



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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OCTOBER 2017

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

The columns for 2017 have been focusing on how to go deeper in your faith, using spiritual disciplines to do so. Each of the suggestions that I have made involve disciplines that we need in order to grow in our faith.

The disciplines that I have written about so far are: study of the Word of God, worship attendance, scripture study with others (Sunday School and Bible Study), evangelism (inviting others to church and Sunday School), confession, fasting, meditation, and prayer.

This month, we will look at the discipline of Solitude. Solitude is the ability to be alone and not be lonely. Solitude means that we are okay with ourselves so that we can be alone with who we are. Solitude simply defined means that I am comfortable with who I am. It means I am resting in who God made me and the grace to deal with my failures. It revolves around the fact that I have gained self control so I can be with myself.

Solitude comes from wrestling with oneself and realizing that God created us with a purpose and with intention. The ability to live in solitude and enjoy silence comes from honestly assessing our actions and thoughts, and accepting the forgiveness that God extends. Once we have dealt with the ugly and beautiful in our own lives, then it is easier to be with our own thoughts.

How do we achieve this? First, be honest about the times you have failed and offended others. If possible, ask for forgiveness, and then accept the forgiveness of God. Secondly, embrace the truth of Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Allow your thoughts to be informed and transformed by the Living God. Thirdly, be constantly in prayer. In prayer, God does change us. Have a running dialogue with God all day. As you have God go deeper into your inner world, then it is easier to be comfortable in your mind, and thus be able to enjoy solitude.

As we grow closer to God, then together we can show others we are grounded in grace, that we live in love, and are growing for God.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mark



Youth Group

The Youth will meet each of the Sundays in October. On October 8th, the Youth will meet at the Food Bank to stock the shelves. We will serve pizza after we are done stocking. The leaders will meet from 5:00—6:00 p.m. on the 8th.

The 2017-2018 officers are:

High School President—Garrett Woods

Middle School President—Matthew Mosley

Vice President—Owen Woods

Secretary—Sara Herbert

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will hold its regular meeting at Hagerstown Family Diner at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 17. Come and take some time to enjoy the fellowship of other men, and participate in a Bible Study. Please sign up if attending.

Presbyterian Women

Participation in Presbyterian Women is open to all women who choose to be supportive of PW in any way. All women who are members of the Presbyterian Church are considered part of PW. Please contact any member of the PW Coordinating Team if you have questions about PW, or would like to participate in any PW activities. The Coordinating Team officers are: Moderator-Rebecca Collinson, Vice Moderator-Shirley Fox, Recording/Corresponding Secretary-Carole Warrenfeltz, Co-Treasurers-Carolyn Hetzer and Sandy Lunsford, Historian-Patty Rutledge. The complete list of the Coordinating Team and committee responsibilities are available on the shelf in the narthex and on the PW bulletin board.

The Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, October 10, from 9:00—10:00 a.m.

The Circle Bible Studies meet on the 10th also. Morning Circle Bible Study meets from 10:00—11:15 a.m. The Evening Circle Bible

Study meets from 7:00—8:15 p.m. Child care will be provided for Evening Circle. All women are welcome to join the group as Pastor Mark leads the study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*.

Please join one of the women's Bible Studies to grow deeper in your faith through the spiritual discipline of scripture study with others.

We will be going to lunch at the Fireside Restaurant after the Morning Circle. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor.

Upcoming events to put on your calendar are: October 6, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Operation Shoe Box decorating. Please contact Elaine Myers; November 10-11, Christmas Bazaar. Sign up if you would like to help. Contact Marcia Davis; December 19 (date change), White Christmas Dutch Apple Trip, \$129 due October 19. Contact Barb Smith.

Please return your blessing bags if you have not yet done so.

Church Women United

The Church Women United of Washington County will hold the World Community Day luncheon on Friday, November 3, 12:00 noon, at Zion Baptist Church. The cost is \$10.00. The theme will be Kindling New Fires for Peace. Reservations are due to Debbie McCauley by Sunday, October 29.

See's Candy

The Presbyterian Women will be selling See's Candy for Christmas. Brochures will be in the parlor the first week in October. More details will be in upcoming bulletins.



**Pray for our
Christian
Family**

Recuperating at Home

Carol' Ann Alphin
Liz Altman
Martin Altman
Roger Johnson
Gene McCauley



In the Nursing Home

Greenfield Senior Living

Ralph DeVore

Homewood

Harriet Ankeney

Audrey Enders

Lucy Karn

Julia Manor

Larry Roth

Military

Michael Biza

Great Nephew of Janet Bulow

Andrew Layton

Son of David & Norma Layton

Grant Long

Son of Dave & Karen Sue Long

Jay Pike

Son of Mary Pike

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 7, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., at Byron Memorial Park. This fundraiser is hosted by the Williamsport Ministerium to raise funds for the Williamsport Food Bank. It is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the food bank.

Many helpers are needed. Volunteers work in two hour shifts, from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Workers are needed in the straw circle to assist scarecrow builders, to organize and maintain the clothing and accessories, 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! This is a great way for teens to get their community service hours as well.

We also need teens and adults to help make 50 pre-made scarecrows on October 1, from 5:00—8:00 p.m., at St. Andrew. These pre-made scarecrows will be sold for \$10 each at the Harvest Hoedown. All money raised from the Harvest Hoedown activities benefits the Williamsport Food Bank.

There are sign-up sheets in the parlor. Please sign up today. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark, Kitty Harbaugh, Debbie Kinzer, or Steve Hatleberg.

We do not need any clothing this year. We have an abundance of clothes due to the rainy days the past two years. We do need your prayers for good weather for the Harvest Hoedown.



Halloween Party

The Youth Group will host a Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29, from 6:00—8:00 p.m. There is no cost. We will have a hayride, scary walk through the basement, crafts, bonfire with s'mores, and the moon bounce. All are welcome to come and enjoy a great time at church. There will be candy and prizes.

New Member Class

A New Member Class will be offered on Sunday, October 1 and 8, during Sunday School, for anyone who wants to join the church. The class will highlight the nature of the Christian faith, the Presbyterian beliefs, how to get involved, and more. Please register with Pastor Mark if you are interested.

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.



Biblical Word Search

Congratulations to the people listed below for completing last month's word search. Those with an * by their name completed both word searches. Have fun with this month's Biblical word search on The Word of God. To learn more about the Word of God, please join us as we study the Word of God at Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Women's Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and the Men's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Make sure your name is on your paper. Please place your completed paper in the box in the parlor by October 15.

Carol'Ann Alphin
*Eric Arvidson
Janet Hiett
*Debbie Kinzer
Helen Krouse

Debbie McCauley
Evelyn Moody
Elaine Myers
Jeff Palmer
Destin Paul
Margie Reed

Gwen Ross
Vincent Ross
*Phyllis Schleigh
LaVerne Weller
*Frances Wolford

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet on Thursday, October 5 and 19, at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.



Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on October 20, at noon. Mary Beth Alphin will be speaking about Iceland. Please bring a covered dish to share, and join us for a great time and an interesting program.

Book Club

If you love to read, come join one or both of our book clubs.

The daytime book club will be meeting on Thursday, October 12, 1:30 p.m., at Panera Bread. We will be reading and discussing The Sacred Shore, by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, November 7, from 7:00-8:15 p.m., in the Legacy Room. We will discuss Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind, by Ann B. Ross.

Study Leave

Pastor Mark and Annette will be on Study Leave October 25 through November 7. If you have an emergency, please contact your Parish Coordinator, or the church office.

College Care Packages

We will be sending out college care packages this month. If you would like to donate, please have your items in to the church by October 19. Place them on the back counter. Suggested items are: snack crackers, small bags of cookies and chips, granola/cereal bars, gum, personal notes, devotionals, etc.

The correspondence bulletin board has been updated. Help yourself to an envelope, and let our college students know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin on Tuesday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m. If you have not joined us before, come and join us this month. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor if you plan on attending.

Those Small Pop Tabs

It's hard to imagine that an item as small as the tab from a soda can, soup can, energy drink, etc. could be so valuable. Think again. Charities such as Ronald McDonald House use them by recycling and using the proceeds to help pay for the house overhead. That means that a family pays about \$15 per night, as compared to a night at a local motel that could range from approximately \$75-\$125. A Ronald McDonald House is usually located near a large children's or teaching hospital.

Barbara and I took about eight pounds of these tabs to Morgantown the other day. It takes about 1200 tabs to make a pound. My arithmetic says that we probably took around 10,000 of these tabs on that trip. A pound of recycled tabs is worth around \$0.40. The storage facility in Morgantown contains 15 55 gallon drums. Yes, they do get filled. Also, according to Alcoa Aluminum, the aluminum in both can and tab is smelted from virgin ore. The can is just as valuable as the tab. Keep on recycling both. Thank you, St. Andrew Presbyterian family and residents of Homewood. Keep on collecting.

David & Barbara Miller

Grocery Cards

Prepaid gift cards for Martin's, Shop 'n Save, and Weis Market are available after both services, in the Legacy Room. They come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations.



Sunday School Corner

Sunday School is back in full swing! We had a wonderful kick-off celebration for the beginning of our new school year at our Rally Day breakfast and program. Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for putting the program together, the Fellowship Committee for providing us with a fabulous breakfast, and most of all, all those who came out to support our Sunday School program. If you haven't joined a class yet, we would love to have you join us for this new and exciting year at Sunday School.

We have classes for all ages, from toddlers up to adult. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. Grades 5 and below meet at 9:45, in the sanctuary, for a brief opening program, then proceed down to their classes at 10:00. We would love to have you join us each Sunday at Sunday School. If you have any questions, please see Annette or Pastor Mark.

Thank you to **Allie Babb**, a member of our 4th/5th grade class, who takes the verse to heart, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Allie just recently donated her birthday money of \$100 to the hurricane victims. Thank you, Allie, for sharing your birthday gift with those who are in need. We are so proud of you!

Operation Christmas Child

The children's Sunday School will be participating once again in Operation Christmas Child. Letters were sent home to all the students explaining this program, and our response to it. All shoe boxes will be due on October 22. Thank you, Sunday School students, for sharing the love of Jesus to children around the world.

Sunday School Convention

There will be a Sunday School Convention on Saturday, October 28, at Plainfield Church of God, in Plainfield, PA. This convention is for more than just Sunday School teachers and educators. It's great for anyone who is interested in Christian Education, or for those who want to deepen their faith. There are five workshops available throughout the day. Each workshop has five different topics for you to choose from. There are brochures at the sign-up table in the parlor. If interested in attending, please fill out the form in the brochure and place it on the secretary's desk, or give it to Annette Sandell. Please turn your information in by October 8. The church will defray the cost of the convention and lunch. Any questions, please see Annette.

Youth and Young Adult Hosted Event

The Youth and Young Adults are inviting **everyone** to come and listen to Travis Zimmerman on Sunday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Travis Zimmerman is a pastor and co-founder of Speak My Word Ministries. His style has been described as electric, inspiring, and heartfelt. He has committed the past 13 years to memorizing God's Word, relating scripture to unique analogies and life events. Many have enjoyed hearing him speak at national conferences, national and state home school conventions, retreats, camps, churches, and colleges. His theme for every message centers on relationships, beginning with Jesus. His short video devotionals on *The Daily Pulse* have logged over 750,000 views.

Come and join us on the 22nd. Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the program will start at 6:00 p.m., in the sanctuary. Please sign up by October 15.



Fourth Annual Fall Lobster Fest Saturday, October 14 5:30—7:30 p.m.

It includes a full meal: 1 1/2-2 lb. lobster (or baked ham), salad, roll, baked potato, vegetable, dessert, and your choice of iced tea, lemonade, or coffee.

Lobster tickets—\$35 per person
Baked ham option—\$20 per person
Cooked whole lobster to go—\$20

Tickets can be purchased at the church office, or by calling 301-223-8887 or 301-992-2222.

Mail your check or money order to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 10813 Donelson Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795. Tickets must be purchased before October 8.

Baked Potato and Salad Bar

The Presbyterian Men will hold a Baked Potato and Salad Bar on Sunday, October 15, immediately following the second service. Take outs will be available after both services. The cost will be \$7 per person. Please sign up if you will be attending.

Christmas Bazaar Friday, November 10 6:00—8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 11 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Bazaar is getting closer! We are winding down our workshops, with our last two scheduled as follows: Monday, October 9 and 23, 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Special thanks to all who have worked so hard over the last several months.

We will be needing volunteers to work during the bazaar itself, as well as to help us set up in the days leading up to it; so keep that in mind as you look at your calendar. Sign-up sheets will be available as we get closer.

If you are doing any crafts at home that you are donating to the bazaar, please contact Marcia ASAP so we can plan and prepare a display space for them.

Please contact Marcia Davis (home—301-223-8605), (cell—301-331-7565), or marciadavis12@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



Thank You

I was so blest to have a wonderful St. Andrew family and Homewood family during my very difficult time.

Many, many thanks for your cards, phone calls, visits, food, and most of all, your prayers. Thanks, also, to the Presbyterian Women for a great reception.

Your thoughtfulness has touched our family deeply, and will always be remembered with love.

Margie Reed and Family

Dear Congregation,

We are humbled and awed by your outpouring and love over us as we celebrated 25 years of ministry together! We are blessed by your gift, as it helps us on our once in a lifetime trip to the Holy Land. Your generosity paid for 75% of the cost of our trip. We appreciate the efforts of the Pastoral Care Committee, the many kind words shared, and the great fellowship at the luncheon. We are grateful for you here at St. Andrew!

In Christ's love,
Mark and Annette

Witness and Mission

We have been very busy already this fall. We delivered 24 back to school backpacks filled with school supplies. Williamsport Elementary, Springfield Middle, and Fountain Rock Elementary each received eight. They were very appreciative. Check out the pictures on our bulletin board.

We have silent auction baskets ready for Harvest Hoedown and Habitat for Humanity. Harvest Hoedown will be on October 7, and we will be making premade scarecrows at 6:00 p.m. on October 1.

Micah's Backpacks are going out to our 15 Lincolnshire students. Check out the survey WCPS did with the students, parents, and teachers on Micah's. It's on our bulletin board.

Reach craft nights will be once a month, November through March. Shirley Fox and Kathy Kountz will be providing crafts. This year, they would like to add music before dinner. There will be sing-alongs in December and March. We are looking for volunteers for the other three months. If you would like to sing, play an instrument, etc. for 20-40 minutes before dinner, please contact Shirley Fox at 301-785-5010.

We can always use extra help on the committee. If you would like to get involved with helping our community and our missionaries, please join us the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study

The Fall Bible Study will continue on Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., in the Legacy Hall. The topic is all things of heaven, from angels to what heaven will be like. If you would like a specific question answered, please send it through the offering plate, or give it to Pastor Mark in person. Please plan on joining us for this fascinating study.

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.



Membership Support

“The longer the tea bag sits in the cup, the stronger the tea. The more God’s Word saturates our minds, the clearer our grasp on what’s important to Him and the stronger our prayers.”

This quote from Joni Eareckson Tada sums up why it is important to participate in worship as well as other church activities. Coming to church on a weekly basis is a great way to begin. Pastor Mark’s sermons are always biblically based. Hearing the Word of the Lord, and how it applies to our daily lives, is a great start to the week. Attending a Sunday School or Youth Group class allows us to get to know others and God’s Word even better. Being participants in our other Bible lessons presented at the Presbyterian Women’s circles, Presbyterian Men’s dinner meetings, or our Thursday night Bible Studies are other ways to enhance faith. Game nights, Friday Clubs, Helping Hands, and other fellowship events are additional ways to get to know each other.

St. Andrew offers a calendar full of ways to be saturated in our faith. If you have never attended any of the events mentioned above, please come to any and all that interest you. You will be warmly welcomed. And chances are, there will be a pot of hot water and a tea bag waiting just for you.

Stewardship

By now, you should have received a Stewardship packet in the mail, which included a letter, Time and Talent sheet, 2017 budget, and a pledge card.

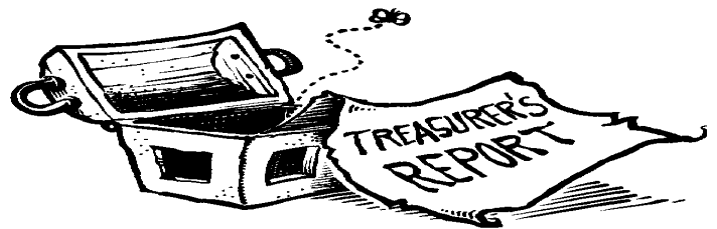
The letter explained stewardship, what it is and why it is important. If you need a Stewardship packet, there are some available on the information counter or in the church office.

The Time and Talent sheet provides a list of opportunities to serve God through

the ministry offered at St. Andrew. There is something for everyone to become involved with. Posters from various committees and groups will be on display in the Legacy Hall in October. If you have a talent or an interest, there is a place for you. So, please return your Time and Talent sheet on October 15.

The 2017 budget was included to provide a bird’s eye view of our ministry. It shows where money (tithes, offerings, donations, and gifts) given to the church is used. These monies fund the many programs and activities we offer within the church and the community, as well as provide staff salaries, insurance, and building operating expenses. If you participate in any part of the ministry at St. Andrew, this budget impacts you.

The pledge card is simply a way of communicating how you plan to support St. Andrew’s ministry financially for the upcoming year. Some folks give on a regular basis: weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Some give one lump sum at the beginning or end of the year. The 2018 budget will be made based on the expected amount of funds available as indicated on the pledge cards received. Our goal each year is to have 100 pledge cards returned. Last year we topped out at 86. Please complete and return your pledge card on October 15. Thank you.



Balance 8/01/17	\$68,014.81
Receipts	23,366.00
Disbursements	28,528.11
Balance 8/31/17	\$62,852.70



Happy Anniversary!



*Donald & Gloria Hays
October 1*

*Bill & Carrie Kesler
October 2*

*Robert & Sevgi Royal
October 2*

*Jim & Nancy Robinson
October 4*

*Jim & Pam Lockard
October 5*

*Dan & Christy Hemshrodt
October 6*

*Mike & Ruth McCauley
October 7*

*Jim & Fran Quinn
October 15*

*Tom Young & Janet Hiatt
October 15*

*Charles & Jean Thomas
October 18*

*Michael & Debra Banner
October 25*

BIRTHDAYS

2	Gabby Johnson
3	Rebecca Sweigert
5	Scott Long
6	Ginnie Wise
10	Derek Metz
11	Jim Quinn
12	Steve Jamison
13	Bryan LaTorre
13	Amy Layton
13	Wendy Shirk
14	Debbie McCauley
15	Darin Coyle
15	Rebecca Rutledge
17	Dave Kershner
17	Myra Newbraugh
18	Judy Johnson
18	Charles Thomas
19	Gloria Hays
19	Skylar Lange

20	Chris Athey
21	Cynthia Oates
21	Norman Price
23	Robert Royal
24	Kierstyn Dittman
24	James Harding
25	E. W. Arvidson
25	Keith Sandell
26	Tony Akers
26	Jean Stoutamyer
29	Mickey Grubb
29	David Miller
29	Georgann Salisbury
29	Brittani Smith
30	Jennifer Babb
30	Andrew Dittman
31	Chris Rhodes
31	Garrett Woods

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There will be a Congregational Meeting at noon, on Sunday, October 8, to elect Elders and Deacons. Those nominated are:

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Tonya Andrews	Tammie Coyle
Terri Long	Carolyn Hetzer
Jen Metz	Janet Hiett
Shannon Woods	Doug Stemper
Lizzy Lunsford, Youth	Garrett Woods, Youth

Congregational Meeting



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