



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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OCTOBER 2018

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

In this column this year, we are going to focus on what it means to be a member of, or attached to, a church. Last month, we looked at the fact that the Church is the training ground for we Christians. It is a place where we learn how to be followers of the Almighty One.

Continuing with the thoughts out of the Book of Order, another aspect of being a faithful member means, “taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation.” The Scripture is where this thought originates. In Luke 4, Jesus is found in the temple worshipping. The verse states that this was Jesus’ custom to attend worship. Jesus set the example for us believers that we are not lone rangers in this world, attempting to deal with life on our own. We are called to be part of a worshipping community. When I think that Jesus needed to attend worship, I am humbled. If He needed it, how much more do I need to be in worship.

As was His custom, He attended worship. Even though Jesus was the Word of life, He still went to hear the minister talk about life. Even though Jesus wrote the Bible, He went to hear someone preach on it. Even though Jesus’ thoughts were deep and powerful, He still went to worship to hear another share their insights. Jesus demonstrated that we get connected to God by being with the people of God. This speaks volumes about the need and power of worship.

In addition to this, a faithful member is involved in the life of the congregation. When someone is involved in the activities that we provide here, lives are touched. People are touched by the ministry done here. People are touched by the programs shared here. Others are touched by reaching out in love that we present here. And we are touched because we are sharing in the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

As we embrace the need for worship, then we intentionally bless others and ourselves in the process. In our worship, 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 stock the Food Bank shelves on October 7. Please remember to bring a canned good to the Food Bank, and to meet at the Food Bank. We will have pizza once we are done with putting the food on the shelves. We will meet from 6:00—8:00 as usual.

Youth Group will meet on October 14 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.

Youth Group officers are: Senior High President-Zerach Malecki, Middle School President-Trinity Malecki, Vice President-Sarah Herbert, and Secretary-Gabby Johnson.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on Tuesday, October 16, 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

Bible Study

All women are invited to the PW Bible Study on Tuesday, October 9. There are two groups that meet at St. Andrew on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September—May.

The morning group meets from 10:00—11:15 a.m., and will go to lunch at Ric's Café. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor so reservations can be made.

The evening group meets 7:00—8:15 p.m. and child care is provided. Please let Pastor Mark know if you will need child care.

The second lesson in *God's Promise is God is with Us in Our Uncertainty*. The Bible Study is led by Pastor Mark. Please join us as we deepen our faith using our spiritual gifts that we have in our Christian walk.

PW Coordinating Team

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on **October 2, at 6:00 p.m., in the Friendship Hall. Please note this date and time change for October!**

Fall Festival

The Youth Group will host its annual Halloween event on Sunday, October 28, from 6:00—8:00 p.m. We will have a hayride, a children's area, the chance to enjoy a walk through our scary area downstairs, moon bounces, as well as candy. **This year, we are asking church members to bring their cars for a trunk or treat time.** You can decorate your car, you can dress up, and then share treats with the young people, from your car. Please sign up for this event.

Officer Training

Officer training will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All those officers who have been elected are required to attend. If you are unable to attend this event, please talk to Pastor Mark.

Travis Zimmerman: Called

What does it mean to be called? Join us for a night of fellowship and growth with speaker Travis Zimmerman, Pastor and co-founder of Speak My Word Ministries, on Sunday, October 21.

We will start the evening at 5:00 p.m., in the Legacy Hall, with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Travis Zimmerman will be speaking at 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up if you plan on attending. You are welcome to invite your friends to this special evening at St. Andrew.



**Pray for our
Christian
Family**



Hospitalized

Donna Guessford

Recuperating at Home

Ralph DeVore

Helen Gerberich

Gene McCauley

Cynthia Oates

Doug Peacher

Fran Quinn

Shirley Swartz

In the Nursing Home

Bridge Park Health Care

Jan Bailey

Brookdale Senior Living

Audrey Enders

Coffman Nursing Home

Nancy Robinson

Fahrney Keedy

Dave Peters

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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

St. Andrew will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. It's easy to participate. Just pick up a wrapped shoebox from the parlor, fill it, and return it to the church by October 28. Please follow the instructions on the brochure inside the box. More details will be in October bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Myers at 240-329-8848.



<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Capital Improvements</u>	
August GF Income	24,793.70	Received August	1,500.20
August GF Expenses	23,121.41	Received YTD	13,969.62
Operating Income	1,672.29		
YTD Income	218,126.91	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
YTD Expenses	206,281.69	Received August	2,265.00
YTD Operating Income	11,845.22	Disbursed August	591.56
		Received YTD	30,017.57
		Disbursed YTD	25,442.36



Biblical Word Search

This month's word search is on the Books of the Old Testament. Have fun searching for the books of the Old Testament. Just a reminder that Pastor Mark is conducting a Bible Study on the Bible every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Hope you can join us for this very informative study. Please make sure your name is on your paper, and turn it in by October 15. There are large print copies of the word search in the parlor. Congratulations to those who completed last month's word search.

Carol'Ann Alphin
Eric Arvidson
Brooke Beckley
Daulton Beckley
Melanie Beckley
Scott Beckley
Amanda DeLauder
Zachary Faith
Gloria Hays
Janet Hiatt
Gabby Johnson
Nonie Johnson
Debbie Kinzer
Helen Krouse

Debbie McCauley
Jen Metz
Elaine Myers
Destin Paul
Margie Reed
Sharon Reed
Doug & Missi Renner
Janie Rhodes
Gerry Salter
Phyllis Schleigh
Lucas Scumpieru
LaVerne Weller
Frances Wolford

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY
JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
I SAMUEL
II SAMUEL
I KINGS
II KINGS
I CHRONICLES
II CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER
JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG OF SOLOMON
ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL
DANIEL
HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI



Book Club

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

The evening book club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 p.m., in the conference room. We will be discussing The Magnolia Story, by Chip and Joanna Gaines.

Our daytime book club will meet at Panera Bread on Monday, October 15, at 1:30 p.m. We will be discussing Capital Gaines, by Chip and Joanna Gaines.

Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin on Monday, October 29, 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 is 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 is held on Thursdays from 6:45—8:00 p.m. If you need child care, please contact Pastor Mark.

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands group will meet on Thursday, October 4 and 18, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Lobster Fest

Our Fall Lobster Fest will be held on Saturday, October 13, 5:30—7:30 p.m. The meal consists of a 1 1/2 lb. lobster (or ham), salad, roll, baked potato, vegetable, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are: \$35-lobster, \$20-ham, and \$20-lobster to go. You can purchase tickets at the office, or call 301-223-8887 or 301-992-2222. Tickets must be purchased by October 7.

St. Andrew Library

A series of mysterious events occur in October. Green leaves become red, yellow, and orange. Long, hot days become shorter and cooler. Even some plants appear to be dead, but grow again in the spring. What a great time of year to lose oneself in a good mystery. Our library has several mystery series: Annie's Quilted Mysteries, Mysteries of Silver Peak, and Annie's Attic Mysteries. Read how mysteries are resolved by a quilting group in Mystic Harbor, Massachusetts, by "The Antique Lady" in an old mining town in Colorado, or by members of the Hook and Needle Club in Stony Point, Maine. If you are intrigued by mysteries, then these series of books are for you. Check one out, if you dare!



Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on October 19, at noon. Anna Cueto, curator for Washington County Historical Society, will present "A Servant's Life at the Miller House in the early 1900s". Bring a covered dish to share, and join us for a great afternoon.



Sunday School Corner

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.

Sunday School and Operation Christmas Child

Sunday School will once again be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Sunday School will watch a video explaining this program from Samaritan's Purse. They will also see children opening their gifts and the joy they experience as they open their shoeboxes. Letters will be going out to families with more information.

Sunday School Convention November 3

Anyone who is interested in Christian Education and growing in their Christian faith 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 School Teaching Changes

At this time, we want to honor two very special people, Tonya Andrews and Tammy Coyle. They were recently recognized and honored at our Sunday School Rally Day. We want to say thank you for your years of service to our Sunday School program. You have done some amazing things with your class—making pottery for Christmas gifts, sponsoring movie nights, treating your class to McDonald’s for breakfast, participating in Dessert Theatre, and more. We are so appreciative of your love, enthusiasm, faithfulness, and dedication that you have given to our Sunday School program over these years. They would now like to pass the baton to someone else.

Chris Mosley has graciously accepted the joy and responsibility of teaching the 6th-8th grade class. Thank you, Chris, for answering the call to be a Sunday School teacher. We are so blessed to have you be a part of our Sunday School team.

And once again, thank you to Tonya and Tammy for their service of teaching God’s Word to the 6th-8th grade students for all these years!

Thank You

Thank you for all the support from my church family during the recent passing of my beloved husband. Mark and Annette were so helpful in assisting me through this difficult time. I am so grateful for all the flowers, cards, food, and phone calls from my church friends. I feel wrapped in God’s love to help me day by day. God bless all of you.

Linda Beere

To my church family,

It was with profound sadness that I lost my precious puppy dog, Sugar. In addition to the cards, words of sympathy, gifts, along with the hugs and kisses that surrounded me when I came to church on Sunday after losing her confirms my belief that I am truly blessed to be a part of the St. Andrew Church family. I thank each and every one of you. We are so blessed to have one another.

Love, Barb Smith

Thanks to the Presbyterian Women who continue to support Church Women United. At least a dozen ladies from St. Andrew attended the CWU dinner and program on September 24. What a wonderful way to get to know women from other churches in the area. Thank you!

Kitty

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, prayers, and your kindness. You all will be happy to know that I’m doing very well, and through your prayers, I’m cancer free. God has spared me once again.

Thank you again.

Beverly Long



Christmas Bazaar

Save the dates for the Christmas Bazaar. It is scheduled for Friday, November 9 (6:00—8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, November 10 (8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.).

To make final preparations, we will be having craft workshops every Monday in October, 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., as well as our scheduled evening workshop on October 29, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

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

We will also be in need of folks to help us set up throughout the first week in November, 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 for the bazaar, please contact Marcia ASAP so we can prepare a display space for them.

Please contact Marcia Davis (301-223-8605 or marciadavis12@hotmail.com) or Barb Smith (301-992-6045 or sheabubb@aol.com) if you have any questions.

College Students/Military

If you are an away college student and we do not have your college address, please pick up a form at the sign-up table and turn it in to the office as soon as possible. Parents may do this as well.

If you have someone in the serving in the military, please pick up a form in the parlor, and turn it in to the office.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Seminar

There will be a Pregnancy & Infant Loss Seminar on Friday, October 5, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. This seminar will be presented by Brianne Tesla Bearese.

Sign-in and continental breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and the day ends at 4:15 p.m. after a short evaluation. All attendees will

receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the day. Registration is \$45. There are brochures in the parlor with more details and instructions on how to register.

9th Annual PAILA Walk to Remember

There will be a memorial service, candlelight walk, and balloon release at our Walk to Remember. The Walk will be held on Saturday, October 13. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and the service begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information, pick up a brochure from the parlor, or visit www.paila-wcmd.com.

Pastor Appreciation Trivia

Each year, the Pastor Care Committee comes up with a unique way to show Pastor Mark and Annette appreciation for their servant hearts and ministry. This year, there will be several questions about both of them in each newsletter. After their many years of ministry at St. Andrew, how well do you know our Pastor and our Director of Christian Education? Answers can be found in next week's bulletin. This month's trivia questions focus on their education and work history.

1. What college/seminary has Mark attended? What degrees has he earned?
2. What college did Annette attend? What degree has she earned?
3. What career did Mark have before going into the ministry?
4. What career did Annette have before becoming our DCE?

Hospitalized?

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



Stewardship

Welcome to our season of Stewardship! Stewardship may be defined as the responsibility of taking care of something. At St. Andrew, stewardship may be defined as the use of time, talents, and finances to take care of God's ministry. Our Stewardship Drive occurs each fall.

By now, you should have received a Stewardship packet in the mail, which included a cover letter, time and talent form, and a financial commitment card (aka "pledge card"). The 2018 budget is included to show how finances were used for building and grounds maintenance, staff salaries, and our many programs and activities. If you did not receive a Stewardship packet, please inform Kitty Harbaugh or Kathy Dorwart. They will see that you get one.

Please strive to return your financial commitment card and time and talent form on October 21, or as soon as possible. Planning the 2019 budget depends on your financial commitment, and programs and activities need your service.

Once again, there is a special incentive offered. If 100 pledge cards are received, Pastor Mark promises to dance for us. So send in those pledge cards! Let's make Pastor Mark dust off his dancing shoes.

Membership Support

From January through September, we have had 23 new members. You, too, can become a member. Just tell Pastor Mark of your interest the next time you see him. Or check the box on the attendance sheet that says, "I wish to join". We are so blessed to be a vibrant and growing church.

Visitors become members because they received a warm welcome from you, our meaningful worship services, and our dynamic ministry, activities, and programs.

We love our ever-growing church family.

Here are some ideas we can all use to get to know each other better:

- Participate in activities beyond Sunday worship. Get involved in a Sunday School class and Bible Studies. For adults of all ages, we offer Bible Studies on Sunday and Thursday evenings, as well as those offered by Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Men. Our Youth Group is open to those in grades 6 through 12.
- Have a special interest or talent? Check out our choirs, Helping Hands, or Craft Workshops.
- Like to eat? So do we! Enjoy food and fellowship at coffee hours, fundraiser meals, Friday Club, or Supper Club, which by the way, are not "clubs", just a great chance to meet, greet, and eat.
- Try the three minute rule: Three minutes before and after church or any event, make it a point to talk to someone you don't know. Who knows? You may be talking to a new member or a long time member who attends a different service.
- Look at the monthly calendar. You are invited to all events listed. Pick something new to try ... then do it!

See's Candy Sales

The Presbyterian Women are once again selling See's Candy. The brochure is in the parlor. Orders and money must be in by November 4. The candy will be in before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Harr.



Happy Anniversary!



*Donald & Gloria Hays
October 1*

*Bill & Carrie Kesler
October 2*

*Robert & Sevgi Royal
October 2*

*Jim & Nancy Robinson
October 4*

*Dennie & Kelly Llewellyn
October 5*

*Dan & Christy Hemshrodt
October 6*

*Mike & Ruth McCauley
October 7*

*Jim & Fran Quinn
October 15*

*Tom Young & Janet Hiett
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	Wendy Shirk
14	Debbie McCauley
15	Darin Coyle
15	Rebecca Rutledge
17	Dave Kershner
17	Dennie Llewellyn
17	Myra Newbraugh
18	Judy Johnson
18	Charles Thomas

19	Gloria Hays
19	Skylar Lange
21	Norman Price
23	Robert Royal
24	Kierstyn Dittman
24	James Harding
25	E. W. Arvidson
25	Keith Sandell
26	Tony Akers
29	David Miller
29	Georgann Salisbury
29	Brittany Smith
30	Jennifer Babb
30	Andrew Dittman
31	Chris Rhodes
31	Garrett Woods

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October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 5:00 Youth Officers 6:00pm DVD Class 6:00pm Youth Stock F.B. 7:00pm Y.A. Adults	1	2 7:00pm Book Club	3 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	4 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	5 8:00am Pregnancy & Infant Loss Seminar	6 10:00am—4:00pm Harvest Hoedown
8 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Committees	8 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Committees	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study 11:30 PW Lunch 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	10 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	11 7:00pm Bible Study	12	13 5:30-7:30pm Lobsterfest 6:00pm PAILA Walk to Remember
14 6:00pm DVD Class 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Young Adults	15 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 1:30pm Book Club @ Panera Bread 7:00pm Admin. Committee	16 9:30am Ministerium 6:30pm Presbyterian Men @ Hagerstown Family Diner	17 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	18 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	19 12:00pm Friday Club	20 9:00am-12:00pm Officer Training
21 9:30am Coffee Hour 5:00pm Potluck Dinner 6:00pm Travis Zimmerman Event	22 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Session	23	24 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	25 7:00pm Bible Study	26	27
28 6:00pm Fall Festival	29 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 5:30pm Supper Club 7:00pm Craft Workshop	30	31 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Services 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship </div>

Lifetime Membership Awarded

Frances Wolford was awarded a PW Lifetime Membership on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

On September 21, 1961, 11 women of St. Andrew Church of Williamsport met to organize a WOC (Women of the Church) organization. Today, the Presbyterian Women want to honor one of those original women with an Honorary Life Membership. If you look at the charter on the display boards in the foyer, you will see her name as Mrs. Lewis E. Wolford. We know her as Frances.

As Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women honors an individual's faithful service. According to the original charter, Mrs. Lewis Wolford was installed as Chairman of Annuities, Relief, and General Fund Agencies. As part of the original 11 women, Frances helped: draw up a Constitution and By-Laws, start the first Circle Bible Study, had a Christmas party for the children of the church, and organized family night suppers. Frances continued to serve in many ways in the following years.

Without Frances and other faithful women like her, the WOC, now known as Presbyterian Women, wouldn't exist here at St. Andrew. Frances, thank you for your faithful service. We love you and appreciate all of your hard work.



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