

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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May 2024

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

The month of May is a month to remember. We remember the sacrifice of those who defended our freedoms whether abroad or close to home. We fondly lift our prayers in the memory of those who gave of their last full measure of devotion to ensure our freedoms. May we never forget the sacrifice of those who served in our military, the fire departments, the police, the EMT personnel, who risked their lives for us. Peter Marshall, a Presbyterian minister, who gained fame by being the Chaplain of the Senate immediately after WWII, prayed this prayer for Memorial Day:

“Make us aware of the responsibility that rests upon us to create peace in our own hearts, in our homes, in every association with our fellows. Teach us that righteousness alone exalteth a nation. Lead us; inspire us. Make us thy people to walk in Thy way, that this land may become in a new and deeper way, God’s own country.”

May is also the month in which we remember our mothers. Peter Marshall also gave tribute to our mothers this way:

“On this day of sacred memories, our Father, we would thank Thee for our mothers who gave us life, who surrounded us early and late with love and care, whose prayers on our behalf still cling around the Throne of Grace, a haunting perfume of love’s petitions. Help us, their children, to be more worthy of their love, we know that no sentimentality on this one day, no material gifts—no flowers or boxes of candy—can atone for our neglect during the rest of the year.

So, in the days ahead, may our love speak to the hearts who know love best, by kindness, by compassion, by simple courtesy and daily thoughtfulness. Bless her who’s name we whisper before Thee, and keep her in Thy perfect peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.”

May we remember this month—those who loved us and gave of their heart to us, our mothers, and those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms and as we do so, we will demonstrate that we are rooted in love, grounded in grace, and thus growing for God.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Mark



Supper Club

Come and enjoy a good meal and some great fellowship at our monthly Supper Club, **Monday, May 27, 5:30 p.m.** at the Western Sizzlin'. What a wonderful way to spend Memorial Day by eating a delicious meal with your church family. Please sign up if you plan on attending.

Book Club

Our monthly Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.** in the Friendship Hall. We will be discussing the book, **The Rose Conspiracy**, by Craig Parshall.

Our Book Club in June will be on June 4th. We will be discussing the book, **To Rescue The Constitution**, by Bret Baier. Pick up a copy and come join us for great discussion and fellowship.

Helping Hands

We will be meeting May 2nd and 16th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. **Please note: On May 16th only**, because of the Men's Yard Sale in the Legacy Hall, Helping Hands will be meeting in the Friendship Hall & Conference Room. There will be **no lunch served that day, May 16**. We will have coffee & light refreshments available during the morning. We will be finished by 11:30 a.m.

St. Andrew Deacons' Email:

There appears to be a glitch with the St. Andrew's email account - email addresses are randomly being dropped. If you are not receiving weekly announcements or prayers, please contact Stacy MacMillan at:

standrewdeacons@myactv.net

Holly Place

Holly Place was established to target low-income seniors with limited resources who could not afford alternative care systems.

The Presbyterian Women support Holly Place as one of our local missions.

Holly Place Wish List

This is an updated list of items Holly Place needs. The Presbyterian Women collect items each month and deliver them to Holly Place. There will be a featured item each month but you can donate anything on this list at anytime. Place your donations in the tub located in the lobby labeled Holly Place. Thank you for your generosity.

May	Furniture Polish
June	Floor Cleaner
July	Batteries (AAA, AA, 9V)

Christmas Craft Workshops

We meet **every other Monday morning from 9:30-noon**. We will be meeting on the following Mondays: **May 13 & 27**. You can find a copy of our schedule on the on the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board.

Friday Potluck Luncheon

Has been cancelled for the month of May, due to the Men's Yard Sale.

Your Input is Welcome!

We welcome your input for our newsletters. Please place all submissions in the church office, by the **15th of each month**.



Your Stewardship at Work: Mission Committee

Let's continue learning how your stewardship works with the Mission committee.

The Mission Committee's responsibilities follow several directives from Jesus before He ascended.

The Mission Committee supports those who go into the world and preach the gospel (Mark 16:15), including Jed Koball, Presbyterian Mission Worker in Peru; Pakistan Education Board; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and the Williamsport Ministerium. They also promote special offerings with Moments for Missions: One Great Hour of Sharing, Thanksgiving Offering, and Joy Offering.

The Mission Committee has many ways to take care of the "lambs" and "sheep" in our community. (John 21:14-17)

Promotes community outreach opportunities: Micah's Backpack, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army's Women and Children Shelter, CASA, and Fire and Ambulance Rescue services.

Coordinates and delivers school supplies to three Williamsport schools twice yearly.

Supports the Williamsport Food Pantry with monthly food donations and coordinates volunteers six times a year as well as paying the Food Pantry's monthly rent once a year.

Supports Williamsport Ministerium's Harvest Hoe Down (Food Pantry Fundraiser) by coordinating the Scarecrow Making booth.

The Mission Committee appreciates your help and support as they care for the "least of these." (Matt. 25:40)

Membership Support Committee

Each year we are blessed to add new members of all ages to our congregation. After talking with Pastor Mark and meeting with the Session, the congregation then witnesses the public announcement of their faith.

What are the benefits of church membership? According to Rick Warren in his book, **The Purpose Driven Church**, here are some of the benefits of membership:

1. Identifies a person as a genuine believer (Eph. 2:19, Rom. 12:5)
2. Provides a spiritual family to support and encourage them (Gal. 6:1-2, Heb. 10:24-25)
3. Gives them a place to discover and use their gifts in ministry (1 Cor. 12:4-27)
4. Places them under the spiritual protection of godly leaders (Heb. 13:17; Act. 20:28-29)
5. Gives them the accountability they need to grow in their faith. (Eph. 5:21)

As members of this vital and exciting ministry here at St. Andrew, there are so many ways to get involved. You are invited to participate in Bible Studies, Sunday school classes, choirs, book clubs, committee meetings, Helping Hands, and Sunday worship. Craft workshops are happening. The outside gardens need attention. Now's the time to spring into action.

Facebook Live

Each Wednesday on Facebook live, Pastor Mark will share insights concerning the women of the Bible. These short talks are designed to deepen your faith as well as heighten your awareness concerning how to be an ethical person in this world. The talks will occur around 2:00 pm if you desire to watch live. Otherwise, you can check the Facebook page any time after that.



Sunday School

Sunday School is for everyone! If you have not joined a Sunday School class, now would be the perfect time. We have classes for all ages, including 3 Adult Classes. All Sunday School classes run from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Children in 5th grade and below meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 for an Opening Program. At this time, the children recite the Pledge to the Christian Flag and to the Bible. We have a devotion and a time of prayer during our Opening. We take up an offering before being dismissed to our class at 10:00 a.m. The offering goes towards supporting our 2 sponsored children through the Organization of Compassion International as well as supporting various programs from Samaritan's Purse. The offering also goes toward the ministry of the church when there is a need as well as mission projects in our local area. Parents please note: If your child is in third grade or below, please pick them up from their classroom at 10:45. Thank you! If you are unsure of where your child's classroom is, please see Pastor Mark or Miss Annette.

Parenting Class—Overcoming Emotions that Destroy.

As human beings we all struggle with managing our emotions at times. Join us Sunday mornings as we seek to grow deeper in our faith by challenging ourselves to understand, and more effectively respond to our emotions in a way that builds up our families and strengthens personal relationships. This class meets in the Friendship Hall and is taught by Pam and Jason McDonald.

Seeker Class is taught by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. This is an in depth Bible Study that meets in the Legacy Hall. They are currently studying **Philippians**.

Voyager Class reads and discusses a book that the class chooses. They are currently reading the book, **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**, by Paul Balins. All books are provided for the members. This class meets in the Conference Room.

Sunday School Snippets

Pre-K Class: Congratulations to **Emilia and Lachlan Bearese**, and **Maddie Goodwin** for memorizing their Bible verse; "*Jesus lives forever.*" Hebrews 7:24". The class is studying the Creation Story starting with God making the plants and the seasons.

Kindergarten/ 1st Grade Class: Congratulations to **Nikolai Bearese, Aiden Paul**, and **Thomas Twum-Barimah** for memorizing their Bible verse "*Everything God created is good.*" I Timothy 4:4. The class is studying the creation story.

2nd & 3rd Grade: Our class has been studying ways in which we can remind ourselves that God always listens when we pray, always cares, and always proves Himself trustworthy, in giving us the very help we truly need. I Peter 5:7 "*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*" Moreover, our class has been learning, the wonderful significance of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. And "*He has risen just as he said.*" Matthew 28:6-7. Indeed, Jesus is alive and with us today! The Good News" is the "Best news ever"!! Jesus always loves us and we can joyfully share this wonderful news with all! Praise be to God! In Jesus name. Amen.

Elsie Majeski essentially taught the Sunday School lesson of the day in sharing her "true to scripture account" of (I Kings 18:16-40) where the prophet Elijah proved that our Heavenly Father is the one and only true God. **Kohen Dayhoff** drew an amazing illustration of Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and that of Elijah praying the widow's son back to life (I Kings 17:17-24). **Elsie Majeski** also presented a beautiful illustration of Easter morning in brilliant watercolors.

4th and 5th Grade: Nineveh was the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and known as a large and evil city. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to turn the people from their evil ways. Jonah did not want to minister to Nineveh and ended up inside a great fish for three days and three nights. God rescued Jonah and told him to go to Nineveh with the message of God's judgment and forgiveness for Israel. The people repented; however, Jonah was not ready to accept God's compassion for others outside of Israel. (Jonah 1—4) Our focus: God wants us to care about people we do not really like. Love your neighbor like yourself. (Matthew 22:39).



(4th & 5th Grade Continued)

Amos was a prophet of God who carried God's message to the northern kingdom of Israel. When Amos arrived, he found that not only was God neglected, but the usual Hebrew ideas of decency and honesty were also being ignored. The Israelites thought they were righteous; but they took bribes, hurt those who did right, perverted justice and sold innocent people into slavery. Amos's message was a call to repentance. He pointed out their sins and encouraged them to return to the Lord. Amos 5:6 and 14-15. Our focus: Hate evil, love good. (Amos 5:15).

Esther was a beautiful young Jewish woman at a time when the Jewish nation was living in exile in Persia. Persia was the greatest world power. When her cousin, Mordecai, and her people came under attack and were scheduled to be killed, Esther risked her life and made a stand for God and His people. (Esther 2:17-9:5) Focus: Take a stand for God. "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today." (Exodus 14:13)

Middle School: Class is going great! Lots of activities and discussions. In March we looked at the idea of Rebellion. Human history and the Bible are a story of rebellion. Starting with Adam and Eve and the apple all the way through to Jesus. Jesus was a rebel! He didn't seek to get along, he came to fulfil the prophecies and to create a new covenant. We are also charged to be rebels in this world, but not the kind that the world expects or promotes. We looked at what the world tells us to do in our lives and what Jesus tells us. The world tells us an eye for an eye, Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek. The world tells us to hate our enemies, Jesus tells us to love them. Just by following Jesus, you set yourself apart. Embrace your rebellion against the ways of the world. Love God and your neighbor and let the Jesus rebellion grow!

Teen Class: Continuing our study of Proverbs; learning how to interpret and understand God's wisdom.

Congratulations to the following students who were here every Sunday in March or only missed 1 Sunday. (There were 5 Sundays in March!) Thank you for making Sunday School such a top priority.

4 out of 5 Sundays

Michael McDonald

Thomas Twun-Barimah

Kohen Dayhoff

Alexina Twun-Barimah

Abby Boppe

Perfect Attendance

Emilia Bearese

Lachlan Bearese

Nikolai Bearese

Aiden Paul

2nd and 3rd

4th and 5th

Maggie McDonald

6th-8th Grade

Brody Hemphill

Anne McDonald

Teen Class

Jeremy Hemphill

Grace McDonald

Sunday School/Kids of the Kingdom

Last month we talked about the fun leading up to Easter opening up the resurrection eggs the weeks leading up to Easter. On Easter Sunday everyone received a bag of jelly beans with the Jelly Bean Prayer attached to the bag. After Easter we reviewed the Easter story and played Easter BINGO as one of the review lessons. We ended our Easter theme by having an Easter Quiz Bowl. The game was fashioned after the Jeopardy game as seen on T.V. There were 5 categories: **Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Crucifixion,** and the **Resurrection.** Under each category there were 5 questions ranging from 10 points, the easier questions, to 50 points, the hardest questions. There were also some Sunday Specials put in the game. If you selected a question with a Sunday Special, your points would double. Weeks before the Quiz Bowl everyone was handed study guides with the answers. The game was a great success. Everyone playing received a certificate and a medal to wear. If you want to know anything about the Easter story, ask one of the kids; they know the Easter story inside and out. Please note: The Children's Choir will be meeting at 9:30 in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning.



V.B.S. News

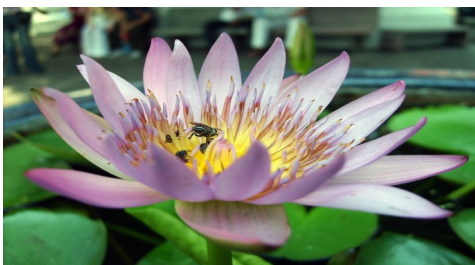
If you have not registered your child (ren) or grandchild (ren), please take a moment and register them as soon as possible. You can place your forms in the folder provided at the sign up table, in the offering plate, or directly on the secretary's desk. We are in the process of making sure we have enough curriculum, crafts, t-shirts etc. for everyone the week of V.B.S. There are guest registration forms in the parlor at the sign up table, pick some up and hand them out to your friends.

There is a sign up sheet for a donation of snacks. Snacks are an important part of our V.B.S. week. Each snack is directly tied to the lesson being taught that night. You can bring your donations into church by June 6th. Label your donation as V.B.S. You can place your items in the kitchen or on the back counter in the office. If you are bringing items in that need to be refrigerated or frozen, please place your items directly in the refrigerator or freezer. Thank you so much.

Dates to Remember:

* **June 2nd:** The t-shirts are in. Your t-shirt will be available in the hallway. Make sure you pick yours up and wear it the first and last night of V.B.S. (And any other night as well).

* **June 9th 4:00-7:00 p.m.** V.B.S. Set-Up Party! Meet at church in the Legacy Hall that day. We will have a quick overview of the V.B.S. week and then have fun turning our church into a beach theme for the week. We will have a picnic style meal at 5:30 p.m.



We need lots of help this day. We have a job for everyone! Hope you can come and join for our Set-Up Party. If you have any questions, please see Mark or Annette.

* **June 10-14:** V.B.S. Week, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

* **June 23rd:** V.B.S. Evaluation. We will be meeting in the Friendship Hall and will be going over all the highlights of the V.B.S. week as well as ways we can improve for next year.

Save the date

Saturday October 5, 2024

Volunteers from last year's **Hoedown** you did such a great job please mark this year's Hoedown on your calendar now because we need you **October 5, 2024**. This fund raiser for the Williamsport Food Pantry is a success because of the time you volunteer that day. The Mission Committee thanks you!

Mission Committee

WE NEED YOUR ...

As you are cleaning out your winter clothes getting ready for warmer weather please give us your: children's, toddler's, baby jeans, button up shirts, hoodies and one piece PJs, panty hose, new or used, (Dollar Tree has them for \$1.25).

Men's and women's long sleeve button/snap up shirts/blouses and hoodies (no XXX LG)

Men's and women's jeans that have belt loops (no 40 up), hats, belts, and scarves. Please NO sweaters, sweatshirts, short sleeves, shorts or knee highs.

Place your donations in the tub marked Scarecrows in the hallway. Thank you, The Mission Committee





May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	10—noon Helping Hands 7:00 pm Bible Study	Spring Lock In	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Choir Concert		7:00 pm Book Club	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Worship Happy Mother's Day!	9:30-noon Craft Workshop 6:30 pm Christian Ed 7:00 pm Committees	10am & 7pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Coordinating Team	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	10-noon Helping Hands	7 am—1 pm Men's Yard Sale	7 am—1 pm Men's Yard Sale
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 11:00 am Worship 6:00 p.m. Dessert Theatre	6:00 pm Building & Grounds 7:00 pm Administrative Committee 7:00 pm Deacons	6:00 pm Presbyterian Men _____ Pastor	_____ Mark	_____ and	_____ Miss	_____ Annette
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship _____ on	9:30-noon Craft Workshop 5:30 pm Supper Club _____ vacation					



Coffee Hour to honor Mothers

On **Mother's Day, May 12**. Every woman, physical mothers, spiritual mothers, and adopted mothers will be honored at the **Coffee Hour** with delicious food as well as a carnation. The Presbyterian Men will set up for the Yard Sale immediately after the Coffee Hour.

CWU 2024 Events:

Save These Dates. Details to follow.

Friday, May 17, 6:00pm, "May Friendship Day"
Friday, Sept. 13, 6:00pm, "Human Rights Day"
Friday, Nov. 1, noon, "World Community Day"

Note: CWU has an ongoing ministry of collecting health kits. You may bring a health kit to any event. Each Health Kit consists of one of each of these items: large hand towel, wash cloth, comb, bar of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, and deodorant. Put all items in a gallon zip-loc bag. Thank YOU!

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 19th we will be **celebrating our teaching staff here at St. Andrew**, with a breakfast and celebration in their honor. We will be honoring all those teachers and helpers who faithfully come each week to teach the Word of God to students of all ages, from babies all the way up to adults. We want everyone to come and join in this celebration. We will be starting the morning off by enjoying a delicious meal that the Fellowship Committee will be providing at 9:30. Please sign up if you plan on attending. The sign up sheet is in the parlor. Please note: **there will be no Sunday School that day.**

Blessing Bags

Blessing Bags will be distributed to all women of the church after both the **8:30 and the 11:00 services on Sunday, May 26, and Sunday, June 2**. Count your many blessings over the summer months by putting a coin in your Blessing Bag every time you feel blessed.

News from The Loft

Mark your calendars for **May, 5, 4:30 p.m.** here in the Sanctuary as the Music Dept of St. Andrew will be presenting our spring concert entitled "A Festival of Hymns!"

We invite you all to come join The St. Andrew Handbell Choir and The Adult Choir as we explore the beautiful world of hymns. Many of your favorites such as, "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Be Thou My Vision", "Amazing Grace", and more!

There will be a reception immediately following the concert in the Legacy Hall. See you there!

Other News

The Presbyterian Women's Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to one of our longtime members at the **11:00 Service on Sunday, June 9, 2024**. Please help us to honor this special woman for many years of faithful service at St. Andrew.

Calling All Graduates

If you are a **High School or College graduate**, please take a moment to fill out a form that is found at the sign up table and place it in the folder provided when you have completed the form. Please have your information turned in by **May 15th**. We want to highlight you in the June Newsletter as well as highlight you on a bulletin board display. Thank you.

The Williamsport Ministerium's annual **National Day of Prayer and Choral Fest** has been **postponed until November**.



2024 Marie Price
College Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

High School: _____

College or Technical School _____

Briefly state your career goal:

This scholarship of \$100.00 is for all those who will be a full time student at a college or university in the Fall of 2024.

Return application to: Rebecca Collinson or Mark Mummert,
or place it in the Missions Committee mailbox,
located in the office.

This scholarship is renewable. Please submit a new application each year.



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