

St. Andrews Herald

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 2022



Hanging of the Greens—November 20th

Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 27th—
just after Thanksgiving.

In order to have the sanctuary “dressed up” for this special time, we will be decorating after worship on Sunday, November 20.

Consider staying to help! Many hands make light work, and it’s always fun—we hope you will join us!

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November 2022 Worship

November 6 All Saint's Day & Communion

Psalm 126; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Finding Joy

November 13

Guest Preacher Rev. Anne Ross

November 20 Hanging of the Greens!

Guest Preacher Rev. John Green

November 27 Advent 1

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

Looking for the Manger

Sunday, Nov 6



Combined
Dec & Jan
Herald—
Deadline Nov 18th

A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

A few years ago, I was thinking and praying about the next chapter for St. Andrews, I knew there was something there, but it was like I couldn't see through a cloud. Last month Session approved 3 goals, that have been prayerfully considered and adjusted since the vision summit in early June. With the approval of these 3 goals, I'm beginning to see through that cloud & imagine a beautiful, vibrant future.

The three goals session approved are:

- 1) *By 2025, we will create balance for all adults, youth, children, and young adults to be more actively involved in discipleship activities than in committee meetings.*
- 2) *By 2025, each member will have a regular rhythm of inviting at least 3 people, each year, into our welcoming worshipping community.*
- 3) *By 2025, we will re-imagine how we use and invest in our physical and online space to bless our neighborhood, by leveraging and elevating our members' existing community relationships and partnerships.*

These goals have the potential to lead us toward knowing Christ and one another, toward clear ways to invite people to draw near to God, and to share our wonderful resources, especially our building and property with our community.

Right now, I am leaning into the first goal, that calls us to focus more of our time, more of our energy on discipleship. This is a goal for myself as well. I am here two nights a week, and always for committee meetings. A few months ago, I preached on how I have gotten distracted by the business of the church through the years, yet

my job is to point to Christ. This what we need. This is also what I need, to make room to have a Bible Study, or Spiritual book club. So many of you faithfully serve on committees, we need that. Yet, what is more important is that you and all of us have a place to grow together in faith. This goal of more discipleship asks us to balance our business, and asks us to imagine St. Andrews as a place you come and connect to people who know your struggles and who are walking with you, in this journey of faith.

The second goal, is one I imagine will be a ‘leap of faith’ for some of us. Inviting people to church, is not always an easy thing to do in this age. Thus, our goal is to find a variety of ways to make it easier... *to ask someone if they would like to join you in serving a free noon meal.* Or to send a postcard, sharing our advent worship services, with a personal note that says something like: *you are always welcome to join me.* Or to give someone a book, with a bookmark for a *book group conversation that considers our faith.* This is a part of extending Christ’s welcome, and also seeing where people are and asking if we can walk with them.

The third, is an echo of a desire I have heard since I came to St. Andrews, to use our space well! Every time, I am with a gathering of new members we take a tour, and every time someone says: *I had no idea, we had all this great space!* It is time to extend our welcome, by extending our connections. Many of you are actively involved in our community, what groups do you know of who might like to use some of this space well? How can our space, inside and out and even online be a blessing to our community and a blessing to our congregation as we get to know more and more of our neighbors?

These goals, will move us, most importantly toward discipleship. And towards a culture of inviting, as well as towards an active search for ways to use our resources and to actively connect to our community. It is wonderful to have clear goals to work towards, but this is only a joy if you will join in and be a part of it. If one or more of the goals, is a stretch for you than let me invite you to grow with us, as we seek to grow this congregation, not just in numbers but in faith.

All of this is built on the foundation of our common values: Christ first, Inviting, Joyful and Open-Minded! I will begin the month preaching on Joyful. We will save our last value ‘Open-Minded’ for the season of Epiphany!

In this season of Thanksgiving let us give thanks to God and ask God to lead us together as we focus on new goals. In all of these things, May God be glorified!

In the Joy and Hope of Jesus Christ, *Pastor Robin*

Followship Small Groups – SIGN UP!!

In October, we began a small group series called “Followship Groups.” It’s not too late to sign up!! We will meet through Lent.

The name sounds like “fellowship,” a relationship to which the Holy Spirit calls the people of God—a relationship with God, and with one another. “Followship” is also about cross-carrying and following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Why Are We Doing This? The Mission Statement and Core Values mention building caring relationships, being welcoming and open-minded in our interactions, and doing so with a joyful and fun-loving attitude. This is a step in that direction.

When and How Long Do the Followship Groups Meet?

Is determined by each group; can be consistent or vary, depending upon the members’ preferences. Suggestion: groups should meet twice a month for approximately one hour.

How Do I Take Part In This Opportunity? Each group that is set up now has a facilitator, but all members can take a turn in guiding the group’s discussion. There is an easy plan for each meeting that has been put together! No teaching experience needed;

the only skill needed is a desire to listen to and talk with others in our church (and eating is always good, too!)



THANKSGIVING DINNER 2022

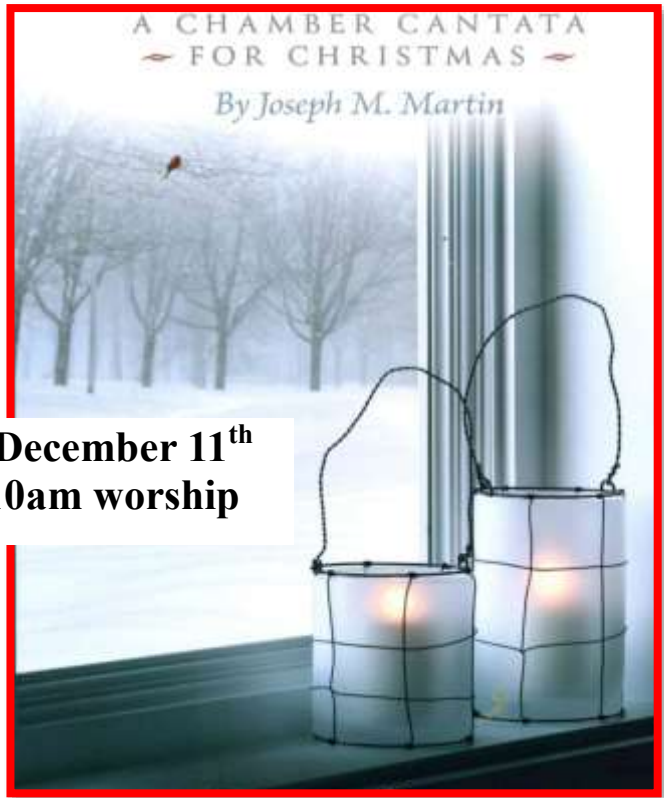
Don and Maggie Beatty will be hosting an in-person Thanksgiving dinner at St. Andrews this year. It will be on Thursday, November 24, 2022, from noon to 2:30. If out-of-town family is not able to spend the day with you, or you cannot travel to share the day with family, please consider spending the day with your church family! Turkey, gravy, stuffing, and mashed potatoes will be provided. Is there a side dish that you like at Thanksgiving? Share it with us. Maybe you have a dessert that you would like to bring. There’s usually enough food that there’s even leftovers, just like at home! If you would like to be a part of the St. Andrews Family Thanksgiving, please contact Maggie Beatty at 717-304-2379 or memab3@comcast.net, by Monday, November 21, 2022.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

“A Weary World Rejoices!” by Joseph M. Martin

In the weary days of winter, when peace seems like a distant dream, as wounded songs shiver in the night and shadows fall heavy upon the heart, unexpectedly, at just the perfect time, the hope of Christmas begins to glow. Redeemed, restored and renewed, we are awakened by God’s grace and we rejoice!

St. Andrews Chancel Choir, assisted by Dr. David Overholt and Pastor Robin Morgan, will present this beautiful promise of hope and light during worship on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 10.



**Sunday, December 11th
during 10am worship**

Poinsettia Orders

We're taking orders for poinsettias and the deadline to order is December 2nd.

Fall Schedule

What's Happening at St. Andrews

Sunday	9AM Sunday School (Youth & Adult) 10AM Worship 11AM Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time 11AM Adult Sunday School 3:30PM Youth Music (11am on Nov 20, but none on Nov 27) 4-6PM Trailblazers & EPYC
4th Monday	7PM Compassionate Friends in the Liv. Rm
Tuesday	9AM Sew and Sew ladies in Youth Center 1:30PM Band Together in Rm 8
2nd Tuesday	6PM Knitting Guild in the Gathering Area 7PM PEO in Snyder Hall (beginning in Nov.)
Wednesday	6PM Spark Park 6:30PM Praise Team rehearsal 7PM WEBS in the Chapel 7:30PM Chancel Choir rehearsal
2nd Thursday	2PM Grief Support in the Chapel
2nd Saturday	12PM Free Noon Meal in Snyder Hall

WEBS Group—(**Wednesday **Evening **Bible **Study**)******

Advent is just around the corner. We will be beginning our Advent study on Wednesday November 30th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. When you hear the phrase “Follow the Star”, what does it mean to you? Over 2,000 years ago a star appeared in the night sky, and it guided the wisemen to the Savior (Jesus). Jesus’ light draws us to follow him still today. We will be using the devotional “The Star: A Journey to Christmas” This book will guide us through Advent as we look deeper into Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. Plan to make this Advent a time that helps draw you closer to Jesus as we prepare for His coming. If you would like a book, please look for the sign up in the Gathering Area or contact me. The cost is \$2.00. if you have any questions on this study, or on WEBS group in general, please contact Ken Gries knagries@aol.com or 717.679.0677 (call or text).

Wishing you a blessed Advent season! Ken Gries

Story Time with St. Nick

Last year we tried something new, the December Christmas outreach. It was an incredible afternoon of opening our doors to the community. The community responded and help set a course of outreach going into the summer and what was this summers outreach of Spark Park.

With that in mind I am looking forward to this year's December outreach of *Storytime with St. Nick on **Sunday, December 4th 2-4pm.***

We can, again open the doors of the church. Inviting our family, friends, and neighbors to an afternoon of Stories, Cookies, Fellowship, St. Nicholas, and Hot Chocolate. All the while celebrating the joy of the season, Jesus Christ's birth.

This only happens with your help,
and there are a lot of ways that you can help!

We Need:

- A Cookie Coordinator (*Does that not sound like the best job title ever*)
- People to be welcomers and friends as the community comes in
- Hot Chocolate expert (*Okay maybe that's the best job*)
- Craft Coordinators

I look forward to how we can all work on another amazing outreach and sharing the love of God in this season!

Dinner Makers

I would also like to invite all of you to join Epyc and Trailblazers as a dinner maker! If you have been a dinner maker in the past Thank you! If you want to Join us this year, please Do! Dinner makers are Heroes! It may seem intimidating to be a dinner maker, but it is rather fun to join in the fellowship that is dinner time with the kids.



NOV. AT A GLANCE

A Quick Word from Rob



Mark your calendars! St. Nicholas is coming to St. Andrews. *Sunday December 4th 2022 2-4pm, will be story time with St. Nicholas. Story time will start a little after 2 and we will enjoy cookies, fellowship, and hot chocolate!*

In Christ's Hope,

Rob

Winter Events

- December 4th 2-4pm, Story Time with St. Nick.
- Kids Bells, Maggie has details
- No Youth Group
November 27th,
December 25th,
January 1st

Youth Groups

- Spark Park Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th
30th 6pm in Spark Park
- Trailblazers 4-6pm Nov 6th, 13th,
20th, (1st-5th grade).
- Epyc 4-6pm Nov 6th, 13th, 20th
(6th-12th grade)

In Youth Group

Psalm 51:1-4
Epyc will be journeying through the Psalm 51 November and December. Read along with us and find the Grace of God at work.

For More Information

Contact Rob
Cell 717-847-7618

or

youth@standrewslebanon.org

LEND A HAND UPDATE—NOVEMBER 2022

Lend A Hand has started it's disaster relief effort. Our last trip was in September, 2022 to New Bern, NC. Individuals from Lend A Hand have been active in Central Pennsylvania, working on local projects. We have made plans for this fall. There are two additional trips scheduled to go to New Bern, NC. The first is October 16-22 and the second trip is November 13-19. The registration form is located on the Lend A Hand Website. An additional requirement is that you must have a COVID vaccination and show proof of the vaccination. The cost of the trip will be \$175. This covers room and board.

If you are looking for interesting work to do over a couple of days, contact information is listed below. As always, It doesn't matter if you are skilled or unskilled, we can teach those skills necessary to do most jobs. Come, enjoy the work and the fellowship.

In addition to the above trips, Don Beatty has been working in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia (across I-95 from Philadelphia International Airport). The work is the same rebuilding effort that Lend A Hand has done in other areas. If you are interested, contact Don directly for dates and additional information.

Contact Lend A Hand at www.lendahand.net or call (717) 731-8888 or Don Beatty (717) 304-2533 for info.

THE ANGEL TREE

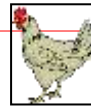
The Angel Tree will be returning to the Gathering Area on November 20th. Specific items will be on the tags for you to purchase and return, unwrapped.

Please consider helping to provide a gift for a local child or youth this Christmas season.

Return date deadline is December 11th

Instructions will be provided at the tree when tags are hung.

Wrapping paper, ribbon, and tape will also be collected so that parents can wrap the gifts for their own children.



18th Annual Alternative Gift Fair Sunday, December 4 8:45AM to 10:00AM 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.



Organizations participating are:

Habitat for Humanity, LifeWater International, Heifer International, and Lebanon Community Library. Lebanon HS Life Skills Class and Fair Trade will have items for purchase.



Coffee/Tea & refreshments will be in Snyder Hall during the fair.



Cash and checks accepted by all organizations



MISSION SPOTLIGHT
For NOVEMBER
Hot and Cold Cereals

Join the Lunch Ladies! On the first Thursday of each month during the school year, we prepare and drop off lunch at the True Life Youth Ministry pre-school at their classroom at 10th & Lehman Sts. We keep it simple, we keep it healthy, and we need YOU!! Being an Equal Opportunity Mission, men are welcome! Contact Sue at 717-273-7507 or smechura@hotmail.com



From the Mission Committee

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.

St. Andrews Relay for Life Team is back!

Date: May 19–20, 2023.

Time: 6:00PM – Noon;

Location: Cedar Crest High School

We will begin our fundraiser after Easter.

We will have our informational meeting in early spring along with sign up times to walk.

We would like to start building a team now, so if you are interested in joining our team for some fun and great exercise while supporting a great cause

please contact Lorraine Lowrie at

lowrie.lorraine1@gmail.com; Text/Call 717-222-0295

Congregational Life

St. Andrews Concert Series, - November 11th - @ 7:00 PM

Russian Duo - Elena Lebedeva, classical pianist and
Nikita Burakovsky, violinist.

No admission charge- free will offering. Reception to follow.

We could use donations of snacks for the reception!

Thank you!!

Christmas Luncheon - December 11th in Snyder Hall after church



St. Andrews Salutations

Dear Friends at St. Andrews,

Thank you for your warm thoughts and farewells, and lovely cards I have received. It was my joy to work at St. Andrews and I'm so grateful for your friendship and support.

-In the fellowship of Christ, Cliffy

IN MEMORY



William "Bill" Andrews

Bill joined St Andrews January, 1984 when he moved here with his wife Ann. They transferred from First United Presbyterian of Haddonfield N.J. where Bill served as an Elder. Bill and Ann moved to Melbourne Florida in May 2003, and returned to St Andrews in Oct of 2021. Bill has two sons Graham & Robert, and two daughters Lynda & Cynthia, 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Bill joined the church triumphant October 23, 2022.

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November birthdays



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

Mourning has Broken

A Grief Support Group of Saint Andrews Church

“Who is going to carve the turkey this year? Dad always did it!”

“I don’t feel like decorating for Christmas, and I don’t have the energy to go shopping.”

“I wish I could just erase the holidays this year. I feel too empty to celebrate without my husband.”

Do any of these thoughts ring true for you? It may be just a few months, or it may be several years since your loved one has died, but it seems that the holiday season will never feel quite right without our loved one. The most important thing to remember is that there is no right or wrong way to celebrate the holiday season after the death of a loved one.

It’s important to set realistic expectations for yourself. You may experience both negative and positive feelings during the holidays while grieving, and that’s OK. Be kind to yourself and remember that all feelings are acceptable.

It is also important to acknowledge your feelings and not to avoid them. Allow yourself to feel joy, sadness, anger... Whatever feelings come to you... It’s OK. And remember that other family members will have their own unique grieving experience. No one way is right or wrong.

The Grief Support Group at Saint Andrews meets on the second Thursday of every month, usually at 2:00 PM in Cassel Chapel. We are always happy to welcome new people to our group.

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November, 10 at 2:00 PM. In December we will gather at the Lebanon Country Club on Thursday December 8, at 12:00 noon for our annual Christmas luncheon.

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

It is possible to miss your loved one and still enjoy the holidays at the same time.

SESSION NOTES

The session met in the chapel at 7 PM October 4. The meeting was opened with a reading from Matt. 11:5-13, followed by prayer. In attendance were: Pr. Robin Reilly, Karen Dielmann, Carla Dowd, Karen Fedder, Stuart Juppenlatz, Kayla Lowrie, Rebecca Lister, Bill Mulligan, Penny Samuelson, Dennis Shalters, Lew Sauerwein, Rosemary Birt, Tom Shott & Marc Hamme. Rev. Anthony Price (Ministry Architects) also joined in the meeting.

Kayla reviewed the goals set by the Transformation Team and after discussion, the session approved all goals, recognizing our mission and connection to community. Rev. Price commented on how well our leaders communicate with each other and that the work thus far represents laying a foundation- an essential part of building something new involving a lot of work that is not readily evident. In the next few months, we will be working on volunteer job descriptions, staff job descriptions, working on the church database, plan community engagement and assure that the staff has a healthy balance of work and personal time.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as part of the consent agenda. The reports from committees were made stressing highlights. The pastor's report was acknowledged. The Deacons' report was reviewed highlighting return to home communion. The Trustees report highlighted the purchase of a back-up generator and continued work on masonry and quotes for tree care.

Presbytery meeting report by Lew, Karen and Rebecca highlighted a new initiative to bring people into church, the promotion of Rebecca Lister from Inquirer to Candidate, an increase in per capita and Kristal Smith's new position of governance in the Presbytery.

Christian Ed highlighted the development of small groups: "Fellowship". Leaders have been identified and in person and zoom options will be available. Sign-ups were encouraged. An advent program for children and families is planned for December 4 with the theme of Story Time with St. Nick. Rob's report highlighted upcoming activities including: Pumpkin Patch & Carving, Trunk or Treat: (let Rob know if you want to participate) Rob asked for help from dinner makers and prayer.

Congregational Life looked forward to St. Andrews day on October 23 and the Dec 11 Christmas Luncheon. The committee is seeking to update the church information pamphlet. Initial investigation of an LED sign for front is under exploration.

The Mission Committee reviewed participation in mission week activities. Looking ahead for Christmas: we will continue the Angel Tree; a coat, glove, hat, pajama collection; and the alternative gift fair.

SESSION NOTES Cont'd

Administration & Personnel committee updated vacation policy for the office manager and similar positions. The changes were approved by the session.

Marc Hamme reviewed the revenue report. Stuart Juppenlatz reminded everyone that budgets were due today. There will be a budget review meeting next Monday. There may be an adjustment to the projections of internet/technology budgets to address current problems in reception. The session will be kept informed and vote as appropriate. Stewardship Sunday is October 16.

The Nominating Committee has been challenged to fill all vacancies. As determined previously, we have now come to a time to reevaluate our committee structure. This is in keeping with the identified goals for this year. We feel it is appropriate to get the congregation's input on this.

Rev. Anthony Price will help direct the meeting.

Two building use requests were reviewed and approved. It was noted that Lee Moyer will be leaving the position of Concert committee chair.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Penny Samuelson at 8:40PM.

Deacon Doings

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then He took a cup when He had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," He said to them. Mark 14:22-25

Home Communion is back!! After a **LONG** hiatus, the Worship committee and the Deacons have been able to restart this vital piece of our ministry to our home-based members who find it hard to get to church to partake with us in person. We began serving again on October 2nd (World Communion Sunday). We will continue to serve on the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to be added to the list of those whom we serve Home Communion, please contact the church office.



In Christ's Service,
Submitted: Ken Gries – Deacon Moderator



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

If you know of someone who would like to have a prayer shawl, please contact Joanne Whary or Ann Ormond!

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