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## SPARK



**SPARK, St. Andrews Spiritual Park  
is OPEN! April 24, 2022**

# Worship with us

*For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*  
Psalm 30:5

**May 1** Easter 3/Communion  
Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-20  
*Open Eyes, Waiting for Sight*

**May 8** Easter 4 (Mother's Day)  
Acts 9:39-43; Psalm 23  
John 21:1-19  
*Being Shepherds*

**May 15** Easter 5      Guest Preacher: Rev. John Green  
Psalm 148:1-14  
John 13:31-35  
*Just As I Love You*

**May 22** Easter 6      Youth Sunday  
Psalm 34; Luke 10:38-42

**May 29**  
John 17:20-26; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
Acts 16:16-34  
*A Different Kind of Love*

## **WOW Wednesday Outdoor Worship**

St. Andrews is offering an additional worship service this summer on Wednesday evenings. Beginning on **Wednesday, June 15th, the Wednesday Outdoor Worship will be held at 7pm** on the lawn of the church. This family-oriented service will be held on Wednesday evenings.. Please **bring a lawn chair**. All are welcome to join us as we worship and praise our God.



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## *A Note from Pastor Robin*

Dear Beloved People of God,

May is such an amazing time, with nature in full bloom! It is one of my favorite months; it's also the season to celebrate Eastertide. And so it seems strange to me that while I am looking forward to what is ahead, to new life, I find myself looking back and remembering last year. These memories are flooding in, as we get closer to Dashiell's birthday. Just last week at the worship committee meeting, I was realizing all that I missed here at St. Andrews. I missed the Wednesday Outdoor Worship services (if you are wondering, yes, we will have them again this year!). I missed the warm days as I lived in the cold air conditioning of the Children's Hospital. I look back and reflect on what I missed. And then I hold tight to the joyful, squirmy almost one-year-old, who is so full of life. May 8<sup>th</sup>, on Mother's Day, Troy and I will be bringing Dashiell to be baptized. For me, it is a part of celebrating his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. It is also celebrating all that God has done in this life.

This year at St. Andrews we are seeking the fullness of Eastertide. Alongside the bright tulips in the yard, the *Spark Park*, that the visioning committee has been working for, is fully installed and already being used! My prayer is that this park, this space, is a gift and a blessing to our neighbors. (We can certainly enjoy it as well!)

The other element of Eastertide that I am seeking, is our work with Ministry Architects. Before we even started, I was sitting with a group of local pastors and asking them to pray for us, to pray for this to be resurrection work. They are praying for us, and I remain grateful we are on this intentional journey together. The listening visit in March gave us a much clearer picture of where we are. We need to have this moment to be honest about the good things and to be honest about our challenges, and what we need to confess and lament. We are in the midst of this listening to one another, and we will continue to listen to God and to one another. The unexpected joy in this is the ideas! Please do share any ideas. There is an idea box in the Gathering Area; let's fill it up.

So, what is next? Our next step is a Vision Summit. This will be on Tuesday evening, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the time to gather together and discern who we are and our goals as we move forward. This is such an important piece. And it is perfectly timed, in the midst of Eastertide. May we seek what's next, may we seek our new life in the Easter hope of Jesus Christ!

God is with us.

Together let us step boldly forward, reflecting on that has been and looking ahead, with hope.

With thanks for our journey together,  
*Pastor Robin*



## **Save the date of May 31st for our Church-Wide Vision Summit!**

Our Ministry Architects consultants will lead us in a fun and positive process to help us clarify our church's goals, values, and mission statement. Everyone is welcome! Come and be a part of our transformation journey for a new season of ministry at St. Andrews!

Dinner will be at 5:30PM with our Summit starting right at 6PM. All are welcome, bring open minds, prayerful hearts and cookies to share!

## Prayer Team



The most important piece of our work with Ministry Architects is prayer. As we move through the next two years, seeking what is next for us, we need to pray continually. From the very beginning, Session has said; 'God must be at the center of this'. To lead us in prayer, we have a prayer team. Beckie Dreibelbis will lead the team, with Ken Gries and David Overholt coming alongside. This team will grow as we go. Please join Beckie, Ken and David in praying for every step of this process. Remember that Jesus prays for us: "I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours." John 17:9 Watch for more information and invitations to join in prayer as we move forward. Thank you Beckie, Ken, and David for praying for our church family and for leading us in prayer!

# Transformation Team



Meet our Transformation Team: Maggie Beatty, Kayla Lowrie, Tim Peelan and Bob Dowd! They will be working directly with Anthony and Aqueelah, Ministry Architects Consultants to our oversee the 24-month renovation process of the church's ministries. This team will serve as a non-anxious presence in this time period; addresses the immediate pressure points facing the church; affirming a consensus for the direction of the church; and overseeing the creation of systems and infrastructure for the church. As we come to decision points they will be asking: "Who says 'yes' to this?" Our regular committees and Session will continue to be the ones discerning together and making the decisions as we move along. Look for regular updates from the Transformation Team, as they help us see where we are in the process and point to what is

## **Here is the Team's first update:**

Your transformation team has gotten a "Quick Start" on our work with our consultants, Anthony and Aqueelah, from Ministry Architects. We are gearing up for the Vision Summit on Tuesday, May 31st. Everyone is invited. GET EXCITED!

# You are Invited to SPARK!

Sometimes, it feels like God isn't listening when we pray.

That feeling was totally shattered for me yesterday as I stood in the new play area, SPARK (St. Andrews Spiritual Park). I stood and watched children laughing as they were pushed up and down on the We-Saw. I saw adults and children alike twirling on the Whirly-Q. I saw toddlers happily ringing the doorbell on the Nook House. I saw a mother eating a snack while sitting on the picnic table, watching her children play safely within the fenced area. I myself played a melody on the chimes. But what I enjoyed even more was watching everyone sitting or standing and *talking* with one another, taking joy in feeling the warmth of the sun and listening to children play on a gorgeous spring day.

The seeds for SPARK were planted at a Leadership Retreat in February of 2019, but the hope for a play area has been discussed for years prior to 2019. It seemed such a big dream could never happen—that it was too expensive, too difficult, too much possibility of failure and fear. Finally, with God's help, we are now able to see the physical embodiment of a vision and answered prayer. It is in the sound of children and adults laughing together, of chimes floating on the breeze, of hope rekindled.

SPARK is accessible for all to enjoy, all to share. May it spark conversation, fellowship, and play. For God's steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136)

-Rebecca Lister





# THIS MONTH IN YOUTH



## A Quick Word from Rob

In April we went for a hike up to the observation tower at Gov. Dick. There is a beauty to nature springing to life and hearing the joy of the students! There is also tremendous joy in being able to see creation in the eyes of the students. From one student who finds fascination in the patterns of rocks, to others who conquer their fears in a new way! May we all in some way look through a child's eyes at the marvelous creation we have been given!

In Christ's Hope,

*Rob*

### ***Upcoming Events***

- Youth Sunday May 22
- End of the school year party  
May 22nd
- Trailblazers 3:30-5pm
- Epyc 5-6:30pm

### ***Sunday Meeting***

- Trailblazers 4-5pm May 1 & 15  
No Trailblazers Mothers Day
- Epyc 5-6pm May 1 & 15  
No Epyc Mothers Day

### ***In Youth Group***

Planning and preparation for Youth Sunday continues! Summer is right around the corner and we will be switching to our summer schedule. Which is being finalized and announced soon!

### ***For More Information***

Contact Rob  
Cell 717-847-7618  
or

[youth@standrewslebanon.org](mailto:youth@standrewslebanon.org)

## A New Chapter is Coming for Cliffy

Cliffy has been our anchor in the church office for the last 17 years. She has been there to answer the phone when we called. She has answered every question. She has helped in any way she can. She has done a thousand things behind the scenes that have been and are invaluable. And now she is ready to end this good chapter and start a new one. This coming September, Cliffy will retire as our Office Manager. She will then pour her time and energy into a chapter she has already started, in copywriting.

I know this is not the news you want to hear. It is not the news I wanted to hear. But I know you will join me in being grateful for every minute Cliffy has spent in the office, as we encourage and support her in this new chapter.

Our hope, if the way be clear, is to be ready to advertise the position by the end of May. Our prayer is then to have the right person (God already knows who they are) and for them to say *yes*, and then to work with Cliffy for a few weeks in August. I cannot promise this, but this is the plan Cliffy and I have worked out with the Administration and Personnel Committee.

With Gratitude,  
*Pastor Robin*



We will be doing a COMBINED June-July Herald.  
If you have articles to submit, please do that by  
May 22. Thank you!



# Mission Opportunities

Want to help our community? Here are some ways you can reach out to others.

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** The pantry is being used every day. Several members put items in on a regular basis. Thanks to everyone. If you prefer, you can place items in the bin across from the Christian Ed office. Some reminders:

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. You can put in items that are in plastic jars, just **no** glass jars please!

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 are even better.

Tea bags, instant coffee, powdered creamer, and packs of sugar.

Cereal of all kinds is good, but boxed milk makes it a treasure.

Tuna in foil packs and crackers can make a good lunch.

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

**SPOTLIGHT ITEMS:** Each month the mission committee highlights specific items that are in need by LCCM. Worshipers bring in the items and place them in the green bins in the narthex. At the end of the month, a mission committee member delivers the items to LCCM. Look for the "item" of the month in the Herald, and in the announcements on Sunday morning



MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR MAY

Shampoo, Conditioner,  
and Body Wash

**ITEMS CRITICALLY NEEDED AT LCCM:**

There are specific non-food, non-perishable items needed by LCCM. If you can help by supplying any of these items, please deliver them to LCCM: 250 S 7th St, Lebanon, PA 17042, Phone: 717.272.4400

Email: [info@lccm.us](mailto:info@lccm.us)

These items are on their current wish list:

**SNEAKERS - MEN'S, WOMEN'S, BOY'S AND GIRL'S - ALL SIZES**

**(MEN'S SNEAKERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. WE DO NOT NEED MEN'S DRESS SHOES)**

**WOMEN'S SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRTS - ALL SIZES**

**MEN'S SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRTS- ALL SIZES**

**GIRL'S PANTS - SIZE 4, 7/8, 10/12 AND 14/16**

**GIRL'S TOPS - SIZE 10/12 AND 14/16**

**BOY'S PAJAMAS - SIZE 10/12 AND 14/16**

**BOY'S PANTS - SIZE 7/8, 10/12 AND 14/16**

**MEN'S JEANS - SIZE 38, 40, 42 AND 44**

**BLANKETS - SIZE FULL, QUEEN AND KING**

**SHEETS - SIZE TWIN AND QUEEN**

**MEN'S BOXERS - SIZE SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, 2X AND 3X**

**MEN'S BRIEFS - SIZE SMALL AND MEDIUM**

**BRAS - SIZE 32, 34, 36 AND 38**

**WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR - SIZE 6, 7 AND 8**

**WOMEN'S SOCKS - SIZE 9-11**

**GIRLS' PANTIES - SIZE 2**

**BOY'S BOXERS - SIZE SMALL AND MEDIUM**

**BOY'S BRIEFS - SIZE 6, 8 AND 10**

**GIRL'S AND BOY'S SOCKS - SIZE 0-12 MOS. AND 12-24 MOS.**

**MEN'S T-SHIRTS - SIZE SMALL, MEDIUM, 2X AND 3X**



# SESSION NOTES

The Session held its regularly monthly meeting on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Rev. Morgan opened the meeting with lighting of a candle, prayer, and devotions from scripture based on Luke 15:18. The current Session was joined in-person by all attendees. Discussions of note included the Launch Team reporting that a full report was provided to the congregation by Ministry Architect's as a result of our Listening Sessions. Session reflected upon the Ministry Architect report in an optimistic and constructive discussion. Additional excitement was expressed for SPARK as it begun to be installed! Session happily acknowledged and expressed whole-hearted support for Rebecca Lister's journey to candidacy for ministry with graduation in May 2025.

In addition, the following items were discussed and approved:

- To create a new Transformation Team to coordinate the strategic planning process with Ministry Architects and to appoint the following members of the team: Kayla Lowrie, Tim Peelen, Maggie Beatty and Bob Dowd

- To create a prayer team to provide prayer support for the transformation work at St. Andrews and to appoint Beckie Dreibelbis as chair of the Team

- To move the August session meeting to move to August 9<sup>th</sup>

- To approve Wednesday outdoor worship with the caveat that it could move indoors in inclement weather from June 15<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm

- For the visioning committee to go on stand-by beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> while we are in this process with Ministry Architects

- To endorse Rebecca to move to candidacy

- To nominate Karen as Rebecca's liaison

# Deacon Doings

*You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan." Joshua 3:8 NSRV*

It feels as if we have been wandering in the wilderness for two years. Just when we thought we were coming out of it, we realized that it was a mirage. In the bible passage above, the first thing standing in the way of the Israelites entry into the Promised Land was a flood swollen Jordan river. No problem, right? God has parted waters before. One major difference. Here God is requiring the Israelites to ACT. God told Joshua to tell the priests to "stand in the Jordan". God didn't say, when the water recedes, cross the river. What if God is waiting for St. Andrews to take the first step? Is it time to begin to move forward from our own wilderness to the "land" that God has already provided us? The process with Ministry Architects could be a first step into the Jordan. The unknown can be a scary thing, but God promises to be with us through it. And He is already on the other side! Please join the Deacons in prayer for the process and the willingness to see it though. Come join us as we move forward. But, watch that first step!

*In Christ,  
Ken Gries, Moderator*





2	Anna (Panka) Peelen	20	Jean Gigler
3	Kathy Wissinger		Julie Ogurcak
4	Madeleine Overholt	25	Wybie Buckingham
	Lindsay Burkholder	26	Avery Dowd
6	William Andrews		Randy Kreiser
	Ted Etter	27	Valerie Chevalier
	Pat Bender		Matthew Peelen
12	Kayla Lowrie	28	Marianne Kopp
17	Lee Moyer	31	Virginia Brandt



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

*I must learn to open bottles, move the furniture, open stuck windows, go home alone, investigate the noise in the night, eat alone, make decisions alone, handle money alone, go on trips alone, fight with service companies alone, be sick alone, sleep alone.*

Sonja O'Sullivan

Often we are better forewarned, better prepared, to deal with the big events like birthdays and holidays than with some of the more formal times when we have been accustomed to our loved one's presence. A woman whose husband had died said that the first time she heard some note-worthy news and turned around to relay the news to her husband--- "That was when I knew he was gone."

A lot of the conversation that takes place during the meetings of the St. Andrews Grief Support Group centers around just these simple incidents. Yes, we talk about getting through the holidays, the anniversaries, the birthdays, and the frustration of having to deal with

ordinary things once shared with a partner and now having to deal with alone. We usually find that one person's frustration in these seemingly simple things is often the same frustration of many of us. For some the up-coming holiday season can be an especially sad time. We try to find ways to try to enjoy the holiday in spite of the sadness. It is OK to be happy in the midst of grieving. It is OK to be laughing as family members repeat old family memories, while creating new ones. And yes, it is OK to shed a few tears when you hear a favorite carol or meaningful scripture or light the candles on Christmas Eve. This shows that the love is still there and your loved one is in your heart.

Our Grief Support Group welcomes anyone to join with us.

Our usual meeting time is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. Our May meeting will be on May 12. In June we will be meeting at the church and having an indoor "picnic." The time is still being determined. Please feel free to come join us. You will be warmly welcomed!

If you have questions, please contact our Advisor, Diane Pomeroy, at 717-454-8330 or the church office, 717-272-9933.

Remember that eventually the memory of our loved ones once having shared this or that particular experience will carry a poignant gratitude for all the times they were with us. We will find the power to go it alone.

*As I learn my life anew, may I be empowered by  
loving memories.*



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