Peelen

*joy.* by King and Country  
chosen by: Kim Briggs

*September* by Earth, Wind & Fire  
chosen by: Brenna Lister

*Let us know if you would like more Spotify playlists!*

**ZOOM Theologian**  
**Session 1: Monday, June 22 7PM**  
**Session 2: Monday, June 29 7PM**

Online, distance doesn't matter!  
Right now, 'seeing' someone in  
South Dakota, is the same as  
'seeing' someone across town.  
This is a wonderful opportunity to  
have a guest theologian at St.  
Andrews!



Meet Dr. James Foster. He is a professor of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Sioux Falls. He is the editor of the *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* and a candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church.

Join us, via zoom as Dr. Foster leads us in exploring the lives of two men of faith: John Witherspoon and John McCosh. It is amazing how hearing stories and lives of faith in different times, can inspire us and our lives of faith in this time.

Session 1 (Monday, June 22): The Life and Work of John Witherspoon: Scot, Presbyterian Minister, and President of Princeton University\* (1723-1794)

Session 2 (Monday, June 29): The Life and Work of John McCosh: Scot, Presbyterian Minister, and President of Princeton University\* (1811-1894)

(If you are ready to try Zoom, and would like some help call Pastor Robin or Rob and they will help you get set up and even do a 'practice zoom' )

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As the "Sunday School year" comes to a close, the Christian Education committee offers a HUGE Thank You to those who give their time to teach/prepare/assist in order to provide opportunities for growing in the knowledge of Christ and His word. To all of you, a big THANK YOU of appreciation for your time, talent, and willingness to serve and adapt to online programming as needed! We praise God for you all!

Rick Borger, Mel Cochran, Connie Dowhower, Karen Fedder, Ken Gries, Lisa Hamme, Barry Kohr, Doug Lister, Mary Lynne Mulligan, Tim Peelen, and Penny Samuelson



*“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”*

*(Mother Theresa)*

Update on Mission Committee activities and ways YOU can help:

- The Little Free Pantry – The committee would like to thank everyone who has been helping with the Pantry. This ministry always needs contributions, as it empties quickly. Please continue to help. Popular items include: cereal, instant oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce, noodles, ramen, peanut butter, jelly, soups, canned pasta, canned chili, any of the “Hamburger Helper-type” meals, canned beans, rice, juices. PLEASE PUT THE ITEMS IN THE PANTRY YOURSELF.
- Free Noon Meal – Currently they are serving 150-200 people a day. All meals are served at LCCM in take-out containers. They could use volunteers to help prepare the meals throughout the week. Staff actually does the serving. Call LCCM at 717-272-4400. The Trailblazers will be doing the meal the second Saturday in June (contact Rob Cochran). Masks and gloves are the order of the day, and except for some work in the kitchen, social distancing is also adhered to. Financial donations are always welcome.
- Mission Week, 2020 – **SAVE THE DATES! August 2 – August 8** – Although plans are on hold for now, there will be service opportunities for the family of St. Andrews. Signups will most likely happen with Signup Genius and/or by contacting members of the mission committee. There are some activities that can be done with social distancing and the committee is looking into them. In addition, there are ideas for mission projects that can be done from home. These projects could include:
  - \* Making no-sew blankets
  - \* Making cards, writing cards to shut-ins
  - \* Putting together kits (for Mission Central, Rescue Mission, Agape)
  - \* Cardboard crosswords – **Please start saving your corrugated cardboard, and crossword puzzles (with their solutions)**. Instructions will come later.
  - \* Making masks

As you can see, just because a building is closed, does not mean St. Andrews is not at work. If you would like to help with any of these missions, please contact Robin Gries, at [robingries@aol.com](mailto:robingries@aol.com).

*“The hands of the Almighty are often found at the end our own arms.”*

*(From “Call the Midwife”)*

## *You Are Invited...to be a Prayer Partner*

Do you have someone you can talk with a pray with?  
Would you like to connect with someone once a week?  
Would you like to have a faith and prayer partner, in this time?

Congregational life is brining prayer partners together to stay connected until we meet again. If you would like to be connected to a prayer partner, call or email the church office. We may be separated, but we do not need to walk alone.

*“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study Summer WEBS

The WEBS group will be continuing our study through the quarantine! We will be beginning a new study on Wednesday June 3rd at 7 pm via Zoom. We will be studying the Old Testament book of Habakkuk. We even have a guest leader. Rebecca Lister will be leading this study! This will be a 4 week study. Please contact Rebecca Lister, Ken Gries, or Pastor Morgan for the login information.



## St. Andrews at the Movies

The summer normally offers moments of the church coming together to enjoy an evening at the movies. With continued social distance measure the movie nights at the church are not possible at this time. There is a solution! Anyone who would like to host a movie night for your neighborhood, or just a few close friends St. Andrews is offering the chance to use our equipment and expertise! If you are interested in hosting a movie night, please reach out to Rob Cochran.

What the Church Will Provide:

- Screen
- Projector
- Sound System
- Rob, to get everything setup

What you would need to provide

- the location for the movie
- A place to plug everything in
- computer or DVD to play the movie on
- your selected movie



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# EPYC Expectations

I have to admit, I have struggled with the planning of summer since we went into lockdown. With concerns for safety, the normal plans that fill the summer have been cancelled or pushed back. The question that has been on my mind is how, how ministry continues, how do we reach out with an eye towards family safety? As I have wrestled with this question and the concerns of the moment, a scripture verse came to mind.

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare<sup>[a]</sup> and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

The full context of Jeremiah 29 is to the exile in Babylon. God's message through the prophet Jeremiah is to settle in the land and make a home for themselves even in the grief of their exile. This is the invitation that CE and the Youth ministry has for the summer, to find new paths of ministry in this time.

**St. Andrews Reads:** Stories are an important part of each of our lives, so this summer we are going to share some of the stories that we have all loved. What I am looking for is people who would like to read a favorite children's book, maybe it's from your childhood, maybe it's one you have read to your children or grandchildren. If you are interested, please reach out to me!

**St. Andrews Cooks:** While we have been in lockdown, I have been enjoying leveling up my personal cooking skill. For Mother's Day I made some amazing steaks with homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, and roasted green beans, and what I am proudest of, homemade bacon jam garnish. Maybe you have been doing the same thing, or maybe you have been experimenting with family favorite recipes. What I am looking for is a couple people who would be willing to share a video of how they cook a favorite meal that they would be willing to share with the church. Please reach out to me if you can help!

**Scripture Passport:** Scripture memorization is a valuable part of our faith journey. This summer CE has approved advancing the Scripture Passport that was to launch with Sunday school this upcoming fall. Anyone at any age is welcome to participate, and for memorizing a scripture there will be prizes. The two immediate examples of prizes right now are that for a month of scripture memorization anyone can get a gift card to Patches Creamery for ice cream. For the best artistic take on a scripture

the artwork will be featured on the September newsletter. As the summer goes on new prizes and challenges will be announced. If you are interested in participating, please contact me for the scripture list and to be put on the mailer.

**Pop-Up Events:** A final piece to this summer will be Pop-up events for Epyc and TrailBlazers. As it is determined to be safe and with the safety of the youth and families, we will be hosting pop-up events in the community. I am building a contact list for families interested in the events, please contact me if you would like to be added to the list.

In Christ's Hope,  
Rob

### ART CAMP UPDATE

With an eye towards the safety of the students, volunteers and the church family, Art camp has been pushed back to the summer of 2021. While it is with regret that we have moved away from Art Camp, we are looking towards pop-up events that the church can host to support the community. In addition, the Task Force and CE are looking towards events for this fall as we launch into a new Sunday school year. Thank you for your support in this, and we look forward to the opportunities that the summer of 2021 will present!

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## Presbyterian Women

*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.* Galatians 6:9

Our PW activity for June was to have been serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald house as we have done for years. However, because of the virus that had to be cancelled. Stay tuned to hear what will be next.

In the meantime, if you have not contributed to the PW Birthday Offering, there is still time. Please remember to make your check out to "Women of the Congregation" and mark it as "Birthday Offering." The Birthday Offering gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives and funds up to five worthy projects each year. Thank you for giving generously.

# SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom. Rev. Morgan opened the meeting with prayer. We then had a brief discussion reflecting on ten questions dealing with aspects to consider before re-opening SAPC. The Session voted to continue on-line worship until Sunday, June 7, 2020.

**Deacons** – The deacons reported that they are keeping up with church members via phone calls, e-mails, etc. If anyone has a concern to share with the deacons, please contact Ken Gries or Cliffy Shiner.

**Trustees** – The elevator phone has finally been installed.

Standing committees Reports:

**Worship** – On-line worship is extended until Sunday, June 7, 2020. Session will decide how to proceed with worship at the June meeting. Until then, services will proceed as they have.

**Christian Education** – Zoom Sunday school will continue through May 31, 2020. WEBS continued to meet throughout May, as did EPYC. The summer art camp is on hold at this time.

**Congregational Life** – The committee is discussing ways to encourage whatever fellowship we can have during this time. They are planning on a family Bingo night via Zoom in June and possibly a drive-thru Church barbecue picnic some time during summer.

**Mission** – LCCM continues to host all meals during the quarantine. They continue to serve around 150-200 people daily. Please volunteer to help at LCCM if you are able. The Free Little Pantry continues to get much use. Mission Week will occur and the committee is developing possible scenarios for how activities will happen.

**Stewardship and Finance** – The church continues to be financially stable during this time. Offerings can be made via mail, on-line, or via text.

**Nominating** – The committee is working to nominate officers for next year.

**Visioning** – Dave Overholt will be removing the wood benches that were part of the Prayer Labyrinth. New benches and a swing have been purchased from Fontana and will be installed during summer. The committee continues to discuss how we can help the committees in the church and the community.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Rick Borger. The next meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7PM, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Lister

# IN MEMORY

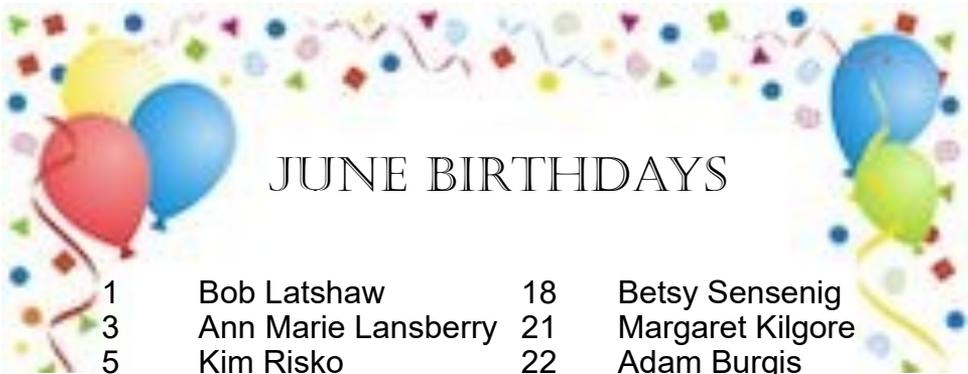


Christiane Scholes

Chris joined St Andrews along with her husband Bob on March 26, 1958 when they moved to Lebanon where Bob began his optometry practice.

Chris was active at St Andrews serving as an Elder and member of Session from 1977-1982. She served on the Board of Deacons for six years. Chris was part of a small group of young mothers who organized and purchased the equipment needed for the first nursery at the new St Andrews church building. This was a needed addition for small children, so their parents could attend worship. As their four sons grew up she was active in Sunday school and youth activities. Chris and Bob were active members of the Twelfth Streeter social group and were regular attendees of adult Sunday school classes. Chris entered the Church Triumphant on May 15, 2020.





## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Bob Latshaw	18	Betsy Sensenig
3	Ann Marie Lansberry	21	Margaret Kilgore
5	Kim Risko	22	Adam Burgis
	Craig Samuelson		Robert Regester
10	Karen Dielmann	23	William Gelgot
	Ian Tshudy		Ralph Heister
11	Ben Donley		Robin Morgan
13	Megan Fedder	25	John Condrack
14	Luke Tshudy	26	Pauline Charles
	David Sensenig		Douglas Fackler

**Mourning**  **has Broken**  
A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews

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

*Hikers refer to them as “middle miles.” These are the most exhausting, challenging miles on the path, when the exhilaration of beginning the journey has evaporated into drudgery and the promise of the path’s end has not given new energy for the stepping.*

Henry E. Woodruff

The journey through grief is very different from the climb up a heroic mountain. Yet there are stages of that ascent which remind us of our own climb out of the valley of despair. In the early weeks of our grieving we usually have much to help us—the solicitude of friends, the love and support of family, the gathering around of our religious community, the profferings of help.

Then we are in for the long haul, when we are at least as sad but more on our own. We wonder whether we shall ever feel our old energy and hunger for life again. We observe that people who have been grieving do feel better. We are told we will, too, and in our

heads maybe we believe it. But the days and weeks drag on and we don't see any infusion of light and joy.

One recurring theme that comes into our discussions during the Grief Support Group meetings is a question like, "How long am I going to feel so sad?" or "I think sometimes I cannot go on with my life when I feel so lost." Those of our group who have been in the grieving process for a period of time are able to offer some reassurance to those "newer grievers" that yes, you do feel sad and alone, but yes, that feeling will lessen with time, and yes, you will begin to feel better. There is no time-line—everyone grieves at a different pace and for some it takes longer to reach that sense of peace and acceptance than for others. We can talk about what to do in the meantime and how to deal with those feelings of deep sadness and come out on the other side a stronger person. We realize that after a while we find a new "level of normalcy". Things will never be the same as they were before the death of the loved one, but we begin to move forward in a new way, with a new attitude, and begin to work in that "new normal" attitude.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, no matter what your situation. We would be glad to see you and help you work through this period of great sadness in your life. We welcome St. Andrews members, as well as friends who are not members of St. Andrews. Our regular meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2 PM in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special.

***Grief Support will follow the church policy and will reconvene when the church has reopened.***

Like the hikers in the "middle miles" we must keep going, knowing that one day we will get on top of our lives again. Looking back, we'll marvel at how far we've come!

*I believe in the top of the mountain even when I can't see it.*

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