

# ST. ANDREWS HERALD

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## **IT'S A SPOOKY SCENE!**



**JOIN US FOR  
TRUNK OR TREAT!  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28  
6-8 PM**

# FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9AM Sunday School  
10AM Worship  
11AM Coffee Hour Fellowship

## OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 3 – World Communion  
Peacemaking Offering  
Genesis 26:26-33  
Luke 24:13-16,28-35  
*You Gotta Have Food*

October 10  
MFM Stewardship  
Deuteronomy 16:13-17  
Matthew 6:1-4  
*Blessed Giving*

October 17  
Genesis 1:26-31  
Matthew 21:12-17  
*Restored Inheritance*  
Rob Cochran preaching

October 24 – St. Andrews Day  
Psalm 34:1-8  
John 1:35-42  
*Living Into Our Name*

October 31  
Stewardship Sunday  
Luke 15:1-10  
Luke 19:1-10  
*Being a Church Like That*

### *Coming Soon...The Living Room*

Introducing *The Living Room!*  
Across from the Nursery in Room 2, a Living Room is being created. This space will surely fit many future plans. It will start as a place for families (especially with younger children) to come and stream worship here on Sunday Mornings.

Streaming has been wonderful as we worshiped through the pandemic. Families and individuals could engage in worship services from the safety and comfort of their homes. For those with young children, the added benefit of a more flexible environment, with toys and snacks and worship was a great advantage. Worshiping at home, is good for a variety of times and seasons, yet it is missing connection and fellowship. Come connect and fellowship with us on Sundays, *The Living Room* will be here for you...soon.

## St. Andrews Day

We will celebrate St. Andrews Day on **Sunday, October 24**. As we honor our 50-year members during worship, we celebrate the past and present of St. Andrews. Immediately following worship we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting** to elect officers, approve the pastor's terms of call, and attend to any other business of the church. It is a day of celebration—we hope you will join us!

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## *A Note from Pastor Robin*

Dear Beloved People of God,

A few days ago, Troy and I took Dashiell to the Cardiologist. The news was all good. He is growing well. His heart looks good and shows no signs of distress. We are still watching as it grows and hoping the pulmonary artery expands just a bit extra...yet for now Dashiell is doing so well, his next appointment is in February! To top it all off, he sleeps well at night and is such a happy baby. After the last 4 months, I am overjoyed and grateful. I am grateful for your prayers, support, flexibility in allowing Troy to step in for a time, and I am grateful to be back with all of you. As I write, I am realizing that I should keep this topic until the November newsletter and Thanksgiving, but I just cannot wait. I am filled with gratitude for all the blessings of God that abound, right now!

As I settle back in, here at St. Andrews, I am noticing so many blessings to be grateful for, as well as some realities we need to name. First the realities. Some of you are very comfortable streaming. It is good that you stream worship, but we miss you. When you are ready to be in large gatherings again, please come worship with us. If you are streaming, please let us know how you are. Because I am realizing that for some of you, the last year or so has seen a significant change in your health. I am a 'no news is good news' type of person. Yet, I am realizing many of you may broadcast 'no news' when you are dealing with difficult news. We are still in this journey of life and faith together. And this is the blessing.

Here at St. Andrews, we have been given a beautiful legacy, from our brothers and sisters in faith. We have beautiful property, an incredibly strong endowment and a commitment to Christ. Along with your continued faithfulness, the ministries of St. Andrews are starting to move into this new season. The visioning committee is ready to 'break ground' on a park to bless our neighbors, as we share our space with the community. The Mission Committee is looking towards our local community for a focus this next year, as we bless local ministries and build connections. We have been through some difficult years, things are different, but God's presence and blessings remain. What will we do with all the beautiful blessings God has given?

Let us give thanks and pray, following Christ into this new season and the next.

With Great Gratitude and Joy,  
Pastor Robin



## **TRUNK OR TREAT!!**

Trunk or Treat is returning to St. Andrews. After a year off because of Covid- 19, this incredible and fun outreach is back!

The Details:

October 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

There will be a sign up sheet in the gathering area  
This event will be outside; if it is inclement weather, we will cancel the event.

And a THEME! If you would like to participate in the theme it is Night at the Movies! So come dressed as a favorite actor, character and have some fun with dressing your cars!

### **Calling All Train Enthusiasts!**

Are you a Train Fan? Great! If you are interested in joining in with a group of people to work on some train displays to setup for our Advent and Christmas season, please contact Tom Shott!

### **New Hours for Cliffy and the Church Office**

In anticipation of eventual retirement, Cliffy requested to shorten her work week to four days. At its September meeting the Administration and Personnel Committee of the Session approved this request. The result is that the church office will be closed on Fridays.

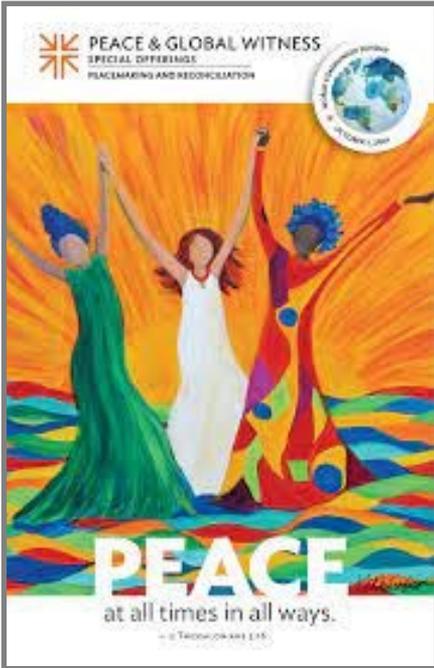
But...be assured that Incoming telephone calls will receive recorded instructions enabling callers to be connected to Pastor Robin, if they have an urgent need.

These changes will go into effect on 1 November 2021.

Fredrick A. Borger, Chair  
Administration and Personnel Committee



October's Mission Spotlight  
Applesauce!



Peace and Global Witness  
Special Offering

This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Twenty-five percent of this offering stays with our congregation, and will be donated to the Lebanon Community Library to buy books on Peace and Anti-Bullying.

Please make your check payable to St. Andrews and note "Peacemaking" in the memo.

Thank You!  
THANK YOU!

**To our SAPC family:**

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the lovely get well cards, birthday wishes and prayers while I heal and recover from neck surgery. It has made me feel wrapped in love and warmth and has helped me heal.

Love, Margi

# EPYC Expectations

Fall brings the start of a new school year, new routines, and the changes of season. Personally, I love this time as the leaves change and my family tries to find the new patterns of life with school. It allows for reflection on the routines and changes that we all experience in life.

In this way Christian Education has begun to look at how we have ministered and reached out to the community and dreaming about the possibilities. With the continued cautious return to normal we can and should look to new possibilities of ministry and how best to serve and reach the community.

What this means is that this school year will be a year of trying new things! Looking and asking those around us in the community how we can best serve, trying new events, exploring new ministries ideas, and leaning into the work that the Spirit is already doing!

Covid-19 in many ways set us all back and caused a moment of pause in our lives, but it offers is a new opportunity as we move back cautiously to a new normal! I look forward to the possibilities and dreams that we can live into in this time!



## UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

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| October 3  | 4-5pm Trailblazers, 5-6pm Epyc                          |
| October 10 | 4-5pm Trailblazers, 5-6pm Epyc                          |
| October 17 | 4-5pm Trailblazers, 5-6pm Epyc                          |
| October 24 | 4-5pm Trailblazers, 5-6pm Epyc                          |
| October 28 | 6-8pm Trunk or Treat                                    |
| October 31 | 2-4pm Family Day at Seyferts<br>Corn Maize All invited! |

**We Are Looking for a Nursery Attendant:** “Church nursery caregiver needed for 2 1/2 hours Sunday mornings. Child abuse clearances, Covid vaccination, and mask required. Contact [bdreib@comcast.net](mailto:bdreib@comcast.net) or call 717-272-9933. Please pass this opportunity on to friends who love babies!

# Music Notes



## Come Ring Again!

Join a short-term Handbell ensemble to play for worship!

### Handbells – Rehearsals will resume in the very near future.

Our bell choirs will function in small groups of 4 to 6 ringers playing easy arrangements without bell changes. The rehearsal schedule will be based on specific dates that your group is scheduled to play for worship. Also planning to arrange a convenient Sunday rehearsal time as part of our TrailBlazers and EPYC program to provide an opportunity for our youth to participate in a bell group.

**Please let us know as soon as possible if you or your child/youth are interested in playing with one of our bell groups.** Returning ringers and new ringers always welcome to join us.

Contact Carole Haines or Maggie Beatty

## Rehearsals Resume!

### Praise Team – Wednesday evenings - 6:30 to 7:30 in the sanctuary.

Additional singers and instrumentalists always welcome to join us.

Contact Maggie Beatty at [memab3@comcast.net](mailto:memab3@comcast.net) for more information.

### Chancel Choir – Wednesday evenings - 7:30 to 8:30 in the sanctuary.

Additional singers always welcome to join us.

Contact Carole Haines at [hainesterry@comcast.net](mailto:hainesterry@comcast.net) for



## IN MEMORY



### Clarence Umbenhauer

Clarence joined St. Andrews in October of 2002 along with his wife, Joan, on letter of transfer from St. Jacobs Luther Church, Pine Grove, PA. Clarence was the father of Sue Fisch, a past member. Clarence joined the Church Triumphant on July 3, 2021.

### Lois Bomberger

Lois joined St. Andrews in May of 2001 by Confession of Faith. Lois was the sister of Helen Leaman, a long-time member, and the mother of Linda Rau and Deb Miller, who recently joined St. Andrews from Tabor Church. Lois joined the Church Triumphant on August 19, 2021.

### Dr. James Tibbitts

Jim joined St Andrews September 1984 along with his wife Shirley on letter of transfer from St Johns UCC Jonestown, Pa, He was an ordained Elder serving on Session and a member of the choir and bell ringers. James joined the Church Triumphant on August 19, 2021

### Elizabeth Kalb

Elizabeth (Liz) Kalb joined St Andrews January 1977 along with her husband Ted and children Deb And Kevin on letter of transfer from 1st Christian Church Galesburg Ill. Liz was an ordained Elder serving on Session as well as the Board of Deacons. She was also very active in Presbyterian Women and enjoyed planning and attending the Twelfth Streeter social events . Elizabeth joined the Church Triumphant on September 3, 2021

### Livvy Huisman

Livvy joined St. Andrews in June of 2009 along with her husband, Seth, on letter of transfer from Unity Presbyterian Church of Temple Hill, MD. She enjoyed music and was a faithful member of the Chancel Choir. Livvy joined the Church Triumphant on September 5, 2021.

# SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday September 7 at 7pm in Snyder Hall. Pastor Robin opened with devotions based on Mark 8:1-13. The first part of the passage was the miracle of Jesus feeding the 4000; the second part of the passage was the Pharisees asking Jesus for a sign from heaven to “prove” He was the Messiah. Discussion followed as to what are the signs we have seen at St. Andrews, what are some signs we may have missed and what is our call here; that is, what is next for us as we look for the signs from the Lord moving forward.

After reports from the Trustees and Deacons, it was noted that the next Presbytery meeting is Saturday September 25 in the morning via Zoom. Standing committee reports were received. A small group of members from the Worship Committee and Visioning Committees will begin to explore alternative worship options. Christian Ed reported that we are still in need of a second person in the nursery; this is a paid position. We are also in need of substitutes and additional help in some of the Sunday School classes. The church picnic will be held after worship on Sunday September 12; coffee hour fellowship after worship will begin on Sunday September 19. We are in need of volunteers.

Administration and Personnel reported that our media specialist, Neal Logdahl has resigned; his last Sunday will be on Sunday September 12. Stewardship and Finance reported that budgets for the 2022 fiscal year are due to them by October 4.

Stewardship Sunday will be held on October 31. As a result of election day, the annual joint meeting of Session and the Trustees will be held on Tuesday November 19 instead of on the 2nd. The focus of stewardship in the upcoming year will be on mission. The Visioning Committee reported that some of the supplies for the play area have been held up due to supply chain disruptions, but they should be arriving soon.

The next meeting of Session will be held on October 5, 2021 at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dielmann

# born in October



1	Diane Pomeroy		Barbara Moyer
	Tim Peelen	15	Carolyn Kilgore
2	Bob Hearson		Lorraine Lowrie
4	Nancy Leshar		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	Michael Hains
10	Bridget Hofman	31	Katelynn Sensenig

## Mourning has Broken

A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews

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*Wilbur's heart brimmed with happiness... "Welcome to the barn cellar. You have chosen a hallowed doorway from which to string your webs. I think it is only fair to tell you that I was devoted to your mother... I shall always treasure her memory. To you, her daughters, I pledge my friendship forever and ever." "I pledge mine," said Joy. "I do, too", said Aranea. "And so do I", said Nellie... It was a happy day for Wilbur. And many more happy, tranquil days followed.*

E. B. White

In this beloved children's story, "*Charlotte's Web*", we see one of the secrets of healing from grief – the passing on of one's love for the departed to others who come after. In this case it is to Charlotte's daughters that Wilbur's love flows; it could be anyone in need.

How well we know the world brims with people who need attention, care, love! If we have been blessed with a good relationship, now distanced by death, it is an honorable and praiseworthy legacy of that relationship to pass our love on.

The knowledge that there were people in our midst who needed attention, care, and love, was the basis for forming the Grief Support Group at St. Andrews a number of years ago. There were folks in our congregation who would benefit from such a group and we came together to share experiences and share with each other's grief in a special way that only those who have already "been there" can understand. Our group has grown over the years to include some whose grief has been continuing over a long number of years, and some whose grief is still very new and painful. We have embraced quite a few people who are not members of our congregation, but heard of our group and came to find comfort and help and support from us.

We welcome anyone to come join with us, whether members of St. Andrews or not, no matter how long ago or how recent the loss. The experiences vary, as does the need for help, comfort, validation, and love.

Our usual meeting time is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. Our October meeting will be on Thursday, October 14, at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel, and in November it will be Thursday, November 11, also at 2:00. Please feel free to come join us anytime. You will be warmly welcomed there among us!

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 the church office at 717-272-9933.

We never stop loving the one who is gone, and we will help our own healing and enhance the lives of others if, in some way, we open our arms to someone in need. This is exactly what the members of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group do best!

*I know I have love to share. I will be on the lookout.*



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