

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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September 2024

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

September is a time of ending for the seasons—summer is over and the leaves begin to drop off of the tree as the our area begins to prepare itself for winter. It is beautiful watching the leaves change and the world go into hibernation.

For us in the Church, September is a month of beginnings. We begin Adult Choir and Handbells. Sunday School kicks off as well as Youth Group. The Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Men meet again during their respective times. Committees will start with fall and winter planning.

In the midst of all of this newness, I would invite each of you to get involved in one or many of these different relational groups. Come and explore how you can go deeper in your faith by joining one of these relational groups. If you have tried them in the past, realize that all is new again and each relational group grows over time.

The goal of each of these is to touch a hurting world. We touch the world through music that will lift a person's spirit. We reach out by inviting those we know to be connected to our teaching times of Sunday School and Youth Group. The Committees through their ministry help reach out and touch those who are hurting.

In addition to this, please remember to read the daily Scripture. We give these readings each month so that you can connect with the Word of God. I would invite you to write down any questions that you may have and then to discuss them with me. This way you can gain a greater understanding of what the Lord is trying to say to you personally and to the Church as a whole.

We serve together as the Body of Church. As we stay connected, we demonstrate to the world that we are rooted in love, grounded in grace, and thus growing for God.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mark



Membership Support

The words from the hymn “Take My Life and Let it Be” inspires our relationship with St. Andrew.

“Take my hands —. Your helping hands are needed in Sunday School or making meals for others to enjoy. Hands also do work in the building and gardens. The upcoming Harvest Hoedown needs many hands.

“Take my feet”— Let your feet take you to worship, Sunday School, bible studies and fellowship events. Classes begin after Rally Day.

“Take my voice and let me sing”— Sing praises to God in the pew or as a choir member.

“Take my lips”—Your lips smile when you speak to visitors or invite friends to church. When you call or send a card to someone confined at home, their lips also smile!

“Take my will and make it thine” — If you feel God nudging you to join St. Andrew, to officially make it your home church, now is a good time to do so. Please let Pastor Mark know of your intent.

“Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.”— St. Andrew is an exciting place for you to give your heart and yourself to God.

Thank you!

Thank you to the Women of the Church for presenting me the Life Time Achievement Award in June. I am so humbled and honored to have received this award. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness in honoring me with this award. I am so very blessed and appreciative.

With a grateful heart, Annette

Stewardship Support

“Take my silver and my gold” You’ll soon receive a packet about our need for your “silver and gold” to support our active and effective ministries in the coming year.

“Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.” We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might support St. Andrew with your time, your talents, and your financial resources.

Thank you for your generous heartfelt support of St. Andrew!



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.

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**.



Friday Potluck Luncheon

September 19, 2024, noon.
Chuck Hydorn will be sharing “How God has influenced and changed my life”.

“From a small town in Northern New York and a dream of becoming a Mortician to being a Construction Manager in the Mid Atlantic Region with numerous twists and turns. At age 80 I can reflect on the many changes that have been both positive and negative in my life and how God has always been in control even though I knew I was in charge.

Things I have done over the years:

Worked on a farm in the summers.

Worked as an Apprentice Mortician
 Served in the USAF.

Worked for The Largest Undertaker in the World.

Volunteer Fireman/EMS.

Director of Construction Safety Program –
 Rossmorr Leisure World.

Assistant Estimator at Rossmorr.

Continued Estimating and advanced into
 Construction Management.

Retired but still provide Construction
 Consulting Service as requested.

I now have been blessed to be the
 Chairman of the Building & Grounds
 Committee here at St Andrew Presbyteri-
 an Church”.

God is Great,
 Thank you!



In case of an emergency

There are two exits from the sanctu-
 ary. One is the door at the back of the
 sanctuary and the other is the door on the
 left at the front of the sanctuary.

Library

September is a “hybrid” month. Sum-
 mer isn’t quite over, but fall activities
 begin. Here are some books with both di-
 verse topics and strong faith as themes.

Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom is a
 remarkable and uplifting true story about
 two men, two faiths, and two communities
 that will inspire readers facing difficult sit-
 uations.

Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy. In his
 memoir, Dungy reveals three secrets to his
 success: Principles, practices, and priori-
 ties. Be inspired by his understanding of
 what really matters in life.

The Man Who Never Was by Ewen Monta-
 gu. This true story offers fascinating details
 of the difficulties involved to create the per-
 sona of a man who never existed. This
 WWII scheme changed the course of the
 war.

The Closer by Mariano Rivera. This mem-
 oir by “the greatest pitcher of all times”
 tells how as a man of faith, he overcame
 many struggles and created a memorable
 legacy in the community and in sports.

Operation Christmas Child

It's hard to believe but October is
 just around the corner. It's the time to
 make our donations to the Samaritans
 Purse OCC Shoebox collection. Last year,
 we contributed 115 shoeboxes which went
 to Tanzania. We will be collecting boxes
 around the end of October in order to have
 them ready for the trip to the collection
 sight in mid-November. Please consider
 sending a box this year as a tangible gift of
 Jesus' love to a child in need. Spreading
 the gospel of hope and love is a sure way to
 remember the Giver of All Good Things this
 Christmas season. **If you have questions,
 please contact Mo Theriault.**



Sunday School

Rally Day will be held on **September 8th at 9:30** during the Sunday School Hour. Breakfast will be served. **Please sign up today if you plan on attending.** This is the day that we celebrate and recognize all the students who have attended Sunday School throughout the previous year. There will be an Open House of all Sunday School Classes at 10:30 on that day as well. We will also be highlighting our brand new year of Sunday School starting up on **September 15th.** If you have not attended Sunday School previously, please come and join us for a brand new and exciting year of Sunday School.

Sunday School Opening—There is an Opening Program each Sunday from 9:45-10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for grades 5 and below. At this time we say the Pledge to the Christian Flag and to the Bible. We have a devotion, a time of prayer and take up an offering. Our offering goes to support our sponsored child from Compassion International, Programs from Samaritan's Purse, and church and local needs. At 10:00 the children are dismissed to their classroom. **Parents— Please Note: If your child is in Grade 3 or below, please pick them up in their classroom by 10:45.**

We have 3 Adult Classes:

Seekers Class: led by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. This is an in depth Bible Study. They are currently studying the book of Job. This class meets in the Legacy Hall.

Parables for Today: How did Jesus simplify complex theological concepts so that believers could live out their faith? Using parables! Parables were a go to teaching tool that Jesus used to help his followers embrace deep, spiritual truths. Parables were more than just an illustration, they are also a call to action, because once we understand the meaning behind the parables we can then apply the concepts to our own lives. Parables are just as important today, as they were in Jesus time, but often we cast them aside assuming their relevance isn't applicable in 2024. Join our class as we unpack the Parables and explore them in a new light. The parables are alive and well and we will use them to deepen & renew our

faith. Class will begin **Sunday, October 6,** in the Friendship Hall. This class is taught by Pam & Jason McDonald.

Voyager Class: This class will be reading and discussing Everyday Deserves a Chance by Max Lucado. The books are provided for each class member. This class meets in the Conference Room.

Sunday School

Thank you so much for your commitment and faithfulness to our Sunday School Program! Several families have made Sunday School a Top Priority through out this past year. These families will be receiving a special thank you for their support of our Sunday School program. Congratulations! *“Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are grown they shall not depart from it.”* Proverbs 22:6

Kids of the Kingdom

In Kids of the Kingdom we have done water themes for the month of August. We learned all about Jesus' miracles on Calming the Storm and Walking on the Water. We talked about keeping our eyes and focus always on Jesus even when things seem scary and out of control. From the Old Testament we studied how Jonah was thrown overboard and saved in the belly of a Big Fish. The Big Fish spit Jonah out and Jonah went to tell the people of Ninevah to repent as God wanted him to do from the very beginning. We also talked about Moses parting the Red Sea. When things seem impossible, God will provide away for us!

In September we will be doing an Apple Theme. *“Keep me as the Apple of your Eye.”* Psalm 17:8 (NIV). How special we are in the sight of God. We will be doing lots of apple crafts and eating lots of apple snacks.



Each month we will be featuring a Sunday School Teacher in the monthly newsletter. This month we will be featuring **Jennifer Metz.**

Miss Jen has been teaching for over 20 years. She started with the Kindergarten Class and then moved down to the Pre-K Class because we had so many little ones. Her favorite part of teaching these young children is watching them soak up the Word of God.

Miss Jen's favorite story is Jonah. We can never hide from God. He may let us walk away, but He will eventually find us and put us back on the right path once again. Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

In Miss Jen's spare time she enjoys reading and making greeting cards. Her favorite vacation spot is Ocean City and her favorite food is steamed shrimp.

After over 20+years of teaching, Miss Jen is retiring as our Pre-K Teacher. It is with regret that we say good bye to Miss Jen after all the years she has been teaching in our Sunday School department. She has shaped and impacted countless young minds in the course of over 20 years. Her love, joy, dedication of teaching cannot be over stated. Any child that has had Miss Jen teach them knows not only Bible Stories & memory verses, but also knows the great love she has for them. She acknowledges every child's birthday as well as all holidays with something for the children. Your love and legacy will always be with us in our Sunday School Program. Thank you for your years of service. Our love and prayers are with you as you start a new chapter in your life.

Hello Miss Jen (Johnson) and Gabby!

It is with great joy that we welcome you to our Sunday School Program. Miss Jen and Miss Gabby will be taking over the Pre-K Class. They are not new to our program. They have been helping out for the last 2 years in serving wherever there was a need. Miss Jen has taught the K/1st grade previously. They are excited to teach. They bring experience, enthusiasm, and energy to our Sunday School. Thank you for answering the call to teach. We are so excited to have you as part of our Sunday School family/ministry!

Thank you!

I would like to thank St. Andrew for allowing me to teach Sunday School for over 20 years. I've made many friends, young and old through my teaching. I know these little ones will be in good hands with my replacement Jen & Gabby Johnson. I'll still be around if I'm needed to fill in once in awhile. God bless you all. With love, Jennifer Metz

Sunday School Bowling Party

Everyone is invited to our Bowling Party on **Saturday, September 21, 4:00 p.m. at the Southside Bowling Alley on Virginia Avenue.** We will have the opportunity to bowl a few games either Duck Pin, (bumpers are available) or Ten pin. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for an afternoon of bowling. Please sign up and have payment in by September 14th. There are payment envelopes at the sign up table. Please put your payment in the envelope provided and then put that in the larger envelope. If writing a check, make it out to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. An afternoon of bowling may make us hungry, feel free to join us at Cici's Pizza for dinner after our bowling party.



Thank you!

Thank you to our V.B.S. Students for their generous offerings that they brought each night to V.B.S. We have recently gotten a card from Franklin Graham, the President of Samaritan's Purse thanking us for our wonderful donation of \$1,032.00. The money will be used for:

**** Hot meals and feeding programs:** "This gift enables Samaritan's Purse to support a variety of feeding programs, such as providing hot meals for impoverished children. Through these projects, our staff and partners are sharing the love of Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life."

**** Providing Household Water Filters:** "This gift equips Samaritan's Purse to provide families with household filters that offer an ongoing source of clean drinking water, helping to protect them from dehydration and disease, and creating opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ."

**** Medical Equipment and Supplies for the Mission Field:** "This gift enables Samaritan's Purse to meet the critical needs of Christian hospitals and clinics in impoverished countries by providing medical equipment and supplies to support the mission of providing life-saving assistance and sharing the life-changing Gospel with those who are hurting."

Thank you to the kids and adults who brought in an offering during the week of Bible School. You have blessed and are blessing so many people around the world.

Treasurer's Report

| | <u>General Fund</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| July Income | \$100,131.90 |
| July Expenses | \$ 36,425.94 |
| Operating Income | \$ 63,705.96 |

Harvest Hoe Down is Saturday October 5, 2024

The sign up sheet for volunteer jobs at the Scarecrow Making Booth is on the shelf in the Narthex. Please sign up for a job and time slot that works for you!

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Harvest Hoe Down Needs

Harvest Hoe Down will be here before we know it. St. Andrew Presbyterian raises funds for the Williamsport Food Pantry with the Scarecrow Making Booth. We are short on the following items needed to make a scarecrow. We need enough of each item to make at least 400 scarecrows.

The items are listed by greatest need:

****** Long sleeve button/snap up shirts all sizes but especially youth and children sizes

****** Jeans all sizes especially youth and children sizes

****** Used and new pantyhose (pantyhose can be purchased at the Dollar Tree for \$1.25) Hats, neckties, scarves, belts

Place your donations in the tub found in the hall outside of the office marked scarecrows by Sunday September 29, 2024. **Please sign up to help Saturday October 5, 2024.**

Please note: The youth are no longer collecting clothes for Big Creek.



September 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 <i>7:00 pm Book Club, "Left Behind"</i> | 4 <i>Handbell 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</i> | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 <i>8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Rally Day Celebration & Breakfast 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group</i> | 9 <i>9:30-noon Craft Workshop 7 pm Committee</i> | 10 <i>6 pm Coordinating Team 10 am & 7 pm Women's Bible Study</i> | 11 <i>Handbell 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</i> | 12 | 13 <i>6:00 pm CWU 6:30 pm Flying Box Car Game</i> | 14 |
| 15 <i>8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group</i> | 16 <i>9:30-noon Craft Workshop 6:00 pm Building & Grounds 7:00 pm Deacons/Admin</i> | 17 <i>6:00 pm Presbyterian Men</i> | 18 <i>Handbell 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</i> | 19 <i>10:00-noon Helping Hands 7:00 pm Bible Study</i> | 20 <i>Noon Friday Pot Luck</i> | 21 <i>4:00 pm Bowling</i> |
| 22 <i>8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group</i> | 23 <i>9:30-noon Craft Workshop 5:30 pm Supper Club 7:00 pm Session</i> | 24 | 25 <i>Handbell 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</i> | 26 <i>7:00 pm Bible Study</i> | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <i>8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Premade Scarecrow making 6:00 pm Youth Group</i> | 30 <i>9:30-noon Craft Workshop</i> | | | | | |



Congratulations to those who completed the July/August Word Search for **Pastor Appreciation**. Please turn your September word search into the office by **September 15th. Make sure to have your name on it.**

Melanie Beckley
Scott Beckley
Kathy Carter
Kenny Carter
Courtney Corkery
Shirley Fox
Debbie Kinzer
Melissa Lake
Jill Lampton
Chris Lunsford

Wendy McKinley
Jen Metz
Mark Mummert
Margie Reed
Linda Reid
Gerry Salter
Sherri Schindel
Alexina Twum-Berimah
Thomas Twum-Berimah
Allison Yoder

The Presbyterian Men

Will meet on **Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm**. We will enjoy a delicious dinner, share in our plans for the year, and take time to study the Bible. We ask that each man donate \$5.00 to defray the cost of the meal.

Pastor Mark's Bible Study

For the fall will be on the subject of prayer. During this Study, we will look at the Biblical call to prayer, the importance of prayer, as well as the different techniques and methods of praying. All our welcome! The Study will begin on **Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 pm** in the Legacy Hall.

Book Club

September 3, 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Hall. We will be discussing the book, **Left Behind** by Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins.

Plan on joining us for a very informative and interesting discussion!

Sunday Night Class

We will be starting up our Sunday Evening Bible Study on **October 6th, 6:00 p.m.** We will be doing a Tony Evans Study on Kingdom Authority. Here is a brief excerpt on the study "Tony Evans invites you to embrace your Kingdom authority in this 6 week Bible Study. He details God's plan for you in Christ: to learn to live under His sovereignty, to accept His rule and leadership in your life, to connect with His authority through daily Scripture reading and more." Please sign up by September 22nd so that we can make sure that we have enough books for everyone. Hope that you can join us!

St Andrew Travel Club
Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
Lancaster , PA

December 17, 2024
\$160.00

Trip includes transportation by Atlantic Coast Charters, a delicious full buffet followed by the performance of Irving Berlin's White Christmas.

Make checks payable to the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and place in marked envelope.





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: The Missions Committee mailbox,
located in the office, or put on Secretary's desk.
This scholarship is renewable. Please submit a new application each year.



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