



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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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 as God has given to us, so we are to share this with the Church.

The Book of Order, which defines our day to day activities as a Presbyterian congregation, states that another aspect of being a faithful member means, “demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church.” This aspect is the most appealing and soul winning aspect and yet is one of the hardest to achieve.

When the world sees that we have learned to love one another, that we take it seriously about the command to love as Christ has loved us, it has great appeal. In a society that is at odds with one another, where anger and discord have become the norm, how refreshing it is when someone sees that people care deeply for one another in the church. By the way, this is our call from Christ and from Scripture, that we do love another more than self.

The reason this is the hardest to achieve is that we need to die to self in order for this to happen. Self in and of itself refuses for this to happen and resists our spiritual desire to be like Christ. This is a daily decision, sometimes an hourly decision to put aside our pride and our desire and to be like Christ. When we make that daily/hourly decision to embrace Christ, then we can push our flesh out of the way in order for the spirit to rule in us.

The best place for us to practice this, obviously, is the Church. Here we speak the same spiritual language and have the same spiritual goal, being like Christ. If we try to do this on our own, then we do not have the challenge of working with others who are on a different spiritual level than us. The end result is that we do not grow as effectively nor as rapidly as when we practice the gift of love here, in the Church.

As the faithful ones, as members and attenders of the Church, when we live out the love of Christ, 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 only meet on the Sundays of February 10, 17, and 24. Remember that we have the friends challenge going on. The group with the largest amount of friends, middle or high school, will have a pizza party at the end of the spring.

Each month, the Youth Group has taken on a different ministry aspect. In February, we will collect the Souper Bowl Offering. The offering will take place on Sunday, February 3, immediately after both services, and will benefit the Williamsport Food Bank. Please drop your offering into the soup pots that the youth will be holding.

Our Winter/Spring Retreat to Skycroft will be April 5-6, 2019. The cost is \$60 per person. This includes a great time, Bible Study, fantastic food, and good fellowship. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor, and give a deposit of \$25 by March 4.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on February 19, at the Hagerstown Family Diner, at 6:30 p.m. This is a great time of fellowship, Bible Study, and looking to see how we can benefit the church. All men are welcome to attend.

Presbyterian Women

Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. There are two groups that meet at St. Andrew on the second Tuesday of each month. All women are invited. Lesson six of **God's Promise** is God With Us Through Our Trials. The Bible Study is led by Pastor Mark. Please join us.

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

The evening group meets 7:00—8:15 p.m.

Child care is provided. Please let Rebecca Collinson or Pastor Mark know if you will need child care.

PW Coordinating Team

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, February 12, at 8:30 a.m.

Holly Place

The Presbyterian Women continue to collect: boxes of tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, adult Depends (or other brands) size L or XL, NO diapers, and laundry detergent. Put donated items in the tub marked Holly Place, located under the counter in the parlor. Thank you for your continued support in this PW mission.

Buckeye Making—Help Needed

Session 1-meet in the new kitchen

Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29
9:00 a.m.

(Snow dates February 4 and 5)

Session 2-meet in the new kitchen

Monday and Wednesday, February 11 and
13, 9:00 a.m.

(Snow dates February 18 and 19)

Blanket Sunday

Sunday, February 17 and 24, the PW will collect for Church World Services. CWS distributes thousands of blankets around the world. Your donation will reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster, and more. Please pin your donation to the blanket in the parlor so our congregation can be a part of the 2019 response. Thank you for your generosity.

Joy Gift

We collected \$914.00 for Mt. Hope Prison Ministry. Thank you so much for your generous donations.



**Pray for our
Christian
Family**

Recuperating at Home

Helen Gerberich
Doug Peacher
Carl Piper
Deb Piper
Lester Witek



In the Nursing Home

Bridge Park Health Care

Jan Bailey

Brookdale Senior Living

Audrey Enders

Coffman Nursing Home

Nancy Robinson

Homewood

Lucy Karn

Shirley Swartz

Julia Manor

Larry Roth

Martinsburg VA Med. Center

Bob Knepper

Meritus Rehab

Donna Guessford

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

Gage Thompson

Grandson of Ken & Bonnie Eckstine

Missionaries

Rev. Jed & Jenny Koball

Pakistani Church

****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 the February 3rd bulletin. This month's questions focus on foods:

- What is Pastor Mark's favorite kind of food?
- What is Annette's favorite kind of food?
- What is Mark's least favorite food?
- What is Annette's least favorite food?

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

Organ Work

After a year of looking at several proposals for our 31 year old organ, the Session has approved Lewis & Hitchcock, Inc. to do the much needed renovation. The total cost will be \$43,800. Work has already begun. The organ will be out of commission while it is being updated. We are asking the congregation to donate to the cost. You can give through the offering plate or place it on the secretary's desk.

General Fund

December Income	37,453.15
December Expenses	26,795.81
Operating Income	10,657.34
YTD Income	335,179.38
YTD Expenses	306,172.90
YTD Operating Income	29,006.48

Capital Improvements

Received December	1,825.00
Received YTD	19,904.62
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
Received December	8,667.63
Disbursed November	6,297.76
Received YTD	45,461.47
Disbursed YTD	38,699.71

Hospitalized?

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



Biblical Word Search

The word search this month is Christian Virtues and Character. Valentine's Day is a time when we celebrate the ones we love. May we as Christians love one another as Christ loves us each and every day. Can you find the word LOVE in the word search, along with the other virtues and characteristics that all Christians should possess? Please turn your paper in to the office with your name on it by February 15.

Carol'Ann Alphin
Jean Harr
Joey Hemphill
Nonie Johnson
Debbie Kinzer
Debbie McCauley

Elaine Myers
Margie Reed
Gerry Salter
Phyllis Schleigh
Frances Wolford



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 meet on Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m., in the conference room. We will be discussing Heart to Heart, Hand in Paw, by Peggy Frezon.

The daytime book club will meet on Monday, February 18, 1:30 p.m., at Panera Bread. We will be discussing The Library at the Edge of the World, by Felicity Hayes McCoy. Pick up a copy of the book and join us.

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands group will meet on Thursday, February 7 and 21, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin on Tuesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m. Come and join us for a great meal and fellowship with your church family. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor if you plan on attending.

Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on February 15, at noon. Dale Hostetter will present "Little Known Facts About Letterkenny Army Depot." Bring a covered dish to share, and come join us for a fascinating afternoon.

Bible Study

The Winter/Spring Bible Study continues on Thursdays, at 6:45 p.m., and will be finished at 8:00 p.m. We are studying the letter to the Galatians and on Peter's two letters. If you need child care, please contact Pastor Mark.

Children's Valentine Party

Everyone is invited to the Valentine Party/Luncheon on February 10, in the Legacy Hall. We will be serving lunch right after the 11:00 service. After lunch, we will have a special guest, Sonshine the Christian Clown, who will deliver a special message on LOVE. After the message, all the children, grades 5 and younger, will have fun finding their valentines that will be scattered all around downstairs. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet in the parlor. If you plan on participating in the card exchange, please list all the names of those who will be doing the valentine card exchange. **If you will be participating in the valentine card exchange, please sign up by February 3. A list will be sent out that week to all those participating in the card exchange.** Thank you.

Think Spring!

We will be celebrating Spring early. Come and paint a beautiful Happy Spring sign for your house or yard on March 10. There is a sample in the parlor. We will have a light lunch in the Legacy Hall, followed by our paint party. Sarah Shirk will be hosting this party. She will have all the supplies ready to go for everyone. The cost is \$15 per person. The proceeds will benefit our mission trip to Big Creek this summer. Come on out and make a beautiful Spring plaque, as well as support our mission work in Kentucky. Please sign up by March 3 so Sarah can get all the supplies together. Any questions, please see Sarah Shirk or Annette Sandell.

Vacation Bible School

We are already starting to plan for VBS. Please mark your calendar with this year's dates, June 17-21. Watch your bulletins for more VBS news.



Sunday School Corner

Congratulations to those students who were present for four Sundays in December. We are so proud of you and your family for making Sunday School a top priority.

Toddler Class

Addie Majeski

Pre-K Class

Elsie Majeski

Kindergarten/1st Grade

Natalie Knepper
Colton McKinley
Lily South

4th/5th Grade

Jeremy Hemphill
Will McKinley

6th-8th Grade

Kierstyn Dittman
Matthew Mosley
Anthony Rothove
Amya Thomas

9th-12th Grade

Gabby Johnson
Lorraine Paul

Sunday School Snippets

Toddler Class: The Toddler Class learned all about Christmas and the joy of giving.

Pre-K Class: Congratulations to **Elsie Majeski**, and **Sutton Risley** for memorizing their Bible verse, "A Savior has been born." Luke 2:11. We thank **Elsie** for saying the blessing before we had our snacks.

K/1st Grade Class: Congratulations to: **Colton McKinley** and **Lily South** for memorizing their Bible verse, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is the Messiah the Lord." Luke 2:11. The class learned how Joseph obeyed God, and how Joseph and Mary welcomed baby Jesus.

2nd/3rd Grade Class: The 2nd and 3rd graders have been studying the birth of Jesus, up to His boyhood when He was teaching in the temple.

4th/5th Grade Class: January's lessons have focused on how praying can help us make wise choices, how Jesus cares about our needs, and how Jesus can make our small gifts mean a lot.

6th-8th Grade Class: The students have been reviewing all the lessons they have covered since September. They also discussed miracles, and the fact that nothing is impossible with God.

Teen/Young Adult Class: The class has been working on how to interpret the Bible passages in a way to make them relevant to today. The Teen Class will be studying Galatians and the Fruits of the Spirit.

Sunday School is for everyone! Come and join us for Sunday School on Sunday mornings. We have classes for all ages of children, and two adult classes. The older students go directly to their classrooms at 9:45. Children in 5th grade and below meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. At that time, the children have a devotion, say their pledges to the Christian flag and to the Bible. An offering is taken as well. The children's offering goes to support our sponsored child through the organization of Compassion International. Several times throughout the year we support projects through Samaritan's Purse. In December, we were able to send \$100 to Samaritan's Purse to aid in Life Saving Medical Care. Part of the offering is used for the work of the church. Through their giving, the children realize that it is "more blessed to give than to receive". At 10:00, all children are dismissed to go to their classes.



Parents, please note that if your child is in 2nd grade or below, please pick them up from their classrooms. If you have any questions, please see Annette Sandell.

If your child is joining the Youth Choir, their practice time is from 9:40-10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning, in the choir room, with director Mr. Jeff. These children will go directly to their Sunday School classes after choir practice. If you would like to join the Youth Choir, any child in 8th grade or below is welcome to join. Please meet in the choir room, which is located off the Friendship Hall, on Sunday mornings at 9:40.

We have two great adult classes. Please note the classroom change beginning on February 3.

The Seeker Class meets in the Friendship Hall. This is an indepth Bible Study. Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill teach this class. Currently, they are studying the book of Acts.

The Voyager Class is an interactive, discussion oriented class. The class chooses the book to read and discuss. Currently, the class is reading The Battle Plan for Prayer. The books are provided by the class, and they are read and discussed during the class time. The class allows ample time for prayer requests and a time of prayer. They meet in the conference room.

We have been doing a Winter theme for Kids of the Kingdom. We have had all kinds of fun doing winter activities, making snowflakes, creating winter collages, drinking hot chocolate, etc. The theme for January has been how special each and every one of us is in the eyes of God. God created each of us unique and special. We paired up this thought with snowflakes. You're like a snowflake—snowflakes are incredibly beautiful, and upon close inspection, although they seem the same, all are wonderfully unique. God created snowflakes as nature's reminder to us that, although in many ways we are the same, we too are incredibly beautiful and supremely unique!

The Snowman Prayer was a perfect prayer to add to our Winter Theme Unit. You can find it on the back page of the newsletter.

Winter Book Giveaway

What a wonderful time of year to curl up with a good book. Miss Annette has lots of books to give away for your winter reading. Kids and parents, come downstairs to help yourself to some books.

Homewood BINGO Party

We will be hosting a BINGO Party at Homewood on Saturday, February 9. Meet at the Williamsport McDonald's at 1:00 p.m. for lunch together, or if you prefer, meet directly at Homewood at 1:45 p.m. We will be hosting the party from 2:00—3:00 p.m. We no longer provide food for the residents, at the request of Homewood. The residents love our BINGO prizes. If you would like to donate some prizes, please bring them to the party, or drop them off in the church office by February 8. Thank you.



Library

Our library has quite a few books with heart. Those highlighted below have “heart” in their titles. Perhaps they will become books you love.

- Captive Heart, by Linda Lee Chaikin. Take a romantic adventure in a time when love, honor, and faith forged a sacred trust.
- David: A Heart for God, by Stuart Briscoe. A comparative study of Saul and David highlights their responses to God’s will and to their own flaws.
- Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, by Joanna Weaver shows how all of us can be drawn closer to our Lord with less stress and greater joy.
- Heart to Heart, Hand in Paw, by Peggy Frezon. True story of the author’s mother, who found how animals can heal, teach, forgive, and love. Photos and devotions throughout the book.
- Psalms: Prayers of the Heart, by Eugene Patterson. An easy to follow study guide of Psalms shows how to relate to God in prayer, and how to respond to God in praise.

Membership and Stewardship

St. Andrew Church, what do I love about thee?

- Our worship service: Keeping tradition while moving forward, singing of old and new hymns, praying throughout the service, hearing talented musicians, sharing heartfelt messages for children and adults, and reading scripture. All bring Glory to God.
- Our community of faith: Lifting prayers for each other, sharing in one’s battles and rejoicing with one’s successes, offering food, comfort, guidance, a shoulder to cry on, or a pat

- pat on the back. All model the love Jesus showed to us.
- Our dedicated staff, church leaders, teachers, and “helping hands”: Providing instruction, fellowship, friendship, and love to those within our congregation and throughout the community. All work together for our loving God.
- Our opportunities: Participating in worship, Bible Studies, and Sunday School, serving on committees, helping with fellowship and work events, supporting projects, fundraisers, and outreach ministries. All demonstrate putting God’s words into actions.
- Our growing congregation: Welcoming new folks, greeting with a warm smile, inviting them to become involved, reaching out to strangers and making them friends. All reflect what Jesus spoke: Love God, love others.
- Our successful stewardship program: Supporting our ministry generously with our finances, keeping our building and grounds beautiful, providing a safe and comfortable place to be, using our time and talents to make our events and activities successful. All are appreciated and needed to maintain and strengthen our dynamic ministry.

What do you love about St. Andrew Presbyterian Church? Make your own list.

Family Fun Books

The Deacons are selling 2019 Family Fun Books. They are \$12, and have 40 coupons to Hagerstown area businesses. IHOP, Vince’s Pizza, El Ranchero, Pollo Zone, Los Amigos, 28 South, Papa Johns, Wing Stop, Popeyes, Cici’s, Black Rock Golf, Penn National Golf, Sky Zone, and Monkey Joe’s to name a few. See Jen Metz or any Deacon to purchase a book.



Game Night

We will be having a Game Night here at St. Andrew on Saturday, February 23, from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Bring your favorite games, and a simple snack to share. Please sign up if you will be joining us.

Craft Workshops

Craft workshops for the 2019 Christmas Bazaar will begin in February. We will meet every other Monday morning, beginning February 4, from 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. In addition, each month after Supper Club, we will have an evening workshop from 7:00—9:00 p.m. First two months:

Feb. 4 9:30—12:00	Mar. 4 9:30—12:00
Feb. 18 9:30—12:00	Mar. 18 9:30—12:00
Feb. 26 7:00—9:00	Mar. 26 7:00—9:00

4th Annual Chili Cook Off

Our 4th annual chili cook off will be February 24, immediately after the second service. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor to be a participant. We will also have a sandwich sale that same day. You can sign up for sandwiches on the sign-up sheet.

Thank You

Dear Friends of CASA:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you for your recent donation of 10 personal care bags for our clients. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

It is community support such as yours that enables us to provide vital services to those in need. Once again, thank you for your kindness and support.

Sincerely,
Vicki A. Sadehvandi,
Executive Director

Dear Members:

On behalf of the residents, staff, and the Board of Directors of Senior Living Alternatives, Inc., I would like to thank you for the \$225 that you donated to our facility, Holly Place. Your donation will help us reach our matching anonymous donation goal of \$15,000. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Words cannot express our gratitude.

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

Dear St. Andrew Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the donation you recently gave to the food bank! We are facing some uncertain times for many folks in our area right now, and your donation was much needed to help us keep the shelves filled and ready to handle whatever may come through our doors!

Thanks and Blessings,
Williamsport Food Bank

A BIG THANK YOU to Terry and Debbie Kinzer, and Daryl Warrenfeltz, who worked tirelessly on raising the floor in the choir loft and then tiled the raised floor. What a labor of love. We are so appreciative of your hard work and your servant’s heart in making the loft one level. How big it looks! Thank you once again. We are so blessed by your time and talent.



Happy Anniversary!



*Ralph & Brenda Sterling
February 9*

*Jim & Margerite Clay
February 10*

*James & Samantha Harding
February 12*

*Scott & Melanie Beckley
February 14*

*Craig & Susan Fearnow
February 14*

*John & Yvonne Thomson
February 20*

*Carl & Deb Piper
February 22*

*George & Marcia Miller
February 25*

*David & Barbara Miller
February 26*

BIRTHDAYS

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

11	Ryan Reynolds
12	Barbara Cromer
14	Hannah Coyle
14	Zerach Malecki
17	Gary Schleigh
18	Nancy Bryan
18	Julie Malecki
19	Logan Chadwell
19	Chris Lunsford
19	Todd Sampson
21	Nancy Robinson
24	Sandy Lunsford
24	Kaitlyn Marquis
24	Brian Young
25	Hayley Hemphill
26	Katie Grabill
26	Wayne Lanzendorfer
28	Allison Martin

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February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Supper Bowl Sunday 9:40am Youth Choir	4 9:30am Craft Workshop	5 7:00pm Book Club	6 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	7 10:00am Helping Hands 6:45pm Bible Study	1	2
10 9:40am Youth Choir 12:00pm Valentine Party/Lunch 6:00pm Spiritual Warfare Class 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Young Adults	11 9:00am Buckeye Making 7:00pm Committees	12 8:30am Coordinating Team 10:00am & 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 11:30am PW Lunch	13 9:00am Buckeye Making 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	14 4:30pm Shepherd's Table 6:45pm Bible Study	15 12:00pm Friday Club	16 12:00pm Dinner to Honor Food Bank Workers
17 9:40am Youth Choir 6:00pm Spiritual Warfare Class 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Young Adults	18 9:30am Craft Workshop 1:30pm Book Club @ Panera Bread 7:00pm Admin. Committee	19 9:30am Ministerium 6:30pm Presbyterian Men @ Hagerstown Family Diner	20 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	21 10:00am Helping Hands 6:45pm Bible Study	22	23 6:30 p.m. Game Night
24 9:40am Youth Choir 12:00pm Chili Cook Off 6:00pm Spiritual Warfare Class 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Young Adults	25 7:00pm Session	26 5:30pm Supper Club 7:00pm Craft Workshop	27 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	28 6:45pm Bible Study		



Frosty, the jolly happy snowman who came to life when the children placed an old silk hat on his head, is the most popular of all stories about the snowman.

- Made of pure white snow reminded the young man of the holy nature of God.
- The three round balls that form his body symbolized the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each a part of the whole being.
- The tall, silk top hat, a symbol of honor, brought to mind what the preacher said about our need to always honor the Lord.
- The snowman's coal eyes stared intently at the boy, reminding him of God's continual care, and the fact that the Heavenly Father always knows where we are and what's happening in our lives.
- The smiling mouth, also made of coal, reminded the youngster to be joyful and praise the Lord always for His many blessings, even when things are difficult.
- The bright carrot nose made him think of the colorful world the Lord made for us and the constant beauty that surrounds us each season of the year.
- The scarf, warm protective love of God.
- But it was the twig arms spread wide open reminding us that God's arms of love and forgiveness are always open to all who come to Him.
- Reassurance and hope, very much like our Heavenly Father, but unlike the snowman that eventually melts away, our Heavenly Father never leaves us. He is always there when we need Him.

Almighty Creator, how good to be reminded of Your holiness and Your constant care for us as Your children. You are truly there to help and guide us in the right path, offering us Your love and forgiveness.



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