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Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving this year. In order to have the sanctuary “dressed up” for this special time, we will be decorating after worship on Sunday, November 21. Consider staying to help! Many hands make light work, and it’s always fun—we hope you will join us!

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. *From All Saints' Day scripture*

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 7—All Saints' Day

Revelation 7:9-17

Hebrews 11:29-12:13

Our Cloud of Witnesses

November 14

Psalms 145:10-21

Jonah 2:7-9

Colossians 4:2-6

Creating Change with a Thank You

November 21—Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-14

John 18:33-38

Jesus Is LORD

Meditation offered by Rebecca Lister

November 28—Advent 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 3:1-6

Luke 8:40-48

Monologue: Voices of Advent:

The Woman with the Issue of Blood

Finding Hope

NEW *HERALD* DEADLINE

Beginning in December there will be a new deadline to submit an article for the *Herald*.

For the December newsletter the deadline will be November 22. Hereafter, **the firm deadline will be the 22nd of the previous month.**

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!

Matthew 3:1-2 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' *From the First Sunday in Advent scripture*

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

November begins with All Saints' Day. It is a day that encourages us to remember those whom we have lost. We remember to celebrate them and also to bring our hearts, which very well may be grieving to God. As we come to this day, I wish I knew what each one of you have been through, and what you are going through in this season. Maybe you feel like your calendar is full, but all with funerals. As the losses mount, the weight of your own mortality sits uncomfortably. Maybe you are still separated from those you love, due to travel restrictions, and grieve all the missed moments. Maybe this year brought unexpected loss, that still catches you by surprise. As we come into this month and as the holidays loom before us, we need this day to stop, just for a moment, and turn our hearts to God, giving thanks for all the saints in our life, and knowing it is ok for a tear to fall.

November also brings Thanksgiving Day. A day for feasting! Scripture offers us so many images of feasts. From the last day of creation, to the wedding at Cana, to the sacrament of Communion, scripture shows us that God loves a good feast. This year, we also need to enjoy a feast! To celebrate life and give thanks. So go ahead and have that second piece of pie or that second helping of stuffing and be filled with goodness.

November ends, leading us into Advent. A season that knows the sorrows, the longings, the celebrations and turns our hearts and minds to hope. Hope that is not at all like a wish, but active hope that looks for and sees God's work in this world. I remember once, someone asking me what I could not compromise or give up in my understanding of faith. And it took me a long time to realize that it is our Advent call, *O come, O come Emmanuel*. Jesus is God with us. This is what I hold onto every day. Advent leads us on the journey to find Christ again, to find and know God with us in the times of deep grief and the most joyful celebrations.

In this month, you are invited to journey with God from All Saints' Day to Thanksgiving and on into Advent. May you know God is with you, right where you are, and no matter where you are this year, God is already before you and behind you and right beside you. May you live and abide with God, in this month and every month.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Robin



17th Annual



Alternative Gift Fair

Sunday, December 5

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Snyder Hall

Do your Christmas shopping while helping others! Representatives from charitable organizations will have opportunities for you to make a donation in honor of someone on your Christmas list. Instead of purchasing the usual returnable items, alternative gifts are contributions to non-profit organizations that help those in the community and around the world.



Specific organizations will be advertised closer to the date. Check the Mission Bulletin Board by the Office for Details.

The Coffee hour will be in Snyder Hall that day in conjunction with the Alternative Gift Fair.



*****Cash and checks accepted by all organizations*****



November's Mission Spotlight Hot and Cold Cereals

THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be returning to the Gathering Area this year. Angels will be available in Mid-November. Specific items will be on the tags for you to purchase and return, unwrapped. Please consider helping to provide a gift for a local child or youth this Christmas season. Return date deadline will be announced but is expected to be within the first 2 weeks of December. Instructions will be provided at the tree when tags are hung.

THE GIVING TREE has replaced the Mitten Tree. Needs in the community have gone beyond mittens. New socks and underwear of all sizes and types for men, women, and children, along with boys' and girls' pajamas will be the focus of the Giving Tree this year. Donations to be delivered to LCCM will be accepted during December in the Gathering area.

FREE LITTLE PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the Free Little Pantry. It always being used. Just a few notes:



Remember only non-perishables should be put in.

If you are putting in canned goods, all types are welcome. If you are able, those with flip-top lids are good because some folks may not have can openers.

Easily-prepared dishes such as mac & cheese or mashed potatoes are always needed. If you can find mixes that use water as an ingredient rather than milk and/or butter, those may be even better.

Don't forget, things such as toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex, and feminine items are also needed.

People who use the pantry may not have the resources or access to prepare foods or buy the other items.

Your gifts to the pantry are greatly appreciated.

SAPC Mission Committee

EPYC Expectations

Epyc/Trailblazers

The nights are getting longer, the days colder, and there is finally color change in the trees! There are so many things that I love and enjoy about this time of year. But also, a multitude of things that the students struggle with. Increasing homework, busy sports and practice schedules, and of course the quickly approaching times of concerts, performances. Each of these though is a testament to the gifted and inquisitive nature of the individual students and their unique gifting.

I love the inquisitive nature of the students. I see this every week with the lessons and conversations that we have. Right now, in Epyc and Trailblazers we are studying through the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament and asking what we can learn from this time and our own. It is incredibly to watch and encourage the student's growth in their faith.

Upcoming:

November 7 Trailblazers 4-5pm, Epyc 5-6pm

November 14 Trailblazers 4-5pm, Epyc 5-6pm

November 21 Trailblazers 4-5pm, Epyc 5-6pm

November 28 No Trailblazers or Epyc

December 5 A living Christmas 2-4pm

Volunteer Opportunity: “Nursery attendant needed during Sunday morning worship. Child abuse clearances, Covid vaccination, and mask required. Contact bdreib@comcast.net or sign up in the Gathering Area.

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 THIS YEAR

A Living Christmas...December 5th 2-4 PM

Christmas time is filled with a multitude of joyous traditions. Hot chocolate and cookies, ornaments and lights, Meeting St. Nicholas, and so many more. These traditions are built around families celebrating the season and creating new memories. But deeper still, these traditions reflect the gift given to us in the birth of Jesus.

This year Christian Education is sponsoring a new event called A living Christmas. This event will draw on favorite traditions and celebrate them around the Gospel story of Jesus's Birth. At the same time this event is also open to the community, intending to continue to reveal God's love, and us loving our neighbor!

What you can expect:

- A Narrative Telling of the Gospels story of Jesus Birth!
- Meeting St. Nicholas!
- Children/Family craft!
- Train Display!
- Hot Chocolate and Cookies!
- Fellowship!



Outreach Opportunity

A Living Christmas is coming! This is an incredible opportunity for us as a church to work together and show off some of our amazing gifts and talents as a church! If you would like to help with any part of this upcoming event— and there are many pieces— please get in touch with Rob or Beckie!

Opportunities to help:

- Cookie Bakers
- Actors
- Craft makers and helpers
- Welcomers
- Hosts and Hostesses
- Helpers



A Note from the Visioning Committee

Over the last few years, we have been developing ways to use the St. Andrews church property in ways that will welcome and serve the community. We added a quiet sitting area to the prayer walk (labyrinth). There is another welcoming sitting area with a Little Library and Little Pantry at the corner of 12th Street and Jackson Boulevard. We have a basketball area in the back parking lot. It is our intent for these spaces to be available for use not just by church members, but also by our friends and neighbors in the community.

The next exciting project will be on the Poplar Street side of the building – a small play area in the space between the parking lot and the walkway that leads to the side door of the building. Again, this space is intended for use by anyone. The space will be fenced for safety and include musical instruments, some state-of-the-art play equipment, and a sitting area. Below you will find a couple of sketches of what the play equipment will look like. The play area will be designed to be fully accessible to children of all physical abilities.

We had hoped to complete construction this fall, but due to supply chain issues earlier this summer, construction will be delayed until Spring. This will give us time to work with Rob and Christian Ed to determine activities that can be put on the calendar as a way of “kicking off” the park. Suggestions are always welcome!





THANKSGIVING DINNER 2021

This year the Beattys will again be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner package brought to your house. If you would like to have some dinner brought to your house, we can do that. Our "Thanksgiving package" includes: turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, a side dish, and dessert (with whipped cream of course!). All you have to do is let us know how many people we will be preparing for and if you want dark and/or white meat. Call/text Maggie Beatty at 717-304-2379, or email her at memab3@comcast.net, by November 22. We will deliver your meal on Thanksgiving



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NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE COMMITTEE

As we are half way through fall and approaching Advent, I wanted to touch on a couple of subjects. The first is year-end giving. All of our gifts are tax deductible, of course. But as the end of each year approaches, many of us make additional charitable donations as a way to provide meaningful support for St Andrews. Ways to give at year-end include:

- Gifts of Cash: If you itemize, you can lower your income taxes by simply writing a check on or before December 31 each year. If your envelope or check is postmarked by December 31, your gift qualifies as a current-year deduction.
- Qualified IRA Distribution: People over age 70 ½ can give up to \$100,000 each year directly from their IRA to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the money.
- Real Estate: Gifts of real estate must be coordinated with the church ahead of time since there are specific requirements to be considered. For example, any real estate gift over \$5000 requires the donor to obtain an independent appraisal for tax purposes.
- Gifts of Stock: If you own stock, it is often more beneficial to contribute stock than to contribute cash because of a twofold tax savings. First, you can avoid paying capital gains tax on the increase in stock value, and second, you receive a tax deduction. If you plan to give stock as part of your contribution, please contact Craig Lowrie (717-269-3698).

The second item is Giving Envelopes. It is time to order giving envelopes for 2022. The cost is getting more and more expensive. Many of you give online, give on a monthly, quarterly, or annually vice weekly basis, or just write checks and do not require envelopes. Regardless of the method you utilize, you will still be assigned a number and receive quarterly giving statements. Please call the office and let Cliffy know if you no longer require giving envelopes.

For more information on any of these subjects, please contact me at 717-274-3011.

Respectfully,
Rob Lowrie
Chair Stewardship and Finance Committee

We're looking for a few good staff members

Help Us Find Our Next Contemporary Music Leader

St. Andrews is seeking a new Contemporary Music Leader to continue to enhance meaningful worship through praise music. If you know someone who may be a good candidate, please have them email the search committee for a complete job description and to ask any questions about the role. The search committee email is: standrewslebjobs@gmail.com.

The Contemporary Music Leader will coordinate with the minister and other music staff to select music for worship services. The Leader will practice with the Praise Team (weekly practices), choirs, or other special groups as needed to prepare for services. The Leader will perform and lead contemporary music during worship services (Sunday mornings and at special services).

Candidates should be Christ-filled and bring a team player spirit to the role. The person should be a strong vocal leader who is comfortable with a variety of music genres. Candidates with strong skills in playing musical instruments such as piano, guitar, or drums are preferred.

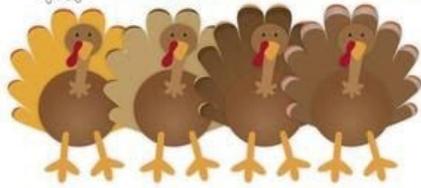
If you know of any talented musicians, please encourage them to contact the search committee.

Nursery .Attendant - Do you know someone who loves children? We are looking for a second nursery attendant . This person would need to be vaccinated and wear a mask while in the nursery. Please pass along this opportunity to anyone who would like a Sunday morning side job.

Media coordinator Streaming and worship slide projections have become essential to our worship. We are looking for someone to work with our volunteers to continue this vital ministry and help us to improve our streaming on online presence. Please email Glenn or Stuart if you have any leads for this position.

Please share with anyone you know who has these ministry gifts and skills

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
	Reilly Morgan		Adam Shreve
8	Kelsey McMillen	27	Will Juppenlatz
15	Jody DeWald		Megan Risko
17	Chris Risko		



**Christmas Luncheon
December 12th -
After Worship -
Snyder Hall
Ham and Fixings
Seated/Served/
Simply Superb**



**Please Plan To Come!
Sign Up Now In The Gathering Area!**

SESSION NOTES

The Session held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 in Snyder Hall. Rev. Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and led devotions from scripture in Exodus 3:1-17.

It was reported the Carlisle Presbytery per capita for 2022 will be \$29.00.

The Worship Committee reported they will seek a contemporary music leader. Christian Education reported that St. Andrews will host Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on October 28, 2021. An Advent workshop make and take craft event will be held on December 5, 2021. Congregational Life is planning a Christmas luncheon.

The annual Stewardship campaign is underway. Stewardship and Finance will meet with committee chairs on October 18 to finalize the proposed 2022 budget.

St. Andrews members of fifty or more years will be recognized at worship on St. Andrews Day on October 24, 2021. The fall meeting of the congregation will be held immediately after worship that day.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 7 PM which will be a joint meeting of the Session and Trustees to act on the proposed 2022 budget.

Submitted by Stuart Juppenlatz

IN MEMORY



William Orr, Jr.

Bill joined St. Andrews October 1998 on confession of faith. He spent his last days at the Kadima Nursing home in Campbelltown” Bill had three children Susan , William and Glenn. He owned a highway safety construction business and was an avid bowler and gardener. He joined the Church Triumphant October 22, 2021.



**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 November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 11, 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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