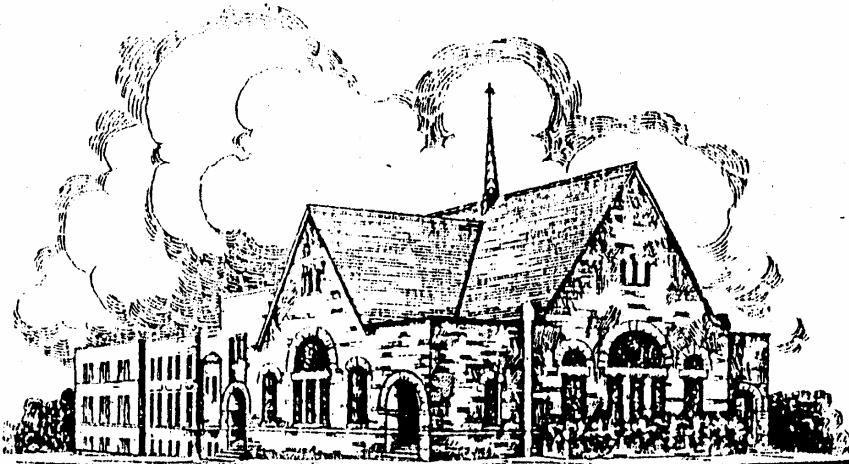


Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
September 18, 2011 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age



Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

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Office Closed on Fridays

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Exchange of Greetings

The Introit #20

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Kevin Moon

Leader: God is sheer mercy and grace.

God is not easily angered but is rich in love.

**People: God doesn't endlessly nag or scold,
God doesn't hold grudges forever.**

Leader: God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,
Nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

**People: As high as heaven is over the earth,
So strong is God's love for those who fear him.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 103:8 – 11, from *The Message*, adapted)

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Holy and loving God, we gather to give thanks for your abundant mercies. In Christ, you free us from all that holds us in bondage. Still we cling to the familiar shackles of our sin. Open our hearts and empower our spirits to receive your gift of grace. Give us the courage to reach out and embrace the new life that you intend for us. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #343**

“Just As I Am”

Woodworth

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Loving God, we confess that our lives do not consistently reflect your grace and goodness. We are far more interested in keeping score and getting even than in showing forgiveness. We nurture our hurts and tally our grievances. We store up resentment like farmers store grain. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember that in the economy of grace, we ourselves are debtors. Empower us to forgive with the same boundless generosity that you have shown us. Empower us to live as truly forgiven people, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

*The people will rise in body or spirit

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Congregation Sings in Response "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Church in Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Psalm 103: 1 – 13 O.T. p. 554
Matthew 18: 21 - 35 N.T. p. 20
Leader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem "Sing a New Song to the Lord" Chancel Choir

The Message to Young Christians Janice King

The Congregation Sings in Response "Jesus, What a Savior"

You see the world with eyes full of compassion.
You feel the hurt of the lost and wounded soul.
Little children can know that Your gentle arms will hold them.
You can heal what has been broken,
Take the pain and fill them with hope.
Jesus, what a Savior You are, Savior You are.
Jesus, what a Savior You are.

The Sermon "Debt Management" Rev. Merry Hope Meloy

***The Hymn #84** "Grace Greater than Our Sin" Moody

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (In Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offertory Invitation

God has given us all that we have and all that we are. With deep gratitude, let us give back to God a portion of what God has so generously given to us. Let us bring before the Lord our gifts and offerings.

As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located at the end of your pews.
Thank you!

The Offertory Organ Offertory Chuck Davey

***The Congregation Sings in Response** #6 "Praise God,..."
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***The Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**

We witness to your love, O Lord, in what we say and what we do, in what we give and how we live. May these offerings be used to share your healing mercy. May our lives shine forth with the light of your redeeming grace. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Hymn #44** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Runyan

***The Benediction**

The Benediction Response "Amen" Chancel Choir

***The Postlude** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 18, 2011

9:15 AM – Sunday School
 10:30 AM – Worship
 6:00 PM – Youth Group

Monday, September 19, 2011

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

10:00 AM – Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Banks
 6:30 PM – Session

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian UPC
 8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, September 22, 2011

6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers
 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September 23, 2011

Saturday, September 24, 2011

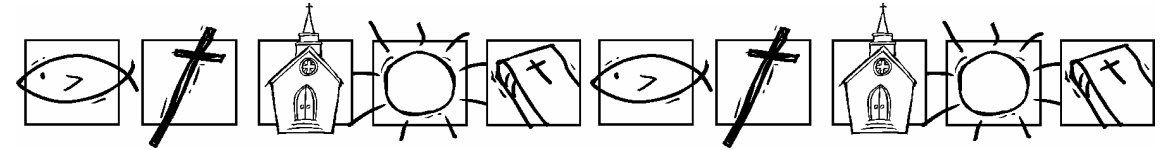
9:15 AM – Joint Elder Training with Covenant

Next Sunday, September 25, 2011

9:15 AM – Sunday School
 10:30 AM – Worship
 12:00 PM – Youth Sunday Lunches
 6:00 PM – Youth Group

Reports for Sunday, September 4, 2011

2011 Budgeted Operating Income to Date (Envelopes): \$ 110,769.23
Operating Income (Envelope Giving) to Date: \$ 110,608.84
Deficit: \$ 160.39
 Special Giving to Date: \$ 26,772.92
 Worship Attendance for September 11, 2011: 80



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Lila Albert	Don Gall	Karen Pressler
Liturgist: Kevin Moon		Next Week: Ansu Benjamin
Children's Sermon: Janice King		Next Week: Dawn Grossman
Children's Church: Janice King		Next Week: Elizabeth & Abigail Haughey
Flower Delivery: Vickie Swigart		Next Week: Denise Hawks
Open the Church: Thalia McGrady		Next Week: Elder Needed
Close the Church: Janice King		Next Week: Travis Grossman

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Prayer Requests can be made by using the purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Please pass your requests to the center aisle during the Opening Hymn. They will be shared during the Prayers of the People and distributed to our Prayer Team to be included in this week's prayers.

Restrooms: Please use the left front entrance to the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. From the rear of the sanctuary, turn left and go downstairs. The restrooms are at the end of the hallway.

Child Care: The Church Nursery is available for children through pre-Kindergarten age. To find the nursery, please go to the left front entrance of the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. The nursery is on the left. If your child would like to be rocked during worship, a rocking chair is available on the left side of the sanctuary.



**COMMUNITY DINNER
 HELP WANTED**



Saint Andrews Community Dinner is looking for team members and dessert makers. If you're willing to give a few hours of your time once every three months to serve those in our community, please contact Terri Bonnett or the church office.

All In The Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Hazlett family. Mary Ann's father, Albert V. Spinelli, died on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.



Please keep Sally Hayden in your prayers. She injured her hip in a fall last week. She is now at a rehabilitation center, and is expected to make a full recovery. If you would like to send a card, her address for the next few weeks is: Morris Hills Center, 77 Madison Avenue, Room 408 (Window), Morristown, NJ 07960.



September 18	Kate Busa
September 19	Travis Mowery
September 22	Dawn Roccki
September 22	Mary Turk



Elder Training Saturday, September 24th

The Sessions of Saint Andrews and Covenant United Presbyterian Church will meet for joint elder training on Saturday, September 24, from 9:15 am to 1:00 pm.



Soup Fest 2011 Saturday, October 15th A Potful of Possibilities



Please join us on Saturday, October 15, for a soup and salad extravaganza in the Bethany Room. Some of our congregation's top chefs will be providing a wonderful array of soups, salads and desserts. Bring the whole family for a great night out and benefit the church's general fund at the same time. Hope to see you there!

Chancel Choir Fall Season



If ever you were considering joining the choir, this is the year to do it!! Deanna attended classes this summer to learn more about teaching aging voices, young beginner voices, men's voices, and to brush up on singing technique and vocal health. Remember, you don't need to be a singer to join the choir; you need to join to be a singer.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays, from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm.

Canticleer Ringers

The Canticleer Ringers are on the lookout for new members. If you have a free evening and would like to give handbells a try, here is your chance! Contact Susan Moon at 724-283-9448 or askmoons@zoominternet.net.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:15 pm. Hope to see you there!



Canticleer II Choir



Have you ever thought, "I'd love to play handbells, but..."

- I can't read music."
- It would be too hard"
- I can't commit to rehearsals every week."
- They have been ringing together for so long, I wouldn't fit in."
- I'm not sure it's for me."

Now you have the chance to put your fears to rest. On October 13, we will start a Canticleer II choir. You need only commit to four rehearsals. They will be from 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm on October 13th, 20th, 27th and November 3rd. The music will be simple enough for anyone, ages 12 to 100, who would like to ring. We will play during worship on November 6th; then you're done (or you just may be hooked and choose to continue!).

Just let Susan Moon know you're coming (724-283-9448, 724-504-3515, askmoons@zoominternet.net) by September 29th and then show up on October 13th ready to laugh, learn, and worship our Lord through music!

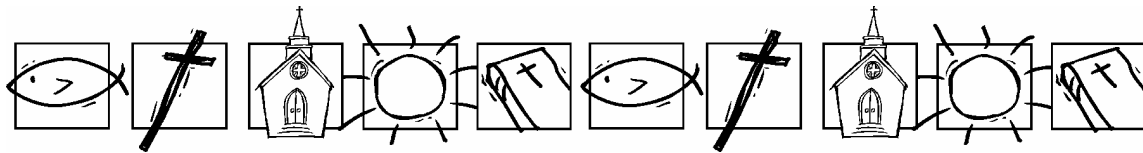


Joy Ringers Pizza Party

Wednesday, September 28th

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Are you in 5th Grade or older? Would you like to learn more about the youth handbell choir? Come to the Joy Ringers Pizza Party on Wednesday, September 28th. We'll meet in the Memorial Room at 6:00 pm to eat some pizza, catch up on each other's summers, and play the Cup Game. See you there!



K.I.C.K.

Kids in Christ Klub

K.I.C.K. is for anyone in Preschool – Sixth Grade

We meet every Wednesday, starting on October 5th.

Special events include:

Wednesday, October 5th – K.I.C.K starts

Wednesday, October 26th – Halloween party

Wednesday, November 16th – Family game night

Wednesday, December 14th – Birthday party for Jesus

Mark your calendars now and come!



Sponsored Child

Our Mission Offering in September will go to our Sponsored Child at the Indo-American Home for Children. Dison, our sponsored child for the last three years, has been removed from the home by his mother so he can be put to work. While there is some hope that he may be returned to the home, that has not yet happened. It is a sad thing for Dison. Please remember him in prayer, asking God for a better life for him.

On a happier note ~ J. Kowsalya is our new sponsored child. She turned 13 on January 25, 2011 and comes from a very poor family. Her mother works as a laborer and her father has died. Kowsalya has two brothers. She wrote the following letter to her previous sponsors last September. The letter tells us a lot about her personality and thinking.

Dear Sponsored Parents,

I am ok here and my friends in the Home also. How is your family? I am studying well. How is your health? My annual exam is starting now. Everyday I pray to God.

I am studying in 7th std. My favourite subject is maths. Every Saturday we have computer classes, music, spiritual and spoken English classes in the Home. Every Sunday we go to church and attend the service and Bible classes.

I have only two brothers, my father is no more. My mother is a labourer. She gets much less wages. We have a beautiful garden in our Home.

I like our Lord very much. Jesus is my best friend. All our teachers are very nice, specially our Home teachers and Mother. We can easily talk to them our wishes. They treat us very well. We thank our Doctor Sir and Madam for all the things they have given us.

Won't you pray for me? I do always for you. Thanking you.

Lovingly yours,
J. Kowsalya

To help fund our Sponsored Child, simply mark your check "Sponsored Child" or use a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope found in the pew rack. Also, please continue to support Dison and J. Kowsalya in prayer. Thank you!

Dr. Mazen Al-saqa International Peacemaker from Iraq

Visiting in our presbytery from Sept. 24-29, 2011

International Peacemakers are leaders who are engaged in peacemaking in their own areas of the world. Dr. Al-saqa was born in Iraq. He will be speaking about the challenges Christians face in the Middle East. One of the best ways to grow, to learn, to expand our understanding is through these kinds of events. Come hear Dr. Al-saqa's personal story!



Dr. Al-saqa will be preaching during opening worship at

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Meeting

4 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 27

Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church

727 W. Old Rt. 422

Butler, PA 16001

Visitors are welcome !

We are invited to join with all Butler area Presbyterians at

The Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Second St.

7 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 28

for Dessert and a Presentation by Dr. Al-saqa

This is an Intergenerational event.. all ages welcome!!

Please mark these dates on your calendar and invite your family & friends!



U-Name-It Auction Friday, November 4th

The Mission Team is seeking donations from the congregation for our annual U-Name-It Auction. Proceeds will benefit missions here at home and around the world.

What are we looking for? U Guessed it.....U Name it.

The donations can be (almost) anything.....Sure, we're looking for regular items and gift certificates, but we're also interested in more unique gifts of your time and talents that could be auctioned off...

Some Ideas:

- Perhaps you have a classic car and would be willing to give someone a driving tour of Butler
- You're a closet gourmet chef and would be willing to cook a candlelight dinner for two
- You're willing to provide babysitting for an evening or supply lawn maintenance/ labor for a day or a few hours
- A basket of goodies for a family movie night
- Handmade quilts or afghans
- So you sing, dance, ride, cook, sew, knit, crochet, scrapbook? How about giving a few lessons?



These are just a few ideas. As you can see it can be ANYTHING (Well almost anything)--

U-NAME-IT!!



Anyone with suggestions on improvements or changes for this year's auction, please contact Jeanne Wilson at 724-282-6095.

ROASTER PAN MISSING



use.

Missing since Chili Cook Off: the inner pan of one of the church's roasters. If you know the location of the missing pan, please let the church office know. We have a roaster we cannot