



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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JANUARY 2012

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

As we begin this new year, it only seems appropriate to say a few words about new beginnings. God has stated through the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 5:17, *“If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. Behold the old has passed away and the new has begun.”* Each year, we hear the media state about New Year’s Resolutions. For us Christians, we can begin with resolutions each and every day.

Some of these resolutions can be:

- I resolve to look more like Jesus every day;
- I resolve to be the best spouse for my wife/husband;
- I resolve to be the best employee as a means by which I can serve God;
- I resolve to trust more and worry less;
- I resolve to listen more to God than to the media or my peers;
- I resolve to be morally straight; and
- I resolve to read the Bible every day, and if I miss a day, to resume reading the Bible the next day.

A dear member who moved away (Kathy Thompson) gave me the following prayer as a means by which we can resolve to serve God more completely. It is titled the KNOT prayer, and it goes like this:

Dear God,

Please untie my knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

Remove the have nots, the cannots, and the do nots.

Erase the will nots, the may nots, the might nots, that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, the would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life, all of the “am nots” that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought “that I am not good enough” to serve You.

In Christ’s Love, Amen.

Let us celebrate the new year together at St. Andrew as we seek to continue to grow so that we are rooted in love, grounded in grace, and growing for God.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Mark



Presbyterian Women

The Coordinating Team will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10. Members are reminded to pick up their copy of the December minutes beforehand.

Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Friendship Hall. All women are encouraged to attend. Learn more about the many opportunities to become involved at St. Andrew, and enjoy fellowship with other women. Pastor Mark will continue our Bible Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes".

Following the meeting, we will stay for a covered dish lunch. Bring a side dish to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Each month, we collect non-perishable items for Holly Place. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on January 17, at 6:30 p.m. We will have Bible Study, discuss direction, hear reports, and share in a meal. Hope to see you there!

Youth Connection

Youth Group will meet on January 8, 22, and 29, at 6:00 p.m.

The Youth will have a Winter Retreat at the home of Duane Babcock, on January 15-16. We will leave immediately following church, enjoy a meal at McDonald's (the youth will pay for their own meals), enjoy great fun and Bible Study at the retreat, and return Monday, at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which covers food and supplies. Please turn the permission slip in to Pastor Mark by January 8.

Friday Club

Friday Club will meet on Friday, January 20, at noon. Please bring a covered dish to

share. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie McCauley.

Helping Hands

Please watch your bulletins for the start-up date for the new year.

Breakfast at Homewood

There will be a breakfast at Homewood on January 10, at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$7.25 per person. All are welcome to come and fellowship.

New Member Reception

The New Member Reception will be held on January 29, between the two services. All who joined in 2011 are welcome to attend. We would love to recognize you at this time.

Bible Study

Pastor Mark's Bible Study will begin on January 12, at 7:00 p.m. We will continue our study of the book of Acts. All are welcome.

Communion

We will be observing Communion at both services on Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 8, at 12:15 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 budget, and electing a Nominating Committee for 2012.



Balance 11/01/11	\$ 6,426.41
Receipts	27,442.98
Disbursements	26,879.88
Balance 11/30/11	\$ 6,989.51



Pray for our Christian Family

Hospitalized

Mike Andrews

Recuperating at Home

David Layton

Joan McCauley

Elaine Myers

Nathan Paul

Pauline Reedy

Bette Rhodes

Gwen Struble

Joe Tuzes

In the Nursing Home

Broadmore

Bill Beckner

Wanda Beckner

Hilltop

Carol Howell

Homewood

Betty Smith

Loyalton

Phyllis Dowler

Somerford

Evelyn Spiker

Military

Charles Bryhan

Son-In-Law of Mark & Virginia Wolcott

Andrew Layton

Son of David & Norma Layton

Andrew Likely

Son of Tom & Kelly Likely

Shawn Likely

Son of Tom & Kelly Likely

Alex Linton

Son of Wendy & John LaTorre

Daniel Reilly

Nephew of Janet Bulow

Missionaries

Carl Angsten & Dr. Leslie Clay

Pakistani Church

Young Adult Volunteer

Nathan Potts

Seminary Student

Brian Sandell

Church Officials

Rev. Gradye Parsons

Rev. Peter Nord



Inclement Weather Policy

If Washington County Schools are delayed or closed due to bad weather, all church activities for that day are cancelled. 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.

St. Andrew Travel Group

The first trip of the St. Andrew Travel Group for 2012 will be on March 29, to see "Jonah" at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster.

"Lively, exhilarating family musical delivers powerful themes of love, mercy, obedience and second chances in an uproarious adventure that brings you right in the heart of the action. Experience the mighty storm at sea that breaks apart an enormous ship right before your eyes. Be immersed in an underwater world and witness the giant fish that swallows God's misguided prophet. Jonah will have you laughing, crying, and identifying with a man who rediscovers the unfathomable mercy of God."

Lunch will be at the Good N Plenty Restaurant, specializing in Pennsylvania Dutch food, served family style.

The cost for this trip is \$115.00 per person, due February 24, 2012. We will leave from St. Andrew Church parking lot. Please park on the back row of the lot. The bus will pick up at Homewood 1/2 hour after the church pickup. The coach arrives at the church at 8:30 a.m. Make all checks payable to St. Andrew Presbyterian WOC. If you would like to make a reservation for this trip, or have any questions, please contact Barb Smith at 301-790-3175.

The remainder of the trips will be available soon.

Grocery Cards

Prepaid gift cards for Food Lion, Martin's, and Weis Market are available after both services in the Legacy Room. The cards come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. All proceeds go toward our building fund.

We welcome your input for this newsletter. Please place all submissions in the newsletter box in the church office, by the 15th of the month.



Trivia Corner

Congratulations to all who completed the December word search. Those with an asterisk beside their name were also able to figure out the bonus phrase "The birthday of Christ". Also, congratulations to Lorraine Paul for finishing November's word search. This month's word search is dedicated to our wonderful music program here at St. Andrew. Thank you for the beautiful music that you bring to us every Sunday. Thank you especially for blessing us so richly this Christmas season with such wonderful music. Please place your name on your paper, and put it in the box in the parlor or on the secretary's desk by January 15. We would like to recognize you in next month's newsletter.

*Eric Arvidson
Susan Fearnow
Helen Gerberich
*Emily Grabill
Betty Hall
Jean Harr
Gloria Hays
Janet Hiatt-Young

Gabrielle Johnson
Debbie Kinzer
*Helen Krouse
*Debbie McCauley
*Jennifer Metz
Jean Michael
Elaine Myers
Pat Newbraugh

Genevieve Plante
Margie Reed
*Gerry Salter
Phyllis Schleigh
Joe Tuzes
Marian Tuzes
LaVerne Weller
Frances Wolford



Sunday School Corner

Sunday School Attendance Report 3 out of 4 Sundays in November

2nd/3rd Grade

Olivia Brown

4th/5th Grade

Ian McLane

6th-8th Grade

Courtney Hetzer

Carli Reed

9th-12th Grade

Bryan LaTorre

Matthew Paul

Perfect Attendance in November

Toddler Class

Abby Boppe

Brody Hemphill

2nd/3rd Grade

Josie Boppe

Gabby Brown

Claude Paul

6th-8th Grade

Emily Hemphill

Hayley Hemphill

Pre-K Class

Jeremy Hemphill

4th/5th Grade

Destin Paul

Lorraine Paul

9th-12th Grade

Darin Coyle

Derek Metz

Sunday School Snippets

Toddler Class: The Toddler Class has been learning about the superheroes of the Bible.

Pre-K Class: Congratulations to **Jeremy Hemphill**, **Will McKinley**, and **Emmy Paul** for memorizing their Bible verse, "*Christ is the head of the church.*", Ephesians 5:23. Congratulations to **Lily Wise** for memorizing the Bible truth, "*God did many great things.*"

Kindergarten/1st Grade: This class has been studying the birth of Jesus for the month of December. They have memorized the Bible verse, "*God sent His Son*", Galatians 4:4.

2nd/3rd Grade: This class has been working hard on Scripture memorization! Congratulations to the following students: **Josie Boppe**, **Gabby** and **Olivia Brown**, **Paige Mason**, and **Claude Paul**, for memorizing Proverbs 14:31, "*...kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship.*" Congratulations to **Josie Boppe**, **Gabby**, **Jack**, and **Olivia Brown**, **Paige Mason**, and **Claude Paul**, for memorizing James 1:5, "*But if any of you lack wisdom, he should pray to God, who will give it to him; because God gives graciously and generously to all.*" Also, congratulations to the following students: **Josie Boppe**, **Gabby**, **Jack**, and **Olivia Brown**, and **Tyler Kuremsky**, for memorizing Hebrews 10:22, "*So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith and hearts that have been purified, and with bodies washed with clean water.*"

4th/5th Grade: In November, this class studied the wisdom of King Solomon. In December, they studied the Apostle Paul, the great persecutor of Christians, and how he was called by Jesus to be a great leader and teacher for the followers of Christ.

6th-8th Grade: This class has been studying Paul's journey to God. Congratulations to **Courtney Hetzer** for receiving a \$5.00 gift card of her choice. Courtney was given this gift card for great attendance, good class participation, Bible memorization, and for doing and leading devotions. Congratulations Courtney! Keep up the good work.



Teen Class: The first Sunday of each month, the Teen Class discusses a current topic, and looks at it through a biblical perspective.

In the month of December, the Sunday School students have been bringing in extra offerings to help support a project from Samaritan's Purse. The children voted on which project they would like to donate to. There is a display board in the parlor of many of the projects that Samaritan's Purse supports. Please check out the display board. Watch your upcoming bulletins for the grand total amount the children raised, as well as the project that they decided to support.

Make Sunday School a Priority

It's the time of year for making New Year's resolutions. What better resolution than to make Sunday School a priority. If you haven't joined a class yet, this would be the perfect time to start.

We have classes for all ages of children, from tots to teens. The children's classes begin with an Opening in the sanctuary from 9:45-10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., all students are dismissed to their appropriate classes.

There are three Adult classes for you to choose from. If you haven't attended Sunday School in the past, read over the description of the classes, and choose the one that best suits you.

- **Mac McCauley Class:** This class is located in the Adult Library, off the Friendship Hall. Eric Arvidson is the teacher. The class uses the Presbyterian curriculum, The Present Word, as their study guide. They are presently studying "God's Protection". Specifically, they will be studying the life of Joseph.
- **Voyager Class:** This class meets in the room right before entering the Friendship Hall. Different class members act as facilitators. The class chooses the curriculum that will be studied. Currently, they are reading and studying Traveling Light, by Max Lucado.
- **Seeker Class:** This class, taught by Pastor Mark, meets in the Legacy Room. Currently, they are studying the book of Hebrews.

Teacher Training

Our Teacher Training and Bible Study will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, in the Legacy Room. Bill McKinley, an educator for over 40 years, will be leading the seminar and Bible Study. If you work with children/youth of any age, you are encouraged to attend this seminar and pick up some valuable pointers. It's a great evening of support and fellowship with other teachers, as well as a great Bible study on the book of James.

Buckeyes

The Presbyterian Women will be making buckeyes on January 16 and 17, January 30 and 31, and February 6 and 7. The snow dates are February 20 and 21. The cost of a box of buckeyes is \$9.00. If you would like to purchase a box, see one of the Presbyterian Women, or sign up on the list in the parlor.



Parenting Class

Our Parenting Class will meet on Sunday, January 8, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Legacy Room. We are discussing the book, The Five Love Languages of Children. Please bring your book, notebook, and journal. If you haven't attended our Parenting Class before, and would like to join us, please come on the 8th. We'll have a spot and book waiting for you. If you have any questions, please see Annette Sandell or Tammy Coyle.

Game Night

Start the new year off right. Join us on Saturday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. for our Family Game Night. Bring a favorite game, old or new, and a finger food to share. Please sign up if you will be attending.

A Note From Nathan

I won a scholarship from PCUSA World Missions that is paying for the rest of my year of service. I no longer need donations! Thank you to the entire congregation for the support so far.

Nathan Potts

Sweatshirts

St. Andrew sweatshirts and hoodies are available. You may purchase one in the hallway, between services. Stop by and check out the display.

Pew Fund

As you might have noticed, our pews are looking a little raggedy. We are in the process of saving to have the pews refinished and recovered. If you would like to give to this fund, please mark your envelope or check, "Pew Fund". Thanks for your support.

St. Andrew Library

Kick off the New Year with a book or video from our St. Andrew library! Several new winners have arrived. This may be a great time to complete the Left Behind series, by Tim LeHaye. There are now two full sets of this series in the library. Saving Faith, an electrifying fiction filled with non-stop action, may help fill the void between games. For those more inclined to listen to books, we now have cassette tapes of several thrillers including Triple, Black Notice, Rainbow Six, and Cradle and All. Also on cassette tape, we have the King James Bible, and The Pineapple Story, by missionary Otto Koning. An Operation Christmas Child DVD explains the power of a simple gift, the Christmas shoeboxes.

Families with children will enjoy several new DVDs that include *An American Tail*, *Toy Story*, *Cars*, *The Nuttiest Nutcracker*, and *Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure Begins*.

Thank you to the Keplingers, Helen Krouse, and "Anonymous", for these wonderful, new additions.

Stop by St. Andrew Library, located off the Friendship Hall, and check out a book or video today. If you chose something you've read or seen before, never fear. You'll be sure to pick up something you didn't remember the first time around, just like instant replay!

Book Club

Our Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. The book to be read and discussed is A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeleine L'Engle. There are books on the back counter of the church office. Please reimburse Sandy Lunsford \$7.00 if you take one of these books. Bring suggestions for future books for the book club to the January meeting.



Craft Night

We will be starting a monthly Craft Night at St. Andrew on Friday, January 27, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Bring any craft items or photo albums you are working on, and come on out where you can spread out and work on your projects, while fellowshiping with your St. Andrew friends. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up if you will be attending. Also, if you need an extra large space, please make note of it when you sign up.

Supper Club

We are starting a Supper Club at St. Andrew. Everyone is invited. Each month, the group will go out to a restaurant and enjoy a meal, and fellowship with our church family. The days and times may change from month to month, so please watch your bulletins. This month, we will be going to the Western Sizzlin on Monday, January 30, at 5:00 p.m. Please meet at the restaurant at 5:00 p.m., in the back room. When arriving, tell the hostess you are with the St. Andrew group. When everyone has arrived, we'll go through the line together. Please note that if schools are closed or dismissed early due to snow, we will postpone our evening out. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor if you are able to join us this month.

Food Bank

Food Bank Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. Bring your non-perishable items and place them in the Food Bank box at the right side of the church entrance. If you would rather donate money, please place your monetary donations in the offering plate, in an envelope marked "Food Bank".

Thank You

Dear Friend of the Hungry,

Your gift to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry is greatly appreciated by the men, women, and children who will eat nutritious meat because of your support! In the Bible, God says, "Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as day. The Lord will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.", Isaiah 58:10-11 NLT. Jesus embodied the light of God shining into a broken and hurting world, and His light continues to shine today! Thank you for shining this light into a dark world by helping us feed hungry people.

Thanks and God bless,

Josh Wilson,
Director of Operations

Many thanks to all who have been praying for my sister, Laura Marfut, while she was in Afghanistan. She is now home, safe and sound (hopefully for good).

Kathy Dorwart

Thank you so much for all who helped with our Birthday Party for Jesus last month. Our kitchen crew of **Bob Oates**, **Gene McCauley**, **Mike McCauley**, **Mike Line**, and **Chris Davis**, did a superb job of providing everyone with a delicious lunch to enjoy! Thank you to all who came to the birthday party! It was a great afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrated (early) the birth of our Savior!



Living Nativity: A Great Success

This year's Living Nativity was a GREAT SUCCESS due to the large number of volunteers who made this year's program the best ever. An endeavor this large cannot be done without the help of many dedicated volunteers. A BIG Thank You goes to:

- Tammy Coyle and Wendy LaTorre, who directed this year's Living Nativity. Thank you for the countless number of hours you both put into making this year's pageant the best ever.
- Carol Wilks, who made the beautiful manger scene to be displayed on our church lawn during the month of December.
- Janet Hiett, who is our costume designer, and made many new costumes this year.
- The members of the Witness Committee, who oversee the Living Nativity.
- All the church members who came out to set up for the Living Nativity before Thanksgiving.
- Jerred Brown, Jeff Stearns, and Matt Valentine, who spent many extra hours working on all the outside details.
- Mark Mummert, who spent countless hours getting the lights just right.
- Dave Kershner, who helped out with the sound and music.
- Art Brown, Ken Harbaugh, and all the Presbyterian Men who assisted with parking.
- John LaTorre and his kitchen crew, Jim and Barb Smith, and Jennifer Johnson, who fed the cast and crew each night.
- Debbie McCauley and Bob Oates, who provided a lot of food for the kids and adults to enjoy after the performances.
- Samantha Harding and Jennifer Metz, who helped out with the little angels.
- All the kids and adults who participated in this year's Living Nativity. Without your willingness to come out, there would be no Living Nativity!
- All who came to watch the Living Nativity. What a great blessing it was to have such a great crowd come out and hear the greatest story ever told, by our St. Andrew folks.
- Fran Little, for enabling the audio to be listened to on car radios.
- The Beckley family for donating the live animals for the performances.
- Art Brown and Wayne Lanzendorfer, who coordinated the delivery and care of the live animals.
- Most of all, THANK YOU to the Lord Jesus Christ, for giving us the greatest story ever told to share with the community, and for blessing us with such gorgeous evenings.

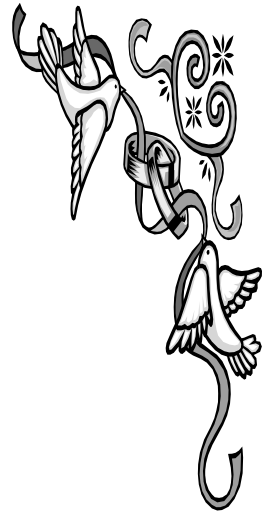
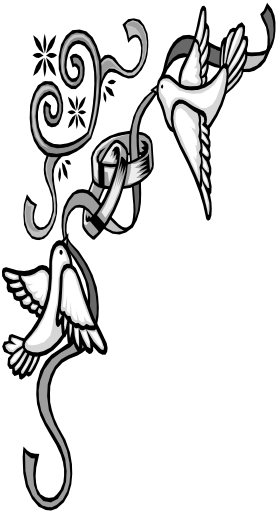
Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to David Peters, in the loss of his wife, Sharon.



Happy Anniversary!

Randy & Penny Bender
January 16



BIRTHDAYS

1	Faith Athey
1	Evelyn Moody
1	Tim Plum
3	Marcia Davis
4	Carol Howell
6	Christina Athey
6	Jeffrey Moats
7	Ray Goodwin
10	Kendra Sampson
11	Scott Woolman
12	Joe Martin
12	Jane Rhodes
13	Sandra Smith
14	Sybil Bender
14	Evelyn Spiker
14	Marvin Thompson
15	Alex Finn
16	Calum Lunsford

17	Jeffrey Andrews
17	Terry Brown
17	Jessica Cube
18	Alan Adams
18	Maxine Palmer
18	Jenny Plum
19	Karly Mummert
19	Brandon Peterson
22	Taylor Kolson
24	Ron Mentzer
25	Coreen Leonard
26	Fran Quinn
28	Roger Abraham
28	Amber Ankrom
28	Mike Leonard
28	Gerry Salter
31	Larry Keplinger

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Guest Minister Bill Moore 10:00am Worship Service only	2 7:00am Capital Campaign	3 7:00pm Book Club	4 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	5	6	7 6:30pm Game Night
8 Food Bank Sunday 12:15pm Congregational Meeting 6:00pm Youth 6:30pm Parenting Class	9 7:00pm Committees	10 7:30am Breakfast at Homewood 9:00am Coordinating Team 10:00am Circle	11 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	12 7:00pm Bible Study	13	14
15	16 8:00am Buckeyes 7:00pm Administrative Committee 7:00pm Deacons	17 8:00am Buckeyes 9:30am Ministerium 6:30pm Presbyterian Men	18 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	19 7:00pm Bible Study	20 12:00pm Friday Club	21
22 6:00pm Youth	23 7:00pm Session	24	25 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	26 7:00pm Bible Study	27 6:30-9:00pm Craft Night	28
29 New Member Reception 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Teacher Training	30 8:00am Buckeyes 5:00pm Supper Club	31 8:00am Buckeyes				Sunday Services 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship



Volunteers Needed

Our Children's Ministry is growing by leaps and bounds. We want to continue with the high quality education, activities, and programs for our children. Unfortunately, we will not be able to keep up with our high level of programming unless we recruit some more volunteers to work with our young people. Please read over the following needs, and prayerfully consider what area you would like to assist in. Call the church office, or see Pastor Mark or Annette, to indicate what area you would like to volunteer your services. Thank you so much for your ministry to our young people. Areas you can volunteer:

- Assisting in the nursery for the 11:00 service.
- Assisting in the T.O.T.s program. This program runs during the 11:00 service. We need volunteers to help with the activities.
- Assisting in Kids of the Kingdom during the 11:00 service.
- Assistant to the 4th/5th Grade Sunday School class.
- Substitute teacher. Specify what age you prefer.
- Sunday School helper. Help with Sunday School wherever there is a need.
- Assist with Youth Group. They meet weekly from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday evenings.
- Present children's sermon when Pastor Mark is away. Contact Liz Altman at 301-791-5592 if interested.



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