



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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NOVEMBER 2018

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

In my column this year, we are looking at what it means to be a faithful member at St. Andrew. The Book of Order (our guide book for how to do things in the church) states that a “faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s church.” It then lists out eleven different ways in which one can be responsible in their ministry here.

We have explored the first two: proclaiming the good news in word and deed; and taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation. The third one is lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support.

We seek to give you opportunities to do this in a variety of ways. Each week we share prayer concerns in church so that you have a knowledge and basis on which to pray. We share the concerns through the bulletin and also in the Pastoral prayer. We do this almost every week so that you are able to know the concern that is present and then to see how God worked to solve that concern. We also share in the joy of answered prayer so that we can experience the goodness and greatness of God.

Does it make a difference that you may not know the person that we are praying for? In the grand scheme of things, no, because we are being faithful to the call from scripture to make our petitions known to the Almighty God.

In addition to this, we send cards to our shut ins and our college students, adding our prayers as they are unable to attend with us on a regular basis. The Helping Hands gets these cards ready in order to send them out. Anyone is welcome to take the college cards and write a note of encouragement.

On top of this, the Deacons are responsible for a number of families in the church. The Deacons reach out in ministry to those who are hurting, sharing their concern. They also invite the members in their parish to participate in a wide range of church activities.

We seek to be faithful to the call that we share in ministry together. We do this so that we can be faithful to the task of being grounded in grace, living in love and growing for God.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Mark



Youth Group

Youth Group will meet all four Sundays in November. 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 is collecting needed items for the REACH Shelter throughout the month of November. These items are: cereal of all kinds, cereal bars, coffee, cleaning wipes, and laundry pods.

The Youth Group will be serving the meal at the REACH Shelter on Tuesday, November 20. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the parlor.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will not be meeting in November or December.

Presbyterian Women

Bible Study

All women are invited to the PW Bible Study on Tuesday, November 13. 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 King's Pizzeria in Marlowe, WV. 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.

PW Coordinating Team

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 8:30 a.m.

Holly Place

Donations for Holly Place are collected each month at both women's Bible Studies. Please bring a paper product such as: boxes of tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent. Put donated items in the

tub marked Holly Place, located under the counter in the parlor.

Volunteer to Work at the Christmas Shoebox Processing Center

The Presbyterian Women are taking groups to the processing center in Columbia, MD. We will travel as a group in Mary Beth Alphin's van. Departure time TBD. All are invited to join us. The sign-up sheet is in the parlor if you would like to join a group.

Friday 11/23	6 people 9am-3pm
Tuesday 11/27	6 people 9am-3pm
Saturday 12/15	6 people 9am-3pm

Thanksgiving

St. Andrew will be hosting the Thanksgiving Eve service, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come join us as we give thanks to God for all He has done for us.

We will have our congregational Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 18, after the second service. Please sign up if you will be attending so we can have enough food prepared.

Kingdom Agenda Class

The last class of Kingdom Agenda will be on Sunday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a Tony Evans DVD series in January, please sign up on the sheet in the parlor.

Living Nativity Set-Up

We will be setting up the Living Nativity scenery on Saturday, November 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome, and needed, in order for the Nativity to be a reality.





**Pray for our
Christian
Family**

Recuperating at Home

Liz Altman
Ralph DeVore
Helen Gerberich
Doug Peacher
Shirley Swartz



In the Nursing Home

Adventist Health Center

Donna Guessford

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

Antietam Recreation's Christmas Show

We will be going to Antietam Recreation on Friday, November 23, to see their Christmas Show. It starts at 6:00 p.m. with pre-dinner activities such as a hayride, roasting marshmallows, a live nativity, petting zoo, horseback riding, and more. At 7:00 p.m. there is a dinner of beef brisket, chicken tenders, green beans, roasted potatoes, cornbread, broccoli cheddar soup, and a warm brownie and ice cream for dessert. The show begins at 7:45 p.m. If interested, pick up a brochure from the parlor for more details. **Sign up on the sheet in the parlor, and make payment no later than October 28.**

****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 family.

1. How many children do Mark and Annette have? What are their names, and their spouses' names?
2. What careers do their children have?
3. How many grandchildren do they have, and what are their names and ages?
4. Where do their children live?

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

September Income	30,617.14
September Expenses	22,395.21
Operating Income	8,221.93

YTD Income	248,744.05
YTD Expenses	228,676.90
YTD Operating Income	20,067.15

Capital Improvements

Received September	2,070.00
Received YTD	16,039.62

Restricted Funds

Received September	1,104.00
Disbursed September	1,390.89

Received YTD	31,121.57
Disbursed YTD	26,833.25

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact Pastor Mark directly.



Biblical Word Search

Have fun with this month's Biblical word search on Israelite Feasts in Leviticus. Can you find the word "Thanksgiving" in this word search? This month, we will be having our church Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 18. Hope you can join your church family and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together. Also, our church will be hosting the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. Please make sure your name is on your paper, and turn it in by November 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
Jean Harr
Tammy Jamison

Gabby Johnson
Nonie Johnson
Debbie Kinzer
Debbie McCauley
Elaine Myers

Margie Reed
Patty Rutledge
Gerry Salter
Phyllis Schleigh
Janet Snyder
Frances Wolford



Book Club

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

Our daytime book club will meet at Panera Bread on Monday, November 19, at 1:30 p.m. We will be discussing Always Grace, by Tim LaHaye.

The evening book club will not meet until Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m., in the conference room. We will be discussing Inside Camp David, by Michael Giorgione.

Thank You

Thank you so much for making Pastor Appreciation so special. The entire day was such a special one for us. A big Thank You to:

- The Pastoral Care Committee (Cindy Armstrong, Tammy Coyle, Marcia Davis, Kitty Harbaugh, and Jennifer Metz) for planning and organizing this very special day for us to enjoy!
- To the Pastoral Care Committee for the beautiful plaques of our favorite songs. What a wonderful keepsake.
- To Jeff Clise and the choir for the wonderful music they sang on Sunday. We are truly blessed by the talent of the choir each and every Sunday. Thank you so much for singing our favorite songs.
- For the special bulletin covers that were chosen by the Christian Education Committee, and for the beautiful floral arrangement that was given in our honor by the Pastoral Care Committee.
- To the Worship Committee for the Dessert of the Month. We look forward to seeing what delicious dessert will be coming our way each month.
- To the Sunday School for giving us the Edible arrangement! Not only was it beautiful, but so delicious. We truly are blessed by our Sunday School program—the teachers and all the students who attend.
- To the Youth Group for the gift card to Jiffy Lube. What a wonderful and practical gift.
- To the Deacons and Session for the gift cards to Kohl's. We are so blessed by your generosity.
- To the Deacons who hosted such a lovely coffee hour.
- To the Session for the funds donated so Mark can purchase a new robe.
- To all of you for the cards, gifts, and kind words that you shared with us on Sunday. We are so blessed by your love, kindness, and generosity! Thank you, again, for making this such a special day for us.

With love,

Mark & Annette

Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on November 16, at noon. Our program will be “The Secrets of the C&O Canal”, presented by James Rada, Jr., author. Bring a covered dish to share, and join us for an interesting afternoon.

Bible Study

Pastor Mark's Bible Study will meet on each of the Thursdays leading up to Thanksgiving. We will be studying the different aspects of the Bible. Bible Study meets from 6:45—8:00 p.m.



Sunday School Corner

Perfect Attendance in September

Pre-K Class

Josiah Kesler

Kindergarten/1st Grade

Colton McKinley
Lily South

2nd/3rd Grade

Natalie Farioli
Brody Hemphill
Lauren Scumpieru

4th/5th Grade

Logan Farioli
Jeremy Hemphill
Skylar Lange
Will McKinley

6th-8th Grade

Kierstyn Dittman
Lucas Scumpieru
Amya Thomas

9th-12th Grade

Jeffrey Andrews
Gabby Johnson

4 out of 5 Sundays in September

Pre-K Class

Elsie Majeski

2nd/3rd Grade

Kayleigh Rothove

6th-8th Grade

Anthony Rothove

Congratulations to the 15 students who had perfect attendance for the month of September. We are so proud of you, and your parents and grandparents, who bring you each week. Thank you so much for making Sunday School a top priority!

Sunday School Snippets

Toddler Class: The toddlers have been learning that the Bible teaches us all about Jesus, and that God gave us people to love us.

Pre-K Class: Congratulations to **Elsie Majeski** and **Sutton Risley** for memorizing their Bible verse, “He cares for us.” I Peter 5:7. The class has been learning many Bible songs this past month—The BIBLE, Jesus Loves the Little Children, etc. The students have been learning that Jesus wants us to follow Him.

K/1st Grade Class: Congratulations to **Colton McKinley** for memorizing his Bible verse, “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.” I John 3:16. The class has been learning that Jesus knows all about us. We can ask Jesus for help at any time.

2nd/3rd Grade Class: The students have been learning how God created the world. Each Sunday, there is a review of the previous week’s lesson, which leads into the current lesson. The class has been studying the Creation story. The students have praised God for the earth, sun, stars, land, water, and food. They enjoyed the lesson of when God created the animals: camels with humps, zebras with stripes, kangaroos with pockets for joey, elephants with big ears and a long trunk, and giraffes with long necks. The students thought that insects could have been off the list of God’s creation. People have not yet entered the picture.

4th/5th Grade Class: The 4th and 5th grade students have been studying creation and Noah’s flood. The lesson focus points are: God created with power and wisdom and His design showed He also created with purpose and love. Other themes for our lessons have been: We all need correction and should respond with the right attitude when corrected, and sin grieves God, but following God (like Noah), pleases God. As with Noah, God promises to save.



6th-8th Grade Class: The students talked about the story of Cain and Abel, and the consequences of sin. Bad choices have bad consequences. Forgiveness is necessary, yet it does not mean lack of consequences. The class also studied the story of Noah and the flood. They discussed how important it is to stand up for your beliefs even though others around you are mocking you and making fun of you.

Teen/Young Adult Class: This class uses *The Blueprint*, a Christian Teen magazine, as their curriculum. The lessons in the magazine highlight that the Bible is God's blueprint for us. Jesus Christ is the foundation we build our lives upon. Come join this class if you are a teen or young adult, and explore how God wants to make a difference in your life, and how you can make a difference in this world.

On September 30, Sunday School kicked off the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project by watching a video explaining the program, and showing children receiving their shoeboxes in years past. The video showed the joy of children all around the world receiving their shoebox filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. The students enjoyed Christmas cookies as we discussed how we could bring joy to so many children simply by filling a shoebox. We had a prayer that God would bless the children who would be receiving our shoeboxes. Thank you to Elaine Myers, who coordinates this project for our church, and to all those who filled a shoebox.

Sunday School at St. Andrew has three components:

1. Learning the Word of God: Each week, the children have age appropriate lessons learning God's Word and the love that Jesus has for them. The younger children have crafts and take home papers emphasizing the lessons. The older classes have devotions to take home and bring back to share with the class.
2. The students realize the blessing of giving to those who are in need. Each week, the children bring in their offering. Their offering is used in many ways. We sponsor two children through Compassion International. Every month we send a check to meet the basic needs of our sponsored children. We give part of our offering to Samaritan's Purse. Soon, there will be a poster of some of the many projects that Samaritan's Purse supports throughout the world. Recently, the Sunday School sent a check for hurricane relief. Part of the offering goes back to support the ministry of the church and to our local community. Thank you, parents, children, and teachers, for remembering your Sunday School offering. You truly are making a difference in the lives of so many!
3. Sunday School is fun! We have the best teachers at St. Andrew. They all find such creative ways to teach the lesson, and to memorize Scripture. Prizes and gift cards are awarded when the students have successfully completed their bonus work. Not only do we feed you spiritually with the Word of God each week, we also feed you physically. Carol Erck makes the best homemade snacks each week. The teen/young adult class is equipped with a Keurig machine, with lots of coffee and hot chocolate available.

If you are not yet involved in a Sunday School class, come and join us. There are classes for all ages, tots to adults. There are two adult classes. Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill teach the Seekers Class, which meets in the conference room. They are currently studying the Book of Acts. The Voyager Class is located across from the conference room. This is an interactive and discussion oriented class. They will soon be studying *One Incredible Savior*, by Max Lucado. If you have any questions concerning Sunday School, please see Mark or Annette.



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 workshops October 29, 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., and 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.

Charlie Brown Christmas at Springfield Barn

Everyone is invited to see our beautifully decorated St. Andrew tree at the Charlie Brown Christmas Celebration, held in the Springfield Farm Barn, 12 Springfield Lane, Williamsport. Complete with thousands of lights, snow falling from the rafters, amazing tree displays, and Santa, this has always been an event that brings our community together to celebrate the Christmas season. In it's 10th year, they have more than 100 trees representing non-profit organizations, school groups, church groups, civic and business groups, and more. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated. The exhibits are open 12/1, 12/2, and 12/7-12/9 from 3:00—8:00 p.m., and 12/4 and 12/6 from 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Joe Corbi Fundraiser

The basketball team is selling Joe Corbi's Pizza and More. There is much to choose from—pizza, cookies, calzones, pumpkin rolls, cakes, pies, funnel cakes, apple dumplings, etc. Stock up on some of your favorites for your guests over the holiday season, and support our basketball team at the same time. All orders and money must be in by November 5. If paying by check, please make it out to St. Andrew Presbyterian.

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.

College Care Packages

College Care packages were sent out on October 18 to all our away college students. If you are attending college locally, we have a care package for you in the office. Help yourself to one if you haven't done so already.

Thank you to all who contributed to the college care packages.

Please remember to write to our away college students. There is a correspondence bulletin board in the hallway with cards and envelopes.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back before going to bed on Saturday, the 3rd. If you forget, just start the coffee when you get here before anyone else.





Stewardship

“The most important aspect of stewardship is not the raising of money for the church, but the development of devoted Christians.” Fred M. Wood

During our stewardship drive each fall, we focus on funding next year’s budget. While money is not our focus, money is needed to develop devoted Christians, which is important to us. Our church budget is based on money pledged on the financial commitment cards. If you plan to support our ministry financially in the coming year, then please return your “pledge card”. The budget covers expenses for staff salaries, HVAC, utilities, insurance, building care and maintenance inside and out, curriculum supplies, and funds for activities hosted by our various committees.

The development of devoted Christians is the result of becoming involved with our ministry: attending worship, Sunday School, and Bible Studies, and participating in other activities.

If you have not turned in your financial pledge card and time and talent form, please do so. Your financial support and use of your time and talents are important and necessary aspects of stewardship for the development of devoted Christians.

Membership Support

November is a time of thanksgiving, and our church family has so much to be thankful for. Like the hymn says, “Count your blessings, name them one by one...”

1. Celebrating our minister and Christian Education Director who have been with us going on 27 years! We are blessed by their love and dedication.
2. Continued growth as folks decide to join our church. So far, we have 23 new members. If you would like to

join, simply check the “wish to join the church” column on the attendance pad. We are blessed to have a growing congregation.

3. Welcoming our visitors. Several guests worship with us each week. Thanks to all who offer a friendly greeting, give a welcome bag, hand the attendance pad with a smile, or chat with those seated in a pew. While these acts of kindness seem small, they are huge in making folks feel welcome. We are blessed by your acts of kindness.
4. Participation in activities. Our calendar offers lots of opportunities to learn about God and to serve in His name. We are blessed by how many people are involved in our ministries. We continue to sing, “Count your many blessings see what God has done!”

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands group will meet on Thursday, November 1 and 15, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please bring a sandwich on the 1st. Dessert and drinks will be provided. The meal will be provided on the 15th.

Game Night

We will be having our Family Game Night on Saturday, November 17, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite games and a snack to share. Please sign up.

Supper Club

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



Happy Anniversary!



*Doug & Jan Peacher
November 6*

*Brian & Shannon Garland
November 13*

*Dave & Ann Mason
November 13*

*David & Cindy Armstrong
November 23*

*Ken & Karen Howser
November 24*

*Bob & Sue Clise
November 26*

*Bill & Tena Lane
November 26*

*Quentin & Ruby Roessner
November 27*

BIRTHDAYS

1	Mark Sandell
2	Ruby Roessner
4	Ken Howser
4	Dominic Ross
5	Kathy McKinley
6	Matthew Paul
6	Sutton Risley
7	Ian McLane
8	Carol Wilks
9	Shelly Harr
11	Christian Harding
11	Gwen Ross
12	Hattie Martin

12	Laura Mosley
14	Brian Bearese
15	Lilly Gross
16	Jasin Coyle
16	Susan Fearnow
17	Dave Long
18	William Kuehl
20	Emma Sandell
23	Tracy McLane
25	Linda Beere
25	Sue MacKenzie
26	Nicolai Bearese
28	Art Brown

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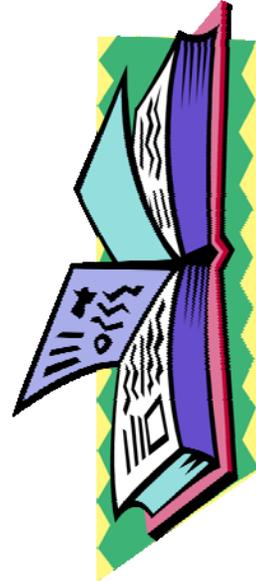
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 6:00pm Kingdom Agenda 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Young Adults	5	6	7 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	1 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	2 <i>World Community Day</i>	3 PSSSA Convention
11 9:30am Coffee Hour 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Young Adults	12 7:00pm Committees	13 10:00am & 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 11:30 PW Lunch at King's Pizza	14 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	15 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	16 12:00pm Friday Club	17 8:00am Living Nativity Set Up 4:00pm Flute Concert 6:30pm Game Night
18 12:15pm Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Young Adults	19 1:30pm Book Club @ Panera Bread 7:00pm Admin. Committee 7:00pm Deacons	20	21 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	22 <i>Thanksgiving Office Closed</i> 	23 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:00pm Antietam Recreation's Christmas Show	24
25 12:15pm Tea Fundraiser 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Young Adults	26 7:00pm Session	27 9:30am Ministerium 5:30pm Supper Club	28 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	29	30 Movie Night	Sunday Services 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship



St. Andrew Library

“All gave some, some gave all.” November is a month of patriotism and thankfulness for those who served our country in a variety of ways. Here are a few books that seem appropriate at this time. Spoken from the Heart is an autobiography by Laura Bush of her journey from Midland, TX to the White House, including her public triumphs and personal tribulations. In Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption, Laura Hillenbrand describes the life of Louis Zamperini, a POW who survived the brutality experienced in a Japanese prison. Through a relationship with God, love replaced hate for his tormentors. Five Presidents, written by Clint Hill, a Secret Service agent during five administrations—Eisenhower through Ford, brings history to life as he shares his insider’s perspective of the presidency.



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