



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

It was twenty years ago when we watched the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the crash in the field in Pennsylvania. Alan Jackson, county music singer, asked the question, “Where Were You?” Here is part of his song.

Where were you when the world stopped turnin'
That September day?
Were you in the yard with your wife and children
Or workin' on some stage in L.A.?
Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke
Risin' against that blue sky?
Did you shout out in anger, in fear for your neighbor
Or did you just sit down and cry?
Did you weep for the children, they lost their dear loved ones
Pray for the ones who don't know?
Did you rejoice for the people who walked from the rubble
And sob for the ones left below?
Did you burst out with pride for the red, white, and blue
And the heroes who died just doin' what they do?
Did you look up to heaven for some kind of answer
And look at yourself and what really matters?
I'm just a singer of simple songs
I'm not a real political man
I watch CNN, but I'm not sure I can tell you
The difference in Iraq and Iran
But I know Jesus and I talk to God
And I remember this from when I was young
Faith, hope, and love are some good things He gave us
And the greatest is love.

Much has happened in the time of the attacks until today. Many of us know exactly where we were and what we were doing. Some of us were not alive or old enough to remember the fateful September day. We will remember in worship on September 12.

A couple of faith facts—God is still God even when tragedy occurs. Whether it is the pandemic or the attacks or simply that life is not as you envisioned it, God still sits on the throne and is ruler of the universe. The key to life is to realize that God gets us through tragedy and is not there to help us to avoid it.

As a result of God being God and we being His followers, we are called to be the change agents in the world. We are the ones who bring food, and are generous with our time and words. We are the peacemakers between those we agree with and those we don't agree with. We are to hold up faith as the means by which we succeed in this world. We reach out to those different than us in love and respect.

May we realize that we are given the opportunity to show the love of God as we share the Word of God. When we embrace that we are God's healers, we can show others the fact that we are rooted in love as a result of being grounded in grace and thus we are growing for God here at St. Andrew.

Your faithful servant,
Pastor Mark



Youth Group

I'm so excited to see everyone back together sharing in Christ, fellowship, and games. In September, we will be meeting every Sunday. On September 12, we will be holding officer elections, and the first officers' meeting will be on the 19th at 5:00 p.m. Youth Group is open to youth in grades 6-12, and their friends in the same age group. If you have any questions, send me an email at rcjyayamc@gmail.com or text me at 301-992-7426.

Young Adults

The Young Adults continue to have their Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Young Adults is open to those age 18 to 30, and their friends in the same age group. Currently, our Bible Study is discussing the topic of Embracing the Holy Spirit. The purpose of our Bible Study is to encourage and help each other grow. If you would like to be a part of this, and need the Zoom link, or have any questions, please send me an email at rcjyayamc@gmail.com, or text me at 301-992-7426.

Presbyterian Women

Bible Study

This year's Bible Study is, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus". The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew invites us into the family stories that helped shape Jesus and shape us too. The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spellbound as a grandmother reminisces about her early life. Matthew chose to mention a handful of women: Tamar, Rehab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. What can they teach us? Matthew has named these women for a reason. Their stories will lead us into the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus Christ. After having explored their stories, we will have a richer idea about what the good

news is.

Please join us Tuesday, September 14, as we begin this fascinating new Bible Study. Pastor Mark will lead both the morning and evening Bible Studies. The daytime study meets from 10:00—11:15 a.m., and is recorded on Facebook Live. The evening group meets 7:00—8:15 p.m., with childcare provided as needed. Please let Shirley Fox (301-785-5010) know if you require childcare. We meet at St. Andrew the second Tuesday of every month, September through May.

Coordinating Team

The Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, September 14, 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

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 support.

News from the Presbyterian Women

Bus trips are back! Our first trip is to Lancaster, PA to watch a performance of "Queen Esther" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, with an early dinner following the matinee. Contact Barb Smith for additional information and to reserve your spot. Your bulletin also has details of the trip.

Have you been counting your blessings over the summer months? If so, then please return your blessing bags in September. They can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. Coins, bills, and checks (made out to Presbyterian Women) are all welcomed.

Church Women United

Due to the increase in positive Covid-19 cases, the Church Women United have suspended all activities until the first of the year.



*Pray for our
C h r i s t i a n
Family*



Hospitalized

Chuck Hydorn
Bob Knepper

Recuperating at Home

Carol Ann Alphin
Linda Attavian
Bob Clise
Jean Harr
Mark Mummert
Barbara Nally
Nevin Nally

In the Nursing Home

Brookdale Senior Living

Audrey Enders

Cadia

Roger Abraham
Larry Roth

Glade Valley

Donna Guessford

Greenfield

Helen Gerberich

Ravenswood

Dave Kershner

Williamsport

John Thomson

Yvonne Thomson

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

Justin Ramsburg

Grandson of John & Barbara Cassell

Matt Stemper

Son of Doug & June Stemper

Gage Thompson

Grandson of Ken & Bonnie Eckstine

Missionaries

Rev. Jed & Jenny Koball

Pakistani Church

Scriptures

Each year, we have sought to give you a means by which you can go deeper in your faith. This year, we will be reading the Bible in a year, in a chronological fashion. Ponder on it. Meditate on it. Allow it to speak to you. Here are the Scriptures for the end of summer:

September

1	Ezekiel 18-19	16	Daniel 7-9
2	Ezekiel 20-21	17	Daniel 10-12
3	Ezekiel 22-23	18	Ezra 1-3
4	Ezekiel 24-27	19	Ezra 4-6, Psalm 137
5	Ezekiel 28-31	20	Haggai 1-2
6	Ezekiel 32-34	21	Zechariah 1-7
7	Ezekiel 35-37	22	Zechariah 8-14
8	Ezekiel 38-39	23	Esther 1-5
9	Ezekiel 40-41	24	Esther 6-10
10	Ezekiel 42-43	25	Ezra 7-10
11	Ezekiel 44-45	26	Nehemiah 1-5
12	Ezekiel 46-48	27	Nehemiah 6-7
13	Joel 1-3	28	Nehemiah 8-10
14	Daniel 1-3	29	Nehemiah 11-13, Psalm 126
15	Daniel 4-6	30	Malachi 1-4

Hospitalized?

Visitors are now permitted at the hospital. Please let Pastor Mark know if your loved one is in the hospital, and how to contact the loved one.



General Fund

July Income	26,738.00
July Expenses	29,688.83
Operating Income	-2,950.83

Capital Improvements

Received July	606.00
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Restricted Funds

Received July	685.00
Disbursed July	3,829.36



Biblical Word Search

Congratulations to those who completed the summer word search. This month's word search is on the Teachings of Jesus. Join us each Sunday morning for Sunday School. How blessed we are at St. Andrew to have teachers teach us the Word of God every Sunday. Please turn your paper in to the office, with your name on it, by September 15. A large print copy of the word search is available in the parlor.

Reed Belasco
Ha-Ram Kaufman
Debbie Kinzer
Jill Lampton
Chris Lunsford
Sandra Lunsford

Debbie McCauley
Jen Metz
Margie Reed
Gerry Salter
Lucas Scumpieru
*Erna Straw

*completed May's word search

Jesus' Teachings

- BIRTH
 - BLESSINGS
 - DISCIPLESHIP
 - ENEMIES
 - FAITH
 - FASTING
 - FEAR
 - FORGIVENESS
 - FREEDOM
 - FUTURE
 - GIVE
 - GOD
 - GOOD
 - GREATNESS
 - HAPPINESS
 - HEART
 - HEAVEN
 - LAW
 - LIFE
- LOVE
 - MIND
 - NEIGHBOR
 - OBEY
 - PEACE
 - POSSESSIONS
 - PRAYER
 - PROMISES
 - PURE
 - REPENTANCE
 - REST
 - RESURRECTION
 - REWARDS
 - SABBATH
 - SERVE
 - SIN
 - SOUL
 - WEALTH
 - WORSHIP

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Membership Support

September traditionally begins with a Rally Day celebration. After a year of restrictions, Rally Day will be a time of renewal as folks return to church. We'll once again enjoy being together and involved with church activities.

We offer many opportunities to worship and learn. Besides the two services each Sunday morning with Sunday School in between, there are also several Bible Studies scheduled each month. Newsletters, bulletins, and announcements will alert you to these.

There are many ways to become involved in our ministry. Our committees, Helping Hands, the Presbyterian Women, and the Presbyterian Men offer various activities. We need ushers, lay leaders, and choir members. The Food Bank and Shepherd's Table reach out to the community. Those willing to serve are always appreciated.

Worship is frequently blessed with visitors. Our congregation greets guests warmly, and offers them a welcome bag along with a smile. After a few visits, they often become regular attendees. Anyone interested in membership at St. Andrew is encouraged to contact Pastor Mark.

Our Stewardship Drive is another fall tradition. You'll soon receive a Stewardship Packet in the mail providing details about supporting our ministry through your financial resources and by your acts of service.

As we ponder, "What's next?" for the coming church year, you may offer suggestions for new ideas our ministry might consider. Please put your suggestions in the little church in the parlor, or email Pastor Mark. Many activities began with an idea from someone like you.

One suggestion was to upgrade our website. Thanks to those who worked diligently on our new website. Although still a work in progress, it is a goal that was

met. Please check it out at standrewpresbyterian.org.

This past year taught us the importance of our church, our faith, and the value of a supportive church family. Participation in church activities helps you know others. Let's celebrate as we gather together again.

Library

This September, we'll joyfully celebrate returning to an active church schedule. We also somberly remember September 11, twenty years ago. These books remind us that faith overcomes adversity.

Let's Roll: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage, by Lisa Beamer, wife of Todd Beamer, who was on Flight 93 that crashed near Shanksville, PA. Lisa tells what happened based on her communications with her husband. In this audio book, Lisa shares how she found the confidence to go on in the face of tragedy and loss.

Karen Kingsbury wrote two novels of heroism, loss, and redemption, based on the tragedy of 9/11. One Tuesday Morning is a story about a firefighter at the scene, and how he struggled afterwards. Beyond Tuesday Morning takes place three years later as the firefighter's wife, now a widow, is determined to find meaning in her grief.

In Lee Strobel's The Case for Hope: Looking Ahead with Confidence and Courage, readers will find that having hope is crucial. When we trust in the hope of Jesus Christ, that hope can change our lives.

The last selection fits with our many opportunities to enjoy food and fellowship. Apple Turnover Murder, by Joanne Fluke, includes many recipes along with a mysterious plot. If you enjoy Hallmark's *Murder, She Baked* movies, this one's for you.

Famous Quote

"No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care."

Theodore Roosevelt



Special Services

We will remember the 20th anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11 in worship on Sunday, September 12, at both services. There will be special music as well as a special message.

Bible Study

The Bible Study will begin on September 16, at 7:00 p.m. The study will be on Heaven, and all of your questions, and will be led by Pastor Mark. There is no need to sign up, just come and enjoy.

Harvest Hoedown

Fall has arrived, and with it comes thoughts of autumn leaves, pumpkins, and the annual Williamsport Harvest Hoedown. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 2, as we at St. Andrew once again participate in the Hoedown by hosting the much loved scarecrow patch. Kids young and old flock to our area at Byron Park to make and take home their scarecrows.

We need LOTS of help from our St. Andrew family. You say you can't help due to allergies? Not a problem. There are many volunteer jobs available where you don't have to get into the hay. If many people volunteer for just one hour, our scarecrow patch will run smoothly. Students looking for community service hours will find this a fun way to earn hours. Look for sign-up sheets in the parlor soon.

We still need children's long sleeved shirts, jeans, and especially baby playsuits. Baby scarecrows are the most popular, so check out local yard sales to donate.

The Harvest Hoedown is one of the largest fundraisers for our Williamsport Food Bank. Let us at St. Andrew live our love of Christ by volunteering to help on October 2. Contact Shirley Fox at 301-785-5010 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Friday Club

Friday Club will begin again this month. The first meeting will be Friday, September 17, and we will resume meeting on the third Friday of every month until June 2022. Everyone is welcome.

The September program is about Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association that provides on scene support to fire personnel. Unless they are called to a fire that morning, they are bringing the AIR and REHAB Units to St. Andrew. After their presentation, they will give tours of the two units. Capt. Barbara Sprecher and Lt. Greg Price, and our own volunteers, Ron and Joyce Mentzer, will be explaining the services they provide, and showing us the Air and Unit vehicles.

The program begins with a pot-luck meal at 12:00 noon, and usually concludes around 2:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to serve 12-15 people, and join us for an interesting program.

Christmas Bazaar

Just a quick note to let you know that, at this time, the Presbyterian Women are planning on having a Christmas Bazaar this year. The dates are Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13. More information will be forthcoming as we navigate logistics. Please stay tuned!

Facebook Live Wednesday Talks

Each Wednesday, during Pastor Mark's Facebook Live Wednesday Talks, he has been discussing how a Christian grows in their faith. Pastor Mark has been focusing on parables and how these stories can help you to grow spiritually, and how to effectively live in the times that we face.



Book Club

Our September book club will be held on Tuesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing The Day the World Came to Town, by Jim Defede. This is a heartwarming book telling the story of the stranded passengers on everseas flights who were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland on September 11, 2001. Please come and join us even if you did not get a chance to read the book. It will be a wonderful discussion.

Looking ahead to October's book club on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Steven Hatleberg will lead a fascinating discussion on the book In the Land of Giants—A Journey Through the Dark Ages, by Max Adams. In a series of hikes and excursions, the author explores the ruins of ancient England. A time between Roman exodus in 400 AD and William the Conqueror's arrival in 1066 AD. A time buried in obscurity and seen through a glass darkly, but out of these Dark Ages there came light. In this era, England transitioned from a psychological landscape of animism, wooden idols, auguries, and fragile temporal kingdoms with customary laws, into a rational, state-based, stone built, bookkeeping world. Christianity played an important part in this development.

*Wondrous is this stone wall, wrecked by fate,
The city buildings crumble, the works of giants decay.
Roofs have caved in, towers collapsed,
Barren gates are broken, hoar frost clings to mortar,
Houses are gaping, tottering and fallen,
Undermined by age.¹*



Because this book is lengthy and quite detailed, Steve put together a "Cliff Notes" version of this book. At September's book club each book club member will receive this summary edition (pictures included) of the book, In the Land of the Giants, if they choose not to read the entire book.

Daytime book club is back! We will be meeting on Monday, September 20, at 1:30 p.m., at Panera Bread. Please bring some book suggestions for our October book club meeting.

Sunday Night Class

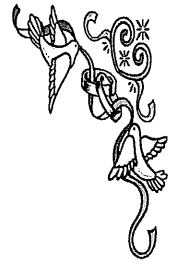
Our Sunday night classes will be starting again. We will be doing a Tony Evans DVD/workbook series on *U-Turns*, beginning on Sunday, September 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the conference room. Here is a summary of what the class is about. "You can experience the abundant life Jesus has for you by aligning your life under God's Word and pursuing an intimate relationship with Him. God can redeem the negative consequences of decisions you've made when you embrace His direction for your life." In this study, best-selling author and renowned preacher Tony Evans explores the reality of man's freedom and the consequences that come from bad choices. A U-turn is one decision away. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet in the parlor so that we can have a book for everyone by the start of the class. Please sign up by September 12. Thank you.

Supper Club is Back

We will be starting our monthly Supper Club at Western Sizzlin on Monday, September 27, 5:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. Please sign up if you plan on coming. If you have never joined us previously for Supper Club, please come and join us on the 27th. It is a great evening of food and fellowship with our church family.



Happy Anniversary!



Jared & Peggy Keplinger
September 5
John & Pat Martin
September 18
Dave & Jennifer Metz
September 18
Dennis & Barbara Gross
September 20
Darren & Teresa Long
September 23

Charles & Virginia Mongan
September 23
Brian & Brianna Bearese
September 24
John & Barbara Cassell
September 24
Mike & Leigh Ann Stotelmyer
September 25
Jerred Brown & Joan Bowers
September 26

Shane & Brie Knepper
September 30

BIRTHDAYS

1	Debra Banner
1	John Cassell
2	John Thomson
2	Margot Wise
2	Madeline Wood
3	Jean Thomas
4	Joyce Mentzer
7	Melanie Beckley
7	Wendy McKinley
9	Abbie Boppe
11	Jim Clay
12	Tammy Jamison
12	Joe White
13	David Hetzer
13	Elsie Majeski
13	Pat Martin
13	Virginia Mongan

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	Emily Hemphill
21	LaVerne Weller
22	Wes Brucher
23	Justin Coyle
23	Steve Hatleberg
28	Annette Sandell
29	Mary Lou Koontz

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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	2	3	4
5 6:00pm Youth Group	6 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	7 7:00pm Book Club	8 10:00am Program Staff Meeting 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:30am Rally Day Breakfast 6:00pm Youth Group	13 9:30am Ministerium 7:00pm Committee Meetings	14 9:00am Coordinating Team 10:00am & 7:00pm PW Bible Study	15 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	16 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	17 12:00pm Friday Club	18
19 9:45am New Member Class 12:00pm Welcome Back Luncheon 6:00pm Tony Evans Class 6:00pm Youth Group	20 1:30pm Book Club 7:00pm Admin. Committee 7:00pm Deacons	21 6:00pm Presbyterian Men	22 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	23 7:00pm Bible Study	24	25
26 9:45am New Member Class 6:00pm Tony Evans Class 6:00pm Youth Group	27 5:30pm Supper Club 7:00pm Session	28	29 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	30 7:00pm Bible Study		



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*Tired of Cooking? Want something different?
How about some fresh lobster from Maine?*

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is having its

8TH ANNUAL FALL LOBSTER FEST

Saturday, October 9, 2021
pick-up or delivery only

Option 1: \$40

1.5 - 2 lb. Lobster Dinner*

Option 2: \$30

Lobster Roll Dinner*

Option 3: \$25

Beef Brisket Dinner*

*Dinners include: twice-baked potatoes, green beans, roll & dessert

Option 4: \$30

LIVE or Cooked whole lobster only

Lobsters must be ordered before October 6th
301-992-2222 to place your order.

Mail checks payable to **St. Andrew Presbyterian Church**
10813 Donelson Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795 or pay when
delivered. Proceeds benefit the St. Andrew music program.