



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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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. 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, solitude, simplicity, thanksgiving, submission, and prayer. If you want to revisit any of them, please call the office for a copy of that month's column.

As we enter Lent, the last discipline that we will explore is service. Very simply put, service is the desire and thus resultant action to help another person. It comes from the compassion that God has placed in our hearts and souls. Service flows from our relationship with God. The deeper we go in love and like with God, the more we want to help those who do not have this relationship that we enjoy with the Father in heaven.

Often we confuse service with something grand such as going to a foreign country to minister there. Service is local and immediate and embraces the idea that all have been made in the image and likeness of God and thus we are to touch each person with the dignity they deserve as one of God's special made creations. So, when we help at the Food Bank, or treat the waitress with dignity, we are engaging in service.

True service means that we serve those we like and those we do not like. True service is not denied if the person has been cruel to us or has ignored us. Service in the purest sense is how we can demonstrate God through our lives.

As we serve those around us in the love of Jesus Christ, we show others that we are God's own and that we are truly grounded in grace, that we live in love, and are growing for God.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mark



Youth Group

The Youth Group will collect the Souper Bowl offering on Sunday, February 4, after both services. The offering will go to the Williamsport Food Bank. There will be no Youth Group on February 4.

The Youth Group will meet on February 11, 18, and 25.

Youth Sunday will be February 25. If you would like to help plan the service and would like to participate, please contact Pastor Mark.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on February 20, at the Hagerstown Family Diner, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Bible Study, and fellowship with other Presbyterian Men. Please sign up if attending.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women meet once a month for Bible Study. Pastor Mark leads the study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. There are two Circle Bible Study groups that meet at St. Andrew. All women are welcome to join a Circle on Tuesday, February 13. Morning Circle meets from 10:00—11:15 a.m. We will go to lunch at Marco's New York Pizza at 11:30. Evening Circle meets from 7:00—8:15 p.m.

The P. W. Coordinating Team meets on February 13, from 8:30—10:00 a.m.

Holly Place

Thank you for the donated items that have been placed in the tub for Holly Place. We continue to collect: paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, laundry detergent, and adult Depends (or other brands) L or XL (no diapers). Place items in the tub under the shelf in the parlor.

Blanket Sunday

We will be collecting for Blanket Sunday on February 4 and 11. Your donation of just \$5 will help provide blankets for people suffering from disasters and emergencies around the world. They are also distributed to homeless shelters in the United States. Someone will be in the parlor to assist you in pinning your donation on the blanket. Thank you for your generosity.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will be meeting on Thursday, February 1 and 15, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. You only need to bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Bible Study

Pastor Mark is leading a Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts each Thursday evening, from 7:00—8:15 p.m., in the Legacy Hall. Come and join us as we explore our spiritual gifts, and how we can use them to impact the Kingdom of God.

Christmas Bazaar Craft Workshops

It seems like “forever ago” when we were all enjoying our Christmas Bazaar. I am happy to report that our net profit for the 2017 bazaar was \$5,248.10. Thanks to everyone who was a part of it.

Now it's time to begin our work for the 2018 bazaar! Our craft workshops will begin on Monday, February 12, from 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., and are currently scheduled every other Monday at that same time. We are also planning some evening workshops to accommodate those who are unable to attend during the day. They will be held from 7:00—9:00 p.m. on April 30, May 29, July 30, and October 29. Please contact Marcia Davis or Barb Smith if you have questions.



**Pray for our
Christian
Family**



Hospitalized

Jan Bailey

Recuperating at Home

Liz Altman

Martin Altman

John Engberg

Karen Howser

Gene McCauley

Doug Peacher

Bill Reedy

Dominic Ross

In the Nursing Home

Broadmore

Bob Knepper

Greenfield Senior Living

Ralph DeVore

Homewood

Harriet Ankeney

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

Valentine Party and Luncheon

We will be having a Valentine Party and Luncheon on Sunday, February 11, after the 11:00 service, in the Legacy Hall. We will have a guest speaker, Sonshine the Christian Clown, who will deliver a special message on love. All children are invited to participate in the valentine card exchange. When signing up for the party, please list the names of the children who will be participating in the card exchange by January 28. On Sunday, February 4, a list of children who are participating in the exchange will be sent home. Anyone who is planning to attend the Valentine Party and Luncheon, please sign up on the sheet in the parlor. We want to make sure we plan accordingly. Thank you so much.

Valentine BINGO Party at Homewood

We will be hosting a Valentine BINGO party at Homewood Nursing Center on Saturday, February 10, at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at McDonald's at 1:00 p.m. for lunch before heading to Homewood.

We will need donations of food for our party. Please check the sign-up sheet in the parlor and sign for what you are able to donate.

Also, we are in need of BINGO prizes. Suggested items are: large print word finds, small packages of snack crackers, small stuffed animals, jewelry, toiletries, etc. Please bring your donations in by February 9, and place them on the back counter, labeled "BINGO party". If you are attending the party, you can bring your items the day of the event. Please sign up if you are able to attend. This is such a fun day for everyone involved. The residents and staff are so appreciative when our church hosts BINGO parties for them.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Washington County schools are closed or dismissed early due to bad weather, all church activities for that day are cancelled. If the schools are delayed, please check the answering machine. Evening activities will probably be held. If bad weather falls on a Sunday, listen to WCRH 90.5FM on the radio, or call the church. Pastor Mark will put a message on the answering machine if services have been cancelled

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact Pastor Mark directly. The hospital will no longer contact him.



Biblical Word Search

Congratulations to the people listed below for completing last month's word search. Have fun with this month's Biblical word search, "Types of Ministers". We are all ministers to God in one way or the other. Come and join Pastor Mark's Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., as we explore together our spiritual gifts as a Christian. Please place your completed paper (with your name on in) in the box in the parlor by February 15. There are large print copies of the word search in the parlor.

Eric Arvidson
Debbie Kinzer
Helen Krouse
Margie Reed
Janie Rhodes

Gerry Salter
Phyllis Schleigh
Maxine Taylor
Tom Young

Congratulations to Bethany Attavian for finishing December's word search.

New Member Reception Thank You

Thanks to those on the Membership Support Committee and Parishes 3 and 7 who helped to make last week's New Member Reception a success. We look forward to working with our new members as they become more involved in our ministries. New members honored:

Martin Altman
Karen & Karina DeKany
Ralph Devore
John Engberg

Shannon Garland
Chuck Hydorn
Lynn Lowman
Stacy MacMillan
Jeff & Ruthann Palmer

Doug & Jan Peacher
Carl & Deb Piper
Paul & Shirley Swartz
Lester & Marie Witek



Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on February 16, at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share, and join us for an enjoyable and informative afternoon.

Book Club

If you love to read and enjoy good discussion and fellowship, come join one or both of our book clubs.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room. We will be discussing I Will Always Write Back, by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda.

The daytime book club will be meeting on Thursday, February 8, 1:30 p.m., at Panera Bread. We will be discussing The Deepest Water, by Dan Walsh.

Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin on Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 p.m. It is a great evening of delicious food and wonderful fellowship with our church family. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor if you plan on attending.

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.

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.

Thank You

Dear Friend of the Hungry,

Thank you so much for your recent gift to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. Your gift will help us pay for the processing of thousands of donated deer during our 20th anniversary hunting season. Many hunters are donating their deer this season, and your support helps make sure no meat goes to waste!

Together, we've provided over 19 million servings of nutritious meat to the hungry of local communities since 1997. With people in every county of our nation struggling with hunger, the need now is greater than ever. We are grateful for your partnership, which enables us to continue providing this critical food resource for hungry men, women, and children in states nationwide.

May God bless you,

Josh Wilson, Executive Director

Ushers Needed

Would you be willing to serve as an usher at St. Andrew? If so, please indicate your willingness on the sign-up sheet in the parlor.

Game Night

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 3, for our Family Game Night, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Bring your favorite games, and a snack to share. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor if you plan on attending.



Balance 12/01/17	\$65,001.61
Receipts	47,528.95
Disbursements	34,940.67
Balance 12/31/17	77,589.89



Sunday School Corner

Now that the holidays are over, Sunday School is back on a normal schedule. December was an unusual month for Sunday School. Because of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, we didn't have Sunday School on those Sundays. On December 17, the teachers had a breakfast and Christmas party during the Sunday School hour. Miss Annette took all the Sunday School children and had a Christmas Craft Workshop for them on that day. The attendance report is based upon those children who made it to their classes the first two Sundays in December.

Attendance

Pre-K—Gavin Babb, Maggie Wise

Kindergarten/1st—Natalie Farioli, Norah Wise

2nd/3rd—Logan Farioli, Brody Hemphill, Evie Wise

4th/5th—Allie Babb, Jeremy Hemphill, Lilly Wise

6th-8th—Matthew Mosley, Claude Paul, Lucas Scumpieru

9th-12th—Gabby Johnson

Sunday School Challenge

Pastor Mark will be treating any student who has attended Sunday School 6 out of the 8 Sundays in January and February to McDonald's on Sunday, March 11. The students who have met this qualification will be notified on Sunday, March 4, with a letter and a permission slip. Hope you make each Sunday to Sunday School. Pastor Mark wants to eat breakfast with all of you!

Sunday School Opportunities

There is Sunday School for all ages here at St. Andrew. We feel strongly that you can never stop learning about your faith in Christ. Therefore, we have classes from toddlers to two adult classes. All classes begin at 9:45 a.m. Grades 5 and under meet in the sanctuary for a brief opening from 9:45-10:00 a.m. After Opening, the children are dismissed to their classrooms. Parents, if you have a child in grade 3 or under, please pick them up from their classes at 10:45 a.m.

We have two great adult classes to choose from. The **Voyager Class** meets in the room across from the Conference Room. They have started a new discussion book entitled, The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss, by James W. Kemp, who finds parallels between Dr. Seuss' most memorable stories and lessons found in Scripture. Each entry begins with a biblical passage, and features lines from an original Dr. Seuss book. This book brings the meaning of many Bible passages to life. Books are provided. Whether you attend early worship or the later one, join us as we find out how Horton, The Cat, The Grinch, and other friends illustrate important Biblical principles. The **Seeker Class** is an in depth Bible Study, led by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. They are currently studying the Gospel of John. This class meets in the Conference Room.

The Sunday School children enjoyed getting some new books during our Winter Book Giveaway in the months of January and February. There's nothing better than curling up with a good book on a cold, wintry day.



Chili Cook Off

Our third annual Chili Cook Off will be held on February 18, after the second service. You will be given the opportunity to order sandwiches and, for just \$1 more, a bowl of chili that was entered in the competition. There is a sign-up sheet for those who want to submit chili for the competition, as well as different categories—sweet, hot, and non-traditional.

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday service will be on February 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Legacy Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share. We will have a special message, the application of ashes, and communion. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor. If you will be coming just for the service, it will begin at 7:15 p.m.

CWU World Day of Prayer

Church Women United's World Day of Prayer will be on March 2, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, 35 W. Potomac Street, Williamsport, MD.

The program, using the theme, "The Creation" from the Book of Genesis, was written by the ladies from Swiname, South America.

College Care Packages

College Care Packages to our away college students are being sent out on February 1. If you are a local college student, there will be a care package waiting for you next Sunday, February 4, in the church office. Please pick yours up, and know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this busy time.

Correspondence Bulletin Board

Please check out the correspondence

bulletin board in the hallway. There are addressed cards for our away college students and military personnel. Each card is ready to go, except for a message from you. Let them know they are in our prayers. Pick up a card and encourage someone away from home.

New Class

A new class will be starting on Sunday, February 11, from 6:00—8:00 p.m. We will be using a study guide and a DVD series entitled *Victory in Spiritual Warfare*, by Dr. Tony Evans. Here is an overview of the study:

"Every struggle and conflict faced in the physical realm has its root in the spiritual realm. With passion and clarity, pastor and Bible teacher Dr. Tony Evans demystifies spiritual warfare so that readers can tackle challenges and obstacles with spiritual power. The Bible Study explains the spiritual origins of daily struggles, and the tools of spiritual armor God has given believers to live in the victory that has already been won through Jesus Christ." In each lesson, we will examine each piece of armor along with Dr. Evans, and experience the life, hope, and purpose God has for you.

What a great study to do during Lent, and to go along with Pastor Mark's sermon series on the Armor of God. We would like to start this series on February 11. Please sign up as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. We want to order all the books for the participants.

Easter Flowers

We are taking orders for Easter flowers. They must be in by February 25. There are forms in the parlor, and the form will be in the bulletins in February.



The Deacon Corner

Parish Leader Contact Information

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Did You Know...

The Parish Leaders spend their own money on cards (birthday, get well, anniversary, etc.) and postage. If you have new cards lying around, or you receive them in the mail from Guidepost or another organization, and you would like to donate them to the Deacons, it would be greatly appreciated. Please put a note on them for Deacons, and place them on the back counter in the secretary's office. Thank you.

The Deacons also sponsor the St. Andrew Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry. The yarn and other material is also purchased by the "Crafters of St. Andrew", so if you feel inclined to support the Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry with a monetary gift, please make your check out to St. Andrew Deacons, and write Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry in the memo line. You can put it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the Deacons. If you knit, crochet, quilt, or sew, and would like to begin making prayer shawls or blankets, please contact Jen Metz. Thank you so much!

The Deacons are selling the 2018 Family Fun Bonus Books. They are just \$12, and have 40 BOGO coupons for Hagerstown restaurants, golf, movies, etc. Please see Jen Metz or any other Deacon to purchase one.

St. Andrew E-Mail

The Deacons have set up an e-mail account so we can communicate with the St. Andrew congregation. This is in addition to the calling post messages that are being sent. We send a weekly e-mail with prayer concerns mentioned during church, and during the week additional e-mails go out as new prayer requests come in or we have updates. Occasionally, we send out reminders on activities. We have set the group up with all e-mails that are on the church/Deacon records. You can opt out just by e-mailing a reply back to say delete me from this group. If you would like to be part of our e-mail correspondence, and aren't sure if we have your e-mail, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate, give it to a Deacon, or put it on the secretary's desk. The e-mail address that will be sending out correspondence is standrewdeacons@myactv.net, and Jen Metz will be overseeing it at this time. Thank you.

Name _____

E-Mail _____



St. Andrew Calling Post

St. Andrew uses www.callingpost.org to send out phone messages with upcoming events and reminders. The phone number that shows up on caller ID is 405-308-4474 (Oklahoma). If you are receiving the calls on your home phone and would like to have it changed to your cell phone, or you are not receiving the messages, please fill out the request form below. It is better to allow these messages to go to voicemail so you can listen to the entire message at a more convenient time.

Calling Post

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

St. Andrew Meal Ministry

The Deacons offer a Meal Ministry. The Meal Ministry provides a meal or meals to an individual or family after surgery, passing of a loved one, traumatic event, unfavorable medical diagnosis, or any other reason deemed necessary. We are looking for people to make meals, soups, or casseroles. The meals would be provided on specific days requested by the individual or family. The soup could be frozen or canned, and the casseroles frozen and pulled out when needed. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please fill in the form below to let the Deacons know how you can participate. If you are someone in need, or know of a St. Andrew member or regular attendee who will need a meal in the future, contact your Deacon, the Deacon Moderator, Jen Metz, or Pastor Mark.

Name _____

I can help in the following way:

- ____prepare a meal and deliver it
- ____prepare a meal but not deliver it
- ____prepare a casserole to be frozen
- ____prepare soup that is canned or can be frozen
- ____deliver meals

Place this form in the offering plate, give to a Deacon, or leave on the secretary's desk.

Membership Support

With love in the air, let's count a few reasons we love our church:

1. We love spending time at church on Sunday. We love both of our morning worship services, Sunday School classes, and evening Youth Group and Young Adults gatherings.
2. We love having visitors join us for worship on Sundays. Thanks to you for inviting your friends and co-workers who might be seeking a church home. Visitors love the warm welcome they receive.
3. Having a variety of programs and activities for people of all ages is another thing we love about our church. This newsletter is full of activities members and friends can participate in. If you haven't attended one of the many events that take place during the week, please do so. We would love to have you and someone you love get involved.
4. You'll love looking through the office copy of a memory book from Pastor Mark's 25th year of ministry celebration. Stop by the office and relive that special day. What are some reasons why you love St. Andrew?

Stewardship

This month, we would love you to become involved with some of the events we offer between Sundays. Give your time as you attend or use your talent as you help share the workload. Also, please continue to support our ministry financially. Your offerings not only support in-house needs, they also show God's love to the world through our many outreach programs.



Happy Anniversary!

*James & Samantha Harding
February 12*

*John & Yvonne Thomson
February 20*

*Scott & Melanie Beckley
February 14*

*Carl & Deb Piper
February 22*

*Craig & Susan Fearnow
February 14*

*George & Marcia Miller
February 25*

*Barry & Johanna Nye
February 17*

*David & Barbara Miller
February 26*

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lara Sandell
- 2 Zach Faith
- 3 Haley Sweigert
- 4 Carol'Ann Alphin
- 4 Jennifer Grubb
- 4 Kristen Harding
- 5 Betty Rice
- 5 Marie Witek
- 7 Janet Bulow
- 7 Donald Hays
- 7 Paul Swartz
- 9 Shannon Woods
- 10 Kim Betson
- 10 Abby Mason
- 10 Phyllis Schleigh
- 10 Charles Shirk
- 11 Jim Athey

- 11 Doug Renner
- 11 Ryan Reynolds
- 12 Barbara Cromer
- 14 Zerach Malecki
- 17 Gary Schleigh
- 18 Nancy Bryan
- 18 Julie Malecki
- 19 Chris Lunsford
- 19 Nora Ruffner
- 19 Todd Sampson
- 21 Nancy Robinson
- 24 Sandy Lunsford
- 24 Kaitlyn Marquis
- 25 Hayley Hemphill
- 26 Katie Grabill
- 26 Wayne Lanzendorfer
- 28 Allison Martin

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February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Souper Bowl Sunday Blanket Sunday	5	6 7:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Van Lear Civic Assn.	7 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	1 10:00am Helping Hands 4:30pm Shepherd's Table 7:00pm Bible Study	2	3 6:30pm Game Night
11 Blanket Sunday 12:15pm Valentine Party 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Victory in Spiritual Warfare	12 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Committee Meetings	13 8:30am Coordinating Team 10:00am Circle 11:30am Lunch at Marco's 7:00pm Circle	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6:30pm Covered Dish Meal 7:15pm Service	8 1:30pm Book Club @ Panera Bread 7:00pm Bible Study	9	10 1:00pm McDonald's/Homewood BIN-GO
18 9:30am Coffee Hour 12:15pm Chili Cook Off 6:00pm Youth Group/Victory in Spiritual Warfare	19 7:00pm Admin.	20 9:30am Ministerium 6:30pm Presbyterian Men @ Hagerstown Family Diner	21 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	15 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	16 12:00pm Friday Club	17
25 Youth Sunday 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Victory in Spiritual Warfare	26 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Session	27 5:30pm Supper Club at Western Sizzlin	28 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	22 7:00pm Bible Study	23	24

Witness and Mission

We want to thank everyone for your generous donations. The Thanksgiving offering was \$753, and was sent to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. The Joy Gift offering at Christmas sent \$883, which we sent to Holly Place.

St. Andrew delivered 20 personal care bags to CASA and Salvation Army Women & Children's Shelter. We also delivered 24 backpacks to the Williamsport schools, filled with school supplies and Christmas gifts. Check out the pictures on our bulletin board.

We hope everyone had a chance to go to the Charlie Brown Christmas and see the beautiful St. Andrew tree.

Six people from St. Andrew attended the Habitat for Humanity dinner and silent auction. Maybe this year we can fill a table. It was a wonderful evening.

REACH craft nights will be once a month through March. We will be collecting shelter supplies for REACH. They need:

- **FOOD:** cereal, coffee (large canisters), sugar, Pop Tarts, cereal bars
- **PERSONAL CARE:** new pillows, men's jeans (32-42), foot powder, heavy winter/work gloves
- **CLEANING:** hand sanitizer, hand soap, 39 gallon trash bags, bleach, vinegar
- **PAPER PRODUCTS:** napkins, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels

Please drop donations at the church office to the attention of Shirley Fox.

The Witness and Mission Committee can always use extra help, so 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.



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