



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

Last year, this column of mine in the newsletter focused on how to deepen your faith using the spiritual gifts that we have in our Christian walk. This year, I would like for us to ponder what it means to be a member of a church, or what it means to be attached to a church.

According to the Book of Order of the PCUSA (our guide in terms of how to order the church), being a member means that we “participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace, and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.” And then follows a series of 11 statements that explains what it means to be a member.

The first statement is “proclaiming the good news in word and deed.” Our primary responsibility of being a member is to show the good news of the gospel. One of the primary ways in which we show the good news is how we treat each other, and how we treat those who come to church as visitors.

The Church is training ground for us Christians. It is the place in which we learn how to deal with another who is different than us. It is a chance to learn how to effectively practice Christian grace and hospitality. One of the places that churches fail in this is when someone gets offended by another church member.

When we are offended by another, instead of harboring that grudge, go to that person privately and share your hurt. Instead of bringing others into the offense by gossip or sharing your hurt, go directly to the one who has committed the action. Not only is this biblical, but it cuts down on drama in the church and in our lives. It gives us a chance to grow spiritually as individuals and as the church.

When we practice the good news, we allow Christ’s light to shine through us and through the church. Then we become what we were intended, proclaimers of the good news, in word and deed.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Mark



Youth Group

The Youth Group will have its first meeting of the year on September 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share. We will outline the events of the year, and have a great time with other youth of the church. Friends are welcome to come.

Youth Group will meet on September 16, 23, and 30 for their regular meeting. You are welcome to bring friends. Youth Group is for grades six through 12, and meets from 6:00—8:00 p.m. each Sunday evening.

The Youth Group will elect officers on September 23, at its regular meeting. The offices are Senior High President, Middle School President, Vice President, Secretary, and a representative for Nominating Committee.

The Youth are inviting all those interested to attend the Uprise Festival, a Christian music festival, which takes place in Shippensburg. Uprise will be on Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15. The cost is \$60 for both days. We will go up on Friday, come back to the church to spend the night, eat breakfast, and then return for all of the concerts on Saturday. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor, and pay before September 9.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on Tuesday, September 18, at the Hagerstown Family Diner, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a delicious meal, a Bible Study, and fellowship with other Presbyterian Men. Please sign up if attending.

Presbyterian Women

Circle Bible Study

All women, 18-100+ years old, are invited to the PW Bible Study, beginning Tuesday, September 11. There are two groups (Circles) that meet at St. Andrew on the second Tues-

day of each month, September—May. The morning group meets 10:00—11:15 a.m., and goes to lunch afterward at The Fireside (optional). The evening group meets from 7:00—8:15 p.m. Child care is provided.

In the 2018-2019 PW Bible Study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*, we will discover how God's promise speaks to our circumstances, as individuals and as a community. The Bible Study is led by Pastor Mark.

PW Coordinating Team

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on September 11, at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room.

Church Women United

The Church Women United's Fall Fellowship dinner, program, and annual meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, September 24, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren. The meal, catered by Ernst Market, costs \$12. You may pay at the door, but reservations are needed by Monday, September 17. Please contact Kitty Harbaugh, 301-223-7652, if you plan to attend.

The program theme will be "Reaching for Wholeness in Solidarity with God's Creation". Captains from the Salvation Army will be presenting. A free will offering will be taken to benefit their ministry. This is a great way to fellowship with other women of faith throughout Washington County.

Baked Potato Bar

The Presbyterian Men will have a Baked Potato Bar on Sunday, September 30, after both services. You can eat in or carry out the meal. The cost is by donation. In addition to a large potato, there will be a salad, drinks, and dessert. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor.



**Pray for our
Christian
Family**

Recuperating at Home

Ralph DeVore
Zach Faith
Helen Gerberich
Gene McCauley
Cynthia Oates
Doug Peacher
Patty Rutledge
Shirley Swartz



**In the Nursing Home
Bridge Park Health Care**

Jan Bailey

Brookdale Senior Living

Audrey Enders

Coffman Nursing Home

Nancy Robinson

Homewood

Lucy Karn

Julia Manor

Larry Roth

Martinsburg VA Med. Center

Bob Knepper

Military

Michael Biza

Great Nephew of Janet Bulow

Bradley Harris

Son of Mike & Leigh Ann Stotelmyer

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

Harvest Hoedown

Harvest Hoedown will be held on Saturday, October 6, from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., at Byron Memorial Park. Williamsport Ministerium hosts this fundraiser to raise money for the Williamsport Food Bank. It is the food bank's biggest fundraiser of the year.

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, watch over purchased scarecrows, and sell pre-made scarecrows. Assistance is also needed to set up, clean up, and transport boxes of supplies. This is a great way for teens to get their community service hours!

We will need teens and adults to help make 50 pre-made scarecrows on September 30, from 5:00—8:00 p.m., at the church. The pre-made scarecrows will sell for \$10 each at the Harvest Hoedown. All money raised from the Harvest Hoedown activities will go to the Williamsport Food Bank.



<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Capital Improvements</u>	
July Income	30,899.72	July Income	1,914.42
July Expenses	24,987.31	YTD Income	12,469.42
Operating Income	5,912.41		
YTD Income	193,233.21	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
YTD Expenses	183,060.28	July Received	4,311.09
YTD Operating Income	10,172.93	July Disbursed	5,799.00
		YTD Received	27,752.57
		YTD Disbursed	24,850.80



Biblical Word Search

Have fun with this month's Biblical word search, Who Is Jesus? Join us each Sunday at Sunday School as each class explores who Jesus is, and how He makes a difference in our lives! We have classes for all ages, including two adult classes to choose from. Hope you can join us. Please make sure your name is on your paper, and turn it in by September 17. There are large print copies of the word search in the parlor.

Hospitalized?

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



Book Club

If you love to read and enjoy good discussion, please join us for one or both of our book clubs.

Our book for September is Five Presidents, by Clint Hill. We will meet on September 4, 7:00 p.m., in the conference room, to discuss this book.

Our daytime book club will meet at Panera Bread on Monday, September 17. We will be discussing The Unfinished Gift, by Joseph Stovall.

Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin on Tuesday, September 25, 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.

Bible Study

Do you have trouble understanding the nature of the Bible? Are there passages that don't make sense? Pastor Mark will be teaching the Fall Bible Study on how to read the Bible. We will explore the different styles of literature found in the Bible, discuss how the Bible was written, what happened to the books that were not included, and answer your questions that you may have concerning what you have read as you make your way through the year in the Bible readings. The Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 20, and will be from 7:00—8:15 p.m. If you need child care, please contact Pastor Mark.



Helping Hands

The Helping Hands group will resume on Thursday, September 6, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. They will also meet on the 20th. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

St. Andrew Library

The library is back open after being closed during the Legacy Hall construction. It is now located in Friendship Hall. As you enter Friendship Hall, Christian fiction books are located on the shelf against the choir room wall. Along the far back wall are biographies and history books, as well as some devotionals and Christmas books. In the corner are book club books. The shelf near the parking lot holds inspirational books on Christian living, parenting, and facing life's challenges. The sign-out notebook and return basket are also located on this shelf. Stop by and find your favorite authors, as well as a few new ones.

This September marks 17 years since the 9/11 tragedy. Karen Kingsbury authored two books inspired by that horrific event: One Tuesday Morning and Beyond Tuesday Morning. Both can be found in one volume in our library. Read about heroism, loss, and redemption as you remember where you were that fateful day.

Friday Club

Our new year of Friday Club begins this month. We will be meeting on September 21, at noon. The program, "Morris Stein—A Holocaust Survivor—A Son's Remembrance" will be presented by Jack Stein. Bring a covered dish to share, and join us for a time of fellowship and a very moving program.



Sunday School Corner

We are so excited about our brand new 2018-2019 Sunday School year! Please join us on September 9, 9:30 a.m., as we start the new Sunday School year with a delicious breakfast and program, held in the Legacy Hall. Not only will we enjoy a fabulous breakfast, but we will also have the opportunity to meet our new Sunday School teachers, and to visit our new classroom. Please sign up in the parlor if you plan on attending. Everyone is invited! Sunday School is for everyone of all ages. Our new classes will begin on September 16, at 9:45 a.m. We will have classes for all ages, from tots to adults. If you have not previously plugged into a Sunday School class, now is the time to start.

Children's Sunday School

Each Sunday morning, the Sunday School students (grade five and lower) 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. An offering is taken each week. It is used for several different programs.

- We sponsor two children through the organization, Compassion International. We send a monthly check to Compassion International to assist in the basic needs of our sponsored children.
- 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 to be 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. The classes are dismissed at 10:45 a.m. Parents, please note, if your child is in third grade or below, you need to pick your child up from their classroom by 10:45 a.m. Thank you.

Adult Sunday School

We have two adult classes to choose from:

- The Seekers Class meets in the conference room. The class is an in depth Bible Study. The class is taught by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. They are currently studying the book of Acts.
 - The Voyager Class is an interactive class. They choose a book to read, study, and discuss. They are currently reading On the Anvil, by Max Lucado. This class has a lot of discussion, as well as a time for prayer and fellowship. The Voyager Class meets in the room across from the conference room.
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Teaching Staff for the 2018-2019 Year

Toddler Class	Melody Paul	Meets in the nursery downstairs
Pre-K Class	Libby Llewellyn, Jennfer Metz	Meets in the room across from the nursery
Kindergarten/1st Grade	Brianna Johnson, Jennifer 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 downstairs in the new wing on the left side
6th-8th Grade	Tonya Andrews Tammy Coyle	Meets upstairs in the room right before entering the Friendship Hall
Teen Class	Chris Johnson	Meets downstairs in the new wing on the right side
Seeker Class	Pastor Mark Hank Hemphill	Meets in the conference room
Voyager Class	various facilitators	Meets in the room across from the conference room
Sunday School Substitute	Kathy Kountz Bri Knepper	
Kids of the Kingdom Helpers	Jennifer Babb Bri Knepper Cindy Line Corrin Line Sharon Peterson Lisa Scumpieru	

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our children's ministry. Please look over the list and see where you would like to volunteer your time. There are forms in the parlor at the sign-up table. There will also be an opportunity at Rally Day for you to sign up to volunteer. If you have any questions, please see Annette or Pastor Mark.

- **Substitute Teacher:** Our teachers need a much deserved break. We offer Sunday School 52 weeks of the year. If you would be willing to substitute, please mark on the form what ages you would prefer. Your lesson would be prepared for you.
- **Kids of the Kingdom Helper:** Kids of the Kingdom takes place after Pastor Mark dismisses the children from the children's sermon. The ages are generally from 5—12. You can plan your own lesson, or Annette can plan one for you. Volunteers are especially needed when Annette is not available.
- **Devotion Leader:** The devotion leader gives a short devotion to our children during the Sunday School Opening at 9:45.
- **Assist in the Nursery:** You would be assisting our nursery worker, Melody Paul, with the little ones. Please specify which service you would like to help out with—8:30 or 11:00.



Sunday School on Labor Day Weekend

Sunday School will be a busy place on September 2nd. Some students will be going to McDonald’s for breakfast with Pastor Mark. Please meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to go down to McDonald’s. Thank you, parents, grandparents, and students, for making Sunday School a priority.

Students not going to McDonald’s will be with Miss Annette playing Bible BINGO. We will be having a fun time learning all about the Bible, as well as winning prizes to put in our lunch box for school.

All Sunday School teachers will be meeting in the 4th/5th Grade classroom for breakfast and for a time of working on Rally Day certificates.

Sunday School Convention November 3

Anyone who is interested in Christian Education would enjoy this convention. This year’s theme is Kids Under Construction, based on the Scriptures, Philippians 1:6, *“And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus.”*, Colossians 2:7, *“Keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving.”* The convention will have over 25 workshops to choose from, displays, a bookstore, lunch, and much more! If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet by October 14. The cost of the convention and lunch will be covered by the church.

Sunday Night DVD Series

We will be offering a Sunday night class from 6:00—8:00 p.m., beginning on September 9. It will be a Tony Evans series entitled Kingdom Agenda. This is a DVD and workbook study. Here is a brief description of the class. *“In this Bible study, Tony Evans lays out biblical characteristics of the kingdom agenda, based on the eternal plans and priorities of the King. You’ll discover your identity, role, and responsibilities in God’s kingdom, as well as the rights and blessings granted to kingdom citizens. And you’ll learn how God wants you to serve as His representatives in your personal life, your family, your church, and your nation. Only one King is worthy of your supreme devotion. Make sure your life is aligned with His Kingdom agenda.”* Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor by September 2.

Men vs. Women Jokes

A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman: “Which book has helped you most in your life?”

The woman replied, “My husband’s checkbook!”

A prospective husband in a bookstore: “Do you have a book called Husband—the Master of the House?”

Salesclerk: “Sir, fiction and comics are on the 1st floor!”



Membership Support & Stewardship

Did you know...

- A small group of Elders and Deacons have prayer with Pastor Mark before each service? You are welcome to join them.
- Fall is the perfect time to become involved? Join a Sunday School class, a committee, or an event that interests you.
- Pew offering envelopes and numbered offering envelopes are purchased through our church budget?
- Regular attendees may ask for numbered envelopes to keep track of church giving for tax purposes? Call Kathy Dorwart, our church secretary, to get yours.
- You may join church during any month of the year? Just let Pastor Mark know you are interested.
- Everyone is invited to any activity hosted by St. Andrew? You do not have to be a member to attend Sunday School, fellowship events, outreach activities, or Bible Studies. Sign up or show up.
- Utilities, building and grounds maintenance, paper goods, and other consumables are provided through our budget?
- The salaries of our dedicated, beloved staff members make up 65% of our budget? We are so blessed!
- Our yearly stewardship drive takes place in the fall? Stewardship means use of finances, time, and talent for our ministry. The annual church budget is made based on the amount of money pledged. If you plan to support the church financially or through your time and talent in the coming year, please indicate so on a

financial commitment card, aka "pledge card" and the time and talent sheet.

- In all the years Pastor Mark has been here, we've never had 100 pledges. A pledge can be for any amount. Please return your card as soon as possible. Pastor Mark promises to dance a jig if we get 100 pledges.
- Our ministry is strong because of your support? As you consider your financial commitment, as well as your commitment of time and talent, remember the impact St. Andrew's ministry has on your life and your faith.

Now you know.

Support Group for Those Whose Loved One Died by Overdose

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be one of the most painful experiences we will ever have to endure. When that loved one died suddenly because of an overdose, the pain can become excruciating. There are many who have a sense of what this pain is like. Join us for a time of support, sharing, and education.

- Who-Any adult whose loved one died suddenly and tragically by an accidental overdose.
- What-Six week support group
- Where-Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Ave., Hagerstown
- When-Six consecutive Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m., starting Sept. 5, 2018

Please contact Cathy Campbell at 301-791-6360, or email mccampbell@hospiceofwc.org to register.



Happy Anniversary!



*Steve & Pam Jamison
September 3*

*Dennis & Barbie Gross
September 20*

*Ryan & Gretchen Devore
September 24*

*Jared & Peggy Keplinger
September 5*

*Bruce & Rebekah Hartman
September 23*

*Mike & Leigh Ann Stotemyer
September 25*

*John & Pat Martin
September 18*

*Darren & Teresa Long
September 23*

*Jerred Brown & Joan Bowers
September 26*

*Dave & Jennifer Metz
September 18*

*Brian & Brianne Bearese
September 24*

*Shane & Bri Knepper
September 30*

*John & Barbara Cassell
September 24*

BIRTHDAYS

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
11	Scarlett Reynolds
12	Tammy Jamison
12	Helen Krouse
13	Dave Hetzer
13	Elsie Majeski
13	Pat Martin
14	Carolyn Hetzer

15	Greg Andrews
15	Terry Kinzer
15	Teresa Long
15	Dave Mason
15	Maggie Mosley
17	Samantha Harding
18	Janet Snyder
19	Melody Miles
20	Ty Plum
21	Sevgi Royal
21	LaVerne Weller
23	Justin Coyle
23	Steve Hatleberg
23	Hope Wian
24	Ryan Devore
24	Emily Hemphill
27	Rebekah Hartman
28	Annette Sandell
29	Jeff Palmer



We are collecting school supplies for the school backpacks. They have already been distributed for the beginning of school, but we distribute again around Christmas. If you would like to donate something, please bring it in and put it in the box in the parlor, or give it to Debbie Kinzer. Thank you.



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