



# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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MARCH 2018

## *Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God*

Dear Friends,

At the end of this month, we have the cross awaiting us. At the end of this month, we have the uncertain day of Holy Saturday, in which we experience the depth of despair that the Lord of Life has had His life snuffed out. And then on Easter Sunday, Jesus comes back to life. Jesus is resurrected. He has risen, just as He said.

How fitting that Easter is on April 1! Many would say that our faith is one of fooling others and ourselves—that we are perpetuating a myth by stating that Jesus Christ rose from the grave. Many would say that this is the ultimate and fitting April Fool's joke—many would not believe it.

Interesting enough, there is more than enough evidence to prove that, indeed, Jesus did rise from the dead. The first is that the disciples did not believe it either on that first Easter morning. They doubted the possibility that Jesus could rise—they would not believe Mary Magdalene nor their own eyes. Only two ran to the tomb to confirm this even though it was only a few blocks from where they were meeting.

Confirmation of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is also found in the fact that no body was produced to debunk the myths of the resurrection. A great movie on this topic is "Risen" which came out a few years ago. Without a body, there is no proof that Jesus is truly dead.

Confirmation of the resurrection is found in eye witness accounts found in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, I Corinthians 15, Acts 9, and I could go on. Eye witness accounts are as valid in the 1st century as today to confirm the reality of an event.

There are many ways to confirm the reality of the resurrection but I would like to point to one last one—the change in the apostles. They went from scared, defeated followers to bold proclaimers. That just does not happen because they are perpetuating an April Fool's hoax. This only happens if they are sharing the truth.

As we embrace the reality of the resurrection, then we show others 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 meet on March 4, 11, 18, and 25 for their regular meetings. You are welcome to bring friends. Youth Group is for those in grades six through 12, and meets from 6:00—8:00 p.m. each Sunday evening.

Youth Sunday will be March 4, during both services.

## Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on March 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

Last month, 24 women attended the Morning Circle, and 10 attended Evening Circle. All were blessed by the study, lead by Pastor Mark, *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, March 13. Morning Circle meets from 10:00—11:15 a.m. We will go to lunch at 11:30. Please sign up if you want to go to The Grill @ Runways. Pat Newbraugh needs to make reservations. Evening Circle meets from 7:00—8:15 p.m. Please let Pastor Mark know if you will need child care.

The P. W. Coordinating Team meets on March 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, adult Depends, size L or XL, or other brands (NO diapers). Place items in the tub under the shelf in the parlor.

## Souper Bowl

Thank you for your generous giving to the Souper Bowl offering. We raised \$350 for the Williamsport Food Bank.

## St. Andrew Library

Our library is open, organized, and ready for your exploration. It's located in the Friendship Hall. Please stop by the library and see what you can discover. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Beere.

## Helping Hands

Helping Hands will be meeting on Thursday, March 1, 15, and 29, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. You only need to bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

## Bible Study

Pastor Mark continues his 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. There is no Bible Study on March 29.

## Christmas Bazaar Craft Workshops

Our craft workshops are currently scheduled every other Monday from 9:30 a.m.—noon. 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*

Recuperating at Home

Liz Altman  
Martin Altman  
John Engberg  
Karen Howser  
Tim Koelble  
Gene McCauley  
Doug Peacher



In the Nursing Home

**Bridge Park Health Care**

Jan Bailey

**Greenfield Senior Living**

Ralph DeVore

**Homewood**

Harriet Ankeney

Lucy Karn

**Julia Manor**

Larry Roth

**Lorien**

Bob Morgan

**Martinsburg VA Med. Center**

Bob Knepper

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

## Holy Week Events

### Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m., the St. Andrew Adult Choir will present their annual Lenten Cantata. Begin your Holy Week activities with an afternoon of beautiful music to help you reflect on what Jesus did for you on the cross.

### Maundy Thursday

The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7:00 p.m., on March 29. There will be special music by the choir, communion, the washing of hands, and the extinguishing of lights. All are welcome to this moving event.

### Good Friday

Our Cross Walk will start at noon, on Friday, the 30th, at the church. We will walk along Cole Road, praying and sharing scripture. After that, all who wish to go, we will share in a lunch at Ci-Ci's.



### Holy Saturday

The Youth Group will host their annual Easter Carnival on Saturday, March 31, beginning at 1:00 p.m. All children grades 5 and younger are invited. We will have a variety of carnival games, the moon bounces will be set up, along with a fantastic egg hunt. Please bring a basket or bag for the eggs you collect. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

### Easter Sunday

The Youth Group will host the Easter Sunrise service. It will begin at 7:00 a.m. on April 1 (this is no joke). A continental breakfast will follow in the Legacy Hall.

We will serve communion, as well as having special music, at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Easter Sunday.

## 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, "The Crucifixion of Christ". As you make your way through this word search, may we be reminded of the great sacrifice that Christ made on our behalf! Please place your completed paper (with your name on in) in the box in the parlor by March 15. There are large print copies of the word search in the parlor.

Eric Arvidson  
Shirley Fox  
Jean Harr  
Nonie Johnson  
Debbie Kinzer

Helen Krouse  
Debbie McCauley  
Elaine Myers  
Margie Reed

Gerry Salter  
Phyllis Schleigh  
Janet Snyder  
Maxine Taylor  
Frances Wolford

ANNAS  
BARABBAS  
BEHOLD THY MOTHER  
BEHOLD THY SON  
BETRAYAL  
BLOOD  
CAIAPHAS  
CALVARY  
CENTURION  
COAT  
COCK  
CROSS  
CROWN OF THORNS  
CRUCIFY  
DARKNESS

DENIAL  
EARTHQUAKE  
ELI EMI LAMA SABACHTHANI  
FALSE WITNESSES  
GAVE UP THE GHOST  
GETHSEMANE  
GOLGOTHA  
GREEK  
HEBREW  
HEROD  
I THIRST  
IT IS FINISHED  
JESUS  
JEWS  
JUDAS

KING OF THE JEWS  
LATIN  
LOTS CASTED  
MALEFACTORS  
MARY  
MARY MAGDALENE  
MOCKERY  
NAILS  
NINTH HOUR  
PARADISE  
PETER  
PILATE  
POTTERS FIELD  
PRAETORIUM  
SALOME

SCARLET ROBE  
SCOURGING  
SIMON  
SIXTH HOUR  
SLAIN  
SOLDIERS  
SPEAR  
THE PAVEMENT  
THIRTY PIECES OF  
SILVER  
THREE DAYS  
TORTURE  
TRIAL  
VEIL  
VINEGAR  
WATER  
WHAT IS TRUTH



## Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on March 16, at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share, and join us for an enjoyable and informative afternoon. Our speaker will be Col. Laura Marfut, U. S. Army, Ret.

## Book Club

If you love to read and enjoy good discussion, come and join us at one, or both, of our book clubs. The evening book club meets the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m., in the conference room. The daytime book club meets the second Thursday of every month, 1:30 p.m., at Panera Bread. Please look over the books we will be reading, and join us.

### Evening Book Club

March 6

-Hidden Figures, by Margot Lee Shetterly  
April 3

Conversations With Lincoln, by Gordon  
Leidner  
May 1

Churchill's Bodyguard, by Tom Hickman  
June 12

Flight 93, by Tom McMillan

### Daytime Book Club

March 8

How to Catch a Prince, by Rachael Houck  
April 12

Crime Scene Jerusalem, by Alton Gansky  
May 10

TBA—please watch your bulletins  
June 14

Let's Roll, by Lisa Beamer



## 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.

## Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin on Tuesday, March 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.

## Blanket Sunday

Thank you for your generosity when we collected for Blanket Sunday. A total of \$460 was collected.

## Grocery Cards

Gift cards for Martin's, Shop 'n Save, and Weis Market are available after both services, in the conference room, in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Proceeds to go the Capital Improvement Fund.

## Big Creek Mission Trip

The Big Creek Mission Trip will be July 15-21, 2018. A second deposit of \$25 is due by March 31. Please make checks out to St. Andrew Youth. The total cost will be \$200 per person. We will have fundraisers to help with the cost.

## Chili Cook Off Winners

1st Place	Carroll & Tammy Coyle
2nd Place	Shirley Fox
3rd Place	Greg & Tonya Andrews

Thank you to all who participated.



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## Sunday School Corner

### January Attendance

#### Perfect Attendance

##### Kindergarten/1st Grade

Natalie Farioli

##### 4th/5th Grade

Jeremy Hemphill

##### 2nd/3rd Grade

Logan Farioli

Brody Hemphill

##### 9th-12th Grade

Gabby Johnson

#### 3 out of 4 Sundays

##### Pre-K

Gavin Babb

##### 4th/5th Grade

Allie Babb

Will McKinley

##### Kindergarten/1st Grade

Colton McKinley

##### 9th-12th Grade

Chris Lunsford

Lizzy Lunsford

Lorraine Paul

### Sunday School Snippets

**Toddler Class:** The Toddler Class is learning that Jesus and God love them all the time.

**Pre-K Class:** Congratulations to **Gavin Babb**, **Lily South**, and **Maggie Wise**, for memorizing their Bible verse, "Jesus grew and became strong." Luke 2:40. The class is so appreciative of **Gavin** and **Lily** blessing our snack each Sunday. The Pre-K class is learning that Jesus wants us to be His helpers.

**Kindergarten/1st Grade:** Congratulations to **Natalie Farioli** for memorizing her memory verse, "Jesus grew and became strong." Luke 2:40. The students have been learning that Jesus pleases God, and we should too!

**2nd/3rd Grade:** The students continue learning about Paul and his teachings about Jesus, and how Jesus wants everyone to show compassion, love, and forgiveness. The students learned that a gift is not always something you can hold in your hand. It can be a hug, a smile, a form of assistance in time of need, etc. Congratulations to **Abby**, **Brody**, **Logan**, and **Skylar**, who are memorizing their verse, "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works." Ephesians 2:10.

**4th/5th Grade:** The students in this class started a Prayer Wall. They put their prayer requests up on the wall so that the class can remember one another in prayer. The class continues to follow Paul in Acts. They are studying how to share what Jesus has done for us, and that we are able to go to Him at anytime in our prayers. The love and faith we have in Jesus can be a great encouragement to others.

**6th-8th Grade:** The 6th-8th grade students are studying Paul and his travels. The students are learning that being a Christian, and living by God's laws can be tough. Yet, Christ can get us through any difficult situation. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

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**Teen Class:** The teen class uses The Blueprint, a Christian Magazine, that deals with relevant teen issues and focuses on the Christian and biblical principles to deal with the challenges that teens deal with today. If you are a teen and have not yet joined our class, we hope to see you on Sunday mornings as we discover the plans God has for our lives.

**Sunday School Challenge**

Pastor Mark will be treating those students who attended Sunday School 5 out of the 8 Sundays in January and February to breakfast at McDonald’s during the Sunday School hour on March 11. (Due to the flu season being so bad, we changed it from 6 out of 8 to 5 out of 8 Sundays.) Congratulations to those students, and parents and grandparents who brought them, for making Sunday School a top priority. We are so proud of you!

**Sunday School Special**

Miss Annette will be having a special Bible BINGO during the Sunday School hour on March 11 for all students who are not dining at McDonald’s with Pastor Mark.

**Sunday School Teachers’ Breakfast and Meeting**

The Sunday School teachers will be having a breakfast and meeting on March 11, during the Sunday School time. At this time, Chris and Jennifer Johnson, and Kathy Kountz, will be sharing with the teachers what they learned at the Sunday School Teachers’ Convention they attended.

**VBS News**

Mark your calendars for this year’s VBS, which will be held June 4-8. It may seem a bit early, but we have the entire VBS team ready to go! Even though school is still in session, come and join in all the fun as you wind down your school year, and gear up for a great summer. We will be having a VBS Preview on Sunday, March 18, after the 11:00 service. Come and join us as we reveal this year’s theme. You will have the chance to sign up to volunteer, and to register your children. Come and view sample crafts and curriculum, as well as taste some of the yummy snacks we will be having at VBS.

**Creation**

The Youth Group is going to the 40th anniversary of Creation, from June 27 to July 1. The cost is \$145 per person, which covers the cost of the ticket, transportation there and back, and all the meals at the event. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor.



<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Capital Improvements</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
January Income	24,877.02	January Income	2,185.00	January Received	2,881.81
January Expenses	28,168.49			January Disbursed	65.00
Operating Income	( 3,291.47)				



## **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.

## **Joe Corbi's Fundraiser**

The softball team is selling Joe Corbi's Pizza and More Favorites. There is a brochure in the parlor to look through. They have about anything you could ever want—all kinds of pizza (including gluten free and whole wheat), calzones, many varieties of cookies, gourmet pies, cakes, cheesecakes, and much more. Please place your order soon. All orders and money are due by Sunday, March 18. There is an envelope for your payment. Please make check out to St. Andrew, and write in the memo "softball team". Thank you for supporting the team!

## **Spaghetti Dinner**

The softball teams will be holding a spaghetti dinner on March 4, from 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m., eat in or carry out. The cost will be \$7 for adults and children 12 and older, \$4 for ages 4-11, and children 3 and under eat for free. The menu is: spaghetti, salad, bread, and drinks. Baked items/desserts will be available for purchase.

## **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

## **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.

Grant Long's new address is:  
Spc. Long, Grant  
1552 Tylertown Road #501  
Clarksville, TN 37040

Bob Morgan's rehab address:  
Robert Morgan, Room N44-A  
Lorien  
713 Midway Avenue  
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Jan Bailey's new address:  
Jan Bailey  
Bridge Park Health Care Center  
4017 Liberty Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21207





## Stewardship

Have you indicated on a Time and Talent sheet how you intend to use your natural abilities or learned skills to do God's work through St. Andrew's ministry? These sheets have been given to those in charge of each area. Someone should contact you soon. If you did not complete a Time and Talent sheet, just show up at the activity. Willing workers are always welcomed.

How abundantly have you been blessed through St. Andrew's ministry, our programs, or our leadership? Take a moment to reflect on your financial obligation, made either through a pledge or through your own planned giving. Your resources finance the ministry that has made a difference in your life.

The complete Parable of the Talents may be found in Matthew 25:14-30.

## Witness and Mission

We had six attend the Habitat for Humanity dinner and silent auction in 2017. Maybe this year we can fill a table. It will be held on August 25, 2018. It is Habitat's 25th anniversary. We would also like to try and fill a table for Taste of the Town in October 28, so think about these events. We will have a sign-up sheet for both this summer.

We want to thank you for your generous support of all we do for our community, and the world.

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.

## Membership Support

Hopefully, you read the weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter. But, as the scripture says, "To those who have, more will be given and they will have an abundance." (Matthew 25:29) You will now have an abundance of information about St. Andrew's ministry. Notebooks in the parlor contain monthly newsletters and the monthly Session packet, which includes minutes from Session meetings, Deacons, and all the committees. The same information is available on the Board of Information, located near Friendship Hall. We want to make sure the work of our ministry is abundantly clear to all.

The Thursday evening Bible Study Pastor Mark is currently leading focuses on our spiritual gifts, what they are and how we can use them for God's glory. We thank those of you who are attending, and encourage those of you who aren't to do so. Taking part in the many programs and activities we offer will strengthen your faith and provide an abundance of unexpected benefits.

Please welcome our newest members: Ken and Karen Howser, and Maxine Taylor. To help you identify them easily, their photos are posted on the New Member Tree in the parlor, and on a bulletin board near Friendship Hall. If you would like to become a member in 2018, please contact Pastor Mark or Kitty Harbaugh. Folks who want to join can do so at any Session meeting throughout the year.

## See's Candy

The Presbyterian Women are selling See's Candy, just in time for Easter. The brochure is in the parlor. All orders and money must be in by March 11. Jean Harr will be outside the conference room on March 4 and 11 to assist you with your orders.



# Happy Anniversary!



*Bill & Kathy McKinley  
March 2*

*Alan & Peg Adams  
March 9*

*Dave & Karen Sue Long  
March 8*

*Clovis & Janet Snyder  
March 17*

# BIRTHDAYS

1	Blair Sandell
2	Brandon Myers
2	Pam Woolman
3	Kathy Kountz
4	Janet Hiett-Young
5	John Corbin
7	Michael Banner
8	Josh Reed
9	Tonya Andrews
9	Audrey Enders
9	Don Newbraugh
9	Deb Piper
9	Sarah Shirk
11	Sue Clise
13	Marchyne Clement
13	Bill Hibbard

13	Fred Sweigert
17	Wendy LaTorre
18	Jean Harr
18	Chris Johnson
20	Carol Erck
21	Jack Chadwell
22	Corrin Line
22	Amanda Linthicum
23	Shirley Fox
25	Elizabeth Altman
25	Betty Sue Faith
26	Dwayne Jamison
26	Wyatt Timmons
27	Cheryl Athey
27	Frances Wolford
29	Carl Piper

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

## March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Services</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship				<b>1</b> 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>2</b> 11:30am CWU World Day of Prayer	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Youth Sunday</b> 9:00am-1:30pm Spaghetti Dinner 6:00pm Spiritual Warfare Class 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Book Club	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>8</b> 1:30pm Book Club @ Panera Bread 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> CWU Executive Council  Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed.
<b>11 Food Bank</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:30am Teachers' Breakfast/Meeting 6:00pm Victory in Spiritual Warfare 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>12</b> 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Committee Meetings	<b>13</b> 8:30am Coordinating Team 10:00am Circle 11:30am PW Lunch 7:00pm Circle	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>16</b> 12:00pm Friday Club	<b>17</b> 10:00am Baby Shower
<b>18</b> 9:30am Coffee Hour 12:15pm VBS Preview 6:00pm Spiritual Warfare Class 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Admin. 7:00pm Deacons	<b>20</b> 9:30am Ministerium 6:30pm Presbyterian Men @ Hagerstown Family Diner 7:00pm Van Lear Civic Assn	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>22</b> 4:30pm Shepherd's Table 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00am Cantata Rehearsal
<b>25 Palm Sunday</b> 4:00pm Palm Sunday Cantata 6:00pm Spiritual Warfare Class 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>26</b> 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Session	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Supper Club at Western Sizzlin	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>29</b> <i>Maunder Thursday</i> 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Service	<b>30</b> <i>Good Friday Office Closed</i> 12:00pm Cross Walk	<b>31</b> 1:00pm Easter Carnival and Egg Hunt

# 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 \$883.00 donation that you made to our facility, Holly Place. Your continued thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

Sincerely,  
Melanie J. Davis,  
Executive Director

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.



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