



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 2016

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

All summer we have been exploring what is the church. As we know from experience, the church is the place we worship, the building we enter, the people inside of the building, and those Christians who minister in the world at large. As you can see, the term, “Church” is very all encompassing.

In reality, the Church as found in the New Testament, is a people who are called out—out of the world’s ways and into God’s ways. The Church is comprised of those who follow Jesus Christ as Savior. We are then the ones who carry this message to the world—a message that is found in our words, our actions, and how we relate to one another.

As we start another church school year together, may we continue to cherish the fact that we are called together to serve and to love. Here is a prayer out of the Book of Common Worship of the denomination concerning our time together as the church. I share it with you so that you may pray this prayer for us:

Almighty and ever living God,
Ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
Hear our prayers for this congregation.
Strengthen the faithful,
Arouse the careless,
And restore the penitent.
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bring us all to be of one heart and mind
Within your holy Church
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

May we praise God for the church, for it is here we learn how to be saints. It is here that we shed sin and find salvation. It is in the church that we find grace and love and mercy. When we do this, then we will show the world that here we are grounded in grace, living in love, and growing for God.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Mark



Youth Group

The Youth Group will begin its year, once again, with a picnic at the church on Sunday, September 11. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a hot dog extravaganza. Each youth is asked to bring a side dish or dessert, and a two liter of soda. We will share news about our summer trips, as well as introduce the fun and fellowship to our newest Youth Group members. The night will be over at 8:00 p.m. Please sign up so we can have all the hot dogs you want to eat!

The Youth Group will gather early on September 25 in order to help with making the premade scarecrows for Harvest Hoedown. We will begin at 5:00 p.m., have pizza and games, and elect officers for the upcoming Youth Group year. We will complete the night at 8:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will hold its regular meeting at Hagerstown Diner at 6:30 p.m., on September 20. Come and take some time to enjoy the fellowship of other men, share in the plans for the Pancake Supper, and also share in a Bible Study. Please sign up if attending.

Presbyterian Women

The Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m.

The Presbyterian Women's Circles meet the second Tuesday of the month (this month, Sept. 13) from September through May. The Morning Circle begins at 10:00 a.m., and the Evening Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. This year's Bible Study explores the question, "Who is Jesus?" through a particular theological lens. We will explore the lenses of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Paul, Hebrews, the non-canonical gospels, the Abrahamic Faiths, and contemporary cultural interpretations. Join the hundreds of thousands of thoughtful Christians

who will be sharing this study together in the coming months.

The women will be going to the Fireside Restaurant at 11:30 a.m., on the 13th, after Bible Study. If you will be attending the luncheon, please sign up.

We continue to collect non-perishable items for Holly Place.

Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin on Tuesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we have a wonderful meal and time of fellowship with our church family. If you are running late, don't worry. We have the entire back room reserved for the evening. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor if you plan on attending.

Book Club

If you like to read, and enjoy good conversation, please come and join us at one or both of our book clubs.

Our evening book club will be meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m., in the Legacy Room. We are reading The Little Woman, by Gladys Aylward.

The daytime book club will meet at Panera Bread on Monday, September 19, 1:30 p.m. We will be discussing The Goodbye Bride, by Denise Hunter.

Fall Bible Study

Pastor Mark will be starting his Fall Bible Study on Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m., in the Friendship Hall. This fall, we will be studying the Names and Titles of Jesus Christ. Please plan on attending this very informative Bible Study. We have a time of refreshments and fellowship from 7:00—7:15 p.m., and the Bible Study runs from 7:15—8:15 p.m.



*Pray for our
C h r i s t i a n
Family*

Recuperating at Home

Roger Johnson
Larry Roth
Kay Tuttle



In the Nursing Home

Broadmore Assisted Living
Harriet Ankeney

Hilltop

Mary Brown

Homewood

Lucy Karn
Kathryn Latimer

Military

Michael Biza
Great Nephew of Janet Bulow
Charles Bryhan
Son-In-Law of Mark & Virginia Wolcott
Andrew Layton
Son of David & Norma Layton
Andrew Likely
Son of Tom & Kelly Likely
Shawn Likely
Son of Tom & Kelly Likely
Grant Long
Son of Dave & Karen Sue Long
Jay Pike
Son of Mary Pike
Erica Sagal
Daughter of Mike & Tiffany Sagal
Matt Stemper
Son of Doug & June Stemper

Missionaries

Rev. Jed & Jenny Koball
Pakistani Church

Church Officials

Rev. Heath Rada

Harvest Hoedown

Harvest Hoedown will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., at Byron Memorial Park. This fundraiser is held by the Williamsport Ministerium for the Williamsport Food Bank. It is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the food bank.

Helpers are needed. Volunteers work in two hour shifts throughout the day, from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. We need workers in the straw circle to advise scarecrow builders, folks to organize and maintain the clothing and accessories, people to watch over purchased scarecrows or sell pre-made scarecrows. We also need workers to help set up, clean up, and transport boxes of supplies. We have something for everyone!

We also need items for the scarecrows:

- Long sleeve, button down, cotton or flannel shirts
- Jeans with belt loops
- Pantyhose, leggings, or tights
- Hats
- Belts
- Neckties or ladies' scarves

We cannot use: shorts, short sleeve shirts, sweat pants, sweat shirts, sweaters, turtlenecks, t-shirts, socks, shoes, gloves, or winter coats.

Thanks for your help in donating these items. You may drop them off at the church.

We also need teens and adults to help make 50 pre-made scarecrows on September 25, from 5:00—8:00 p.m., at St. Andrew. These pre-made scarecrows will be sold for \$10 each at the Harvest Hoedown.

There are sign-up sheets for September 25 and October 1 in the parlor. Please sign up today. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark, Kitty Harbaugh, Hank Hemphill, or Debbie Kinzer.



We welcome your input for this newsletter. Please place all submissions in the newsletter box in the church office, by the 15th of the month.



Trivia Corner

Congratulations to those who successfully completed the summer word search. Have fun with this month's word search on Names and Titles of Jesus Christ. Please place your completed paper in the box in the parlor by September 15. Make sure your name is on your paper. Come to Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 15, as Pastor Mark leads a very informative Bible Study on the names and titles of Jesus Christ found throughout the Old and New Testaments.

Eric Arvidson
Beth Attavian and John
Macone
Helen Gerberich
Jeremy Hemphill
Janet Hiett-Young
Roger & Nonie Johnson

Debbie Kinzer
Helen Krouse
Debbie McCauley
Margie Reed
Dominic Ross
Vincent Ross

Patty Rutledge
Gerry Salter
Phyllis Schleigh
Erna Straw
LaVerne Weller
Frances Wolford

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet on Thursday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will be working on Harvest Hoedown items, so be prepared to get back to work!



Membership Support Committee

September is a month of transitions: summer turns into fall, leaves change color, and the weather gets cooler. September is a time when St. Andrew's regular schedule of activities begins. We'd love to have you participate in them.

On September 18, there will be a Committee Fair, which will include a display of committee responsibilities to help with stewardship decisions. Stewardship letters will be mailed out explaining just what stewardship is, and how to be a good steward of the resources and talents God has blessed you with. A Time and Talent sheet, a pledge card, and a 2016 budget sheet will come with the letter to show where and how resources and talents are used at St. Andrew.

Throughout September, you will be hearing about our photo directory. Photos will be taken, without charge, this fall. Purchased products will be ready for Christmas. The completed directory of our church family will be available in early 2017. Specific dates and details will be forthcoming in bulletins, on the calling post, and on the website.

We continue to greet our visitors and offer them a gift bag. There are still St. Andrew magnets available. Take one or two and share with a friend. Maybe the ministries offered through St. Andrew are just what they need at this time of year.

Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on September 16, at noon. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Steve Hatleberg, who will be speaking about the Scotch Irish influence in the settlement of the Washington County area. Come join us for an interesting program. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Fourth Annual Fall Lobster Fest

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Saturday, October 8
5:30—7:30 p.m.

It includes a full meal: 1.5-2 lb. lobster, salad, roll, baked potato, vegetable, dessert, and choice of iced tea, lemonade, or coffee.

Tickets are \$35 per person. They can be purchased at the church office, or by calling 301-223-8887 or 301-992-2222.

Mail or deliver your check or money order to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 10813 Donelson Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795. Tickets must be purchased before October 5, 2016.

Overwhelmed

Stressed out? Anxious? Overwhelmed? Good news—you are not alone! Join us for the Overwhelmed Class starting September 25, 6:00—8:00 p.m. “No one ever said life was going to be easy. Between financial struggles, marital issues, health scares, and the regular, run-of-the-mill problems of everyday life, it's easy to feel weighed down and trapped by your circumstances. In times like these, it's tempting to just throw in the towel and quit. Well, don't do it.” Excerpt from the book we will be using by Perry Noble called, Winning the War Against Worry. If interested in attending, please sign up by September 11, so we have enough books for everyone.

Treasurer's Report

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| Balance 07/01/16 | \$43,878.93 |
| Receipts | 32,167.04 |
| Disbursements | 26,367.82 |
| Balance 07/31/16 | \$49,678.15 |



Sunday School Corner

Rally Day

We are excited to begin our new 2016-2017 Sunday School year. Please join us on September 11, as we start the new year with a breakfast and program, downstairs, at 9:30 a.m. We will enjoy a delicious breakfast, have an opportunity to meet our new Sunday School teachers, and hear all about the exciting plans for the year. Please sign up in the parlor if you plan on attending. Our new classes will begin on September 18. We have classes for all ages—from tots to adults.

Children's Sunday School

Each Sunday morning, the Sunday School students meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. for an opening. At this time, the students will recite the Pledge to the Christian Flag and to the Bible. They will have a short devotion, followed by a time of prayer. We take an offering each week. It is used for several different programs:

- We sponsor a child through Compassion International. We send a monthly check to Compassion International to assist in the basic needs of our sponsored child.
- Part of the offering is used to assist the Samaritan's Purse program, sponsored by Franklin Graham. We send offerings to this program several times a year, to be used where needed most.
- Part of the offering is used for the work of our own church. The children learn that it is "more blessed to give than to receive".

At 10:00 a.m., the classes are dismissed to their classrooms. Class time ends at 10:45 a.m. Parents, please note, if you have a child in the 3rd grade or below, you must pick your child up from their classroom by 10:45 a.m. Thank you.

Adult Sunday School Classes

We have two adult classes to choose from:

- The Seekers Class meets in the Legacy Room. The class is taught by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. This class is currently studying the book of Luke.
- The Voyager Class meets in the Adult Library. This is an interactive, discussion oriented class. They will be reading and studying Glory Days, by Max Lucado.

Teaching Staff for 2016-2017

Toddler Class: Melody Paul—meets in the nursery downstairs

Pre-K Class: Jennifer Metz and Libby Llewellyn—meets in the room across from the nursery (T.O.T.s room)

Kindergarten/1st Grade: Jennifer and Brianna Johnson—meets in the room across from the downstairs kitchen

2nd/3rd Grade: Carol Erck—meets in the downstairs fellowship hall, on the right side

4th/5th Grade: Terri Long—meets in the new area downstairs, on the left side

6th-8th Grade: Tonya Andrews and Tammy Coyle—meets upstairs in the room right before entering the Friendship Hall.



9th-12th Grade: Chris Johnson—meets in the new area downstairs, on the right side.
Seeker Class: Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill—meets in the Legacy Room
Voyager Class: meets in the Adult Library off the Friendship Hall

Sunday School Substitutes and Helpers

Jennifer Babb, Joey Hemphill, Will Andrews, Carolyn Hetzer, Tim Malecki,
Annette Sandell, Ginny Wise

Kids of the Kingdom Helpers

Jennifer Babb, Cindy and Corrin Line, Kaely Long, William Andrews, Jenny Plum,
Lisa Scumpieru, Annette Sandell

T.O.T.s Helpers

Kaely Long, William Andrews, Terri Long, Lizzy Lunsford, Sandy Lunsford,
Wendy McKinley, Sharon Peterson

Thank you to the 2016-2017 teaching staff. We are so appreciative of your ministry of teaching for this upcoming year. We pray for God to shower His blessings upon your teaching year. Thank you for answering the call to teach the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Volunteers Needed

Our children's ministry is growing by leaps and bounds. We are looking for volunteers in all areas. Please look over the list below, and see where you would like to volunteer your time. Please contact the church office, or see Annette or Pastor Mark, and let them know where you would like to serve.

- **Substitute Teacher**—Our teachers need a much deserved break from time to time. You can volunteer in any grade.
- **Teacher's Assistant**—Mainly for the younger classes.
- **Kids of the Kingdom Helper**—We are looking for someone to help at either the 8:30 or 11:00 service. Kids of the Kingdom takes place after the children are dismissed from the children's sermon (during the worship service). Kids of the Kingdom is for those children in kindergarten through 5th grade.
- **T.O.T.s**—T.O.T.s is our program for 3 and 4 year olds during the 11:00 service. We are looking for monthly volunteers to assist with this program.
- **Devotion Leader**—The devotion leader gives a devotion for our children during the Sunday School opening at 9:45 a.m.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emmy Paul, who has completed the St. Andrew Summer Time Reading Club. Emmy read 10 books from our Children's Library. She received a \$5 gift card of her choice. We are so proud of you, Emmy! Parents, please look around your house for church library books. We are thrilled that the Children's Library has been used throughout the summer; however, many books have not been brought back. Please try to return the books the following week. There is a box in the library for returned books.

Congratulations to Kierstyn Dittman, Claude Paul, and Emmy Paul, for completing the Summer Time Activity Book. These books were filled with Christian activities to do over the summer. They were all awarded a \$5 gift card of their choice. Kids, if you still have your Summer Time Activity Book at home, finish it and show Miss Annette.



St. Andrew Library

Looking for some books to grab your interest? Check out one or more of the following:

The Vow, by Kim and Krickett Carpenter, tells the true story of the reconstruction of their lives and marriage after she is injured in a car accident two months after they were married.

The Land of the Blue Burquas, by Kate McCord, is a riveting and fast-paced book about women living in Afghanistan. The author spent five years in Afghan villages talking to the natives about her faith in Jesus, while being pressured to convert to Islam. This five star book will leave an imprint on your mind.

Another five star book takes you back to the days of Jesus. The Fisherman, by Larry Huntsperger, is a novel that faithfully follows Scripture, while offering a powerful narration of the story of Simon Peter, one of Christianity's greatest men.

Choir Notes

The Adult Choir wants YOU! If you have a love of music, consider joining us. We meet Wednesday nights from 7:30—9:00 p.m., and again on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We sing at the 11:00 a.m. service, and once a month (or more) at the 8:30 a.m. service. We sing a variety of music from classical to gospel to contemporary Christian. We have a lot of fun singing for God, as well as a lot of fun socializing with each other. If you think this is something God is calling you to do, please see Jeff Clise (he can be found Sunday mornings in the balcony), e-mail him at jclise70@gmail.com, or call him at 301-991-2289.

Thank You

Dear Members and Friends:

On behalf of the residents, staff, and the Board of Directors of Senior Living Alternatives, Inc., I would like to thank you for the food that you brought in to our facility, Holly Place. Your continued thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. We put everything to very good use.

The Staff and Board of Holly Place aim to provide our residents with the best possible care available. As a non-profit organization, it is a constant struggle to make ends meet. With the continued support of people such as you, we are able to maintain our objective of providing a safe “home-like” setting for our seniors.

Again, thank you for your continued support in this endeavor. It means the world to us.

Sincerely,

Melanie J. Davis

Executive Director

Grocery Cards

Prepaid gift cards for Food Lion, Martin's, and Weis Market are available after both services, in the Legacy Room. They come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Proceeds go to the building fund.

Meals on Wheels Need

There is a serious need for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. Over 130 people receive lunch and dinner meals five days a week. There is a shortage of drivers and people to deliver meals on a regular basis. This is a great way for an individual or a couple to help homebound, elderly people in our community. The elderly are extremely appreciative, and look forward to your visit every day. If interested, contact Sharon Corbett at the Washington County Commission on Aging, 301-790-0275.



Opportunities to Give

At St. Andrew, we have a few different accounts where you can give above and beyond your tithe to help with the ministry of the church. Here are the variety of accounts (in no particular order).

Capital Campaign: Giving to this fund continues the process of saving money for the expansion of our existing building. You can give to this through the Administrative Committee, marking your regular weekly envelopes, or by using the offering envelopes in the pew and designating the envelope as "Building Expansion fund".

Food Bank: Every second Sunday of the month, we take a Food Bank offering to help with the ministry to the working poor through the Food Bank.

Scholarship Fund: We have a fund set up to help our youth to attend Presbyterian, Synod, and General Assembly gatherings (this includes summer camp). You can give to this fund through the Christian Education Committee and one can apply for this money from this fund through the Christian Education Committee. A person can apply for up to \$100 through this fund each year.

Marie Price College Scholarship Fund: This fund was created as a memorial to Marie Price who was the wife of Norman Price, the pastor at St. Andrew for almost thirty years. This fund is to assist our college students with their expenses. Each college student can apply to receive a \$100 scholarship. Application is made through the Witness and Mission Committee.

Homewood BINGO

We are planning on hosting a fall BINGO at Homewood. Watch your bulletin for further details.

Death—What a Wonderful Way to Explain It

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know..." "You don't know? You're a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there, and that is enough."

Correspondence Bulletin Board

There are cards on the bulletin board in the hallway for correspondence to our away college students and military personnel. Each card is ready to go—except for a personal message from you! Let them know they are in our prayers. Pick up a card and encourage someone away from home. If you have not filled out a form, please do so. They are at the sign-up table in the parlor.

Food Bank

Food Bank Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. Bring your non-perishable items and place them in the Food Bank box in the hallway, or place your monetary donations in an envelope marked "Food Bank" and place it in the offering plate.



Happy Anniversary!



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| <i>Tom & Kelly Likely</i> <i>September 2</i> | <i>Dennis & Barbie Gross</i> <i>September 20</i> |
| <i>Steve & Pam Jamison</i> <i>September 3</i> | <i>Darren & Teresa Long</i> <i>September 23</i> |
| <i>Michael & Cathy Hardy</i> <i>September 10</i> | <i>Brian & Brianne Bearese</i> <i>September 24</i> |
| <i>John & Pat Martin</i> <i>September 18</i> | <i>John & Barbara Cassell</i> <i>September 24</i> |
| <i>Dave & Jennifer Metz</i> <i>September 18</i> | <i>Mike & Leigh Ann Stotelmyer</i> <i>September 25</i> |

Jerred Brown & Joan Bowers
September 26

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Debra Banner |
| 1 | John Cassell |
| 2 | John Thomson |
| 2 | Margot Wise |
| 2 | Madeline Wood |
| 3 | Gene McCauley |
| 3 | Jean Thomas |
| 4 | Joyce Mentzer |
| 7 | Melanie Beckley |
| 7 | Wendy McKinley |
| 8 | Lucy Karn |
| 9 | Abby Boppe |
| 10 | Jim Lockard |
| 12 | Tammy Jamison |
| 12 | Helen Krouse |
| 13 | Dave Hetzer |
| 13 | Elsie Majeski |
| 13 | Pat Martin |
| 14 | Carolyn Hetzer |

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| 15 | Greg Andrews |
| 15 | Terry Kinzer |
| 15 | Teresa Long |
| 15 | Dave Mason |
| 15 | Maggie Mosley |
| 17 | Peg Adams |
| 17 | Samantha Harding |
| 18 | Jim Pingley |
| 18 | Janet Snyder |
| 20 | Ty Plum |
| 21 | Sevgi Royal |
| 21 | LaVerne Weller |
| 23 | Justin Coyle |
| 23 | Steve Hatleberg |
| 23 | Wian Hope |
| 24 | Emily Hemphill |
| 27 | Rebekah Shirk |
| 27 | Lily Valentine |
| 28 | Annette Sandell |

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September 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Sunday Services 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> | 6 7:00pm Book Club | 7 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir | 8 | 9 | 10 9:30am CWU Executive Council |
| 11 <i>Food Bank Sunday</i> <i>Rally Day</i> 9:30am Rally Day Breakfast 5:00pm Young Adults 6:00pm Youth Group Picnic @ St. Andrew | 12 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 6:30pm Christian Ed 7:00pm Committees | 13 9:00am Coordinating Team 10:00am Circle 11:30am Women's Luncheon at Fireside 7:00pm Circle | 14 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir | 15 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study | 16 12:00pm Friday Club | 17 |
| 18 9:30am Coffee Hour Committee Fair 5:00pm Young Adults 6:00pm Youth Group | 19 1:30pm Book Club @ Panera Bread 6:00pm Organ Guild 7:00pm Admin. 7:00pm Deacons | 20 6:30pm Presbyterian Men @ Hagerstown Diner | 21 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir | 22 7:00pm Bible Study Wedding Rehearsal | 23 Wedding | 24 Birthday Party |
| 25 5:00pm Young Adults 5:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Scarecrow Making 6:00pm Overwhelmed Class | 26 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Session | 27 5:30pm Supper Club at Western Sizzlin | 28 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir | 29 7:00pm Bible Study | 30 | 1 9:00am—5:00pm Harvest Hoedown |



**A Tasty Treat From A
Youth Group Event**



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