

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 12pm Adult Confirmation Class 4pm Blessing of the Animals	5 7pm Scripture Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)	6	7 7pm Centering Prayer (<i>Zoom</i>)	8 9am Growth in the Spirit Book Group (<i>Zoom</i>)		10
11 2pm CROP Hunger Walk 4pm Faith, Doubt, & Reality Meetup	12 7pm Scripture Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)	13	14 7pm Centering Prayer (<i>Zoom</i>)	15 9am Growth in the Spirit Book Group (<i>Zoom</i>)		16
18 11am Stewardship Kickoff Brunch 12pm Adult Confirmation Class 4pm Middle School Youth Group	19 7pm Scripture Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>) 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	20	21 7pm Centering Prayer (<i>Zoom</i>)	22 9am Growth in the Spirit Book Group (<i>Zoom</i>)		24
25 10am Blessing of Halloween Costumes 11:30am Aging Well - Parish Cares	26 7pm Scripture Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)	27 7pm Speaker: Dr. Bob Ross on Palestine	28 7pm Centering Prayer (<i>Zoom</i>)	29 9am Growth in the Spirit Book Group (<i>Zoom</i>)	30	31 5:30pm Trick or Treating in the spooky sanctuary

Weekly Groups

Monday Evenings

Scripture Bible Study - 7pm

We'll look at the texts for the coming Sunday - join anytime!

Download the Zoom app or go to zoom.us
Meeting ID: 412 661 1245 // Passcode: 5801

Wednesday Evenings

Lectio Divina and Contemplative Prayer - 7pm

A time of reflective conversation and a shared period of meditation in silence.

Contact Bill Ghrist for the link: ghristwd@verizon.net

Thursday Mornings

"Growth in the Spirit" Book Group - 9am

Currently reading Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*; the next book will be Kathleen Norris' *Amazing Grace*, to start November 5.

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October Events

Sunday, October 4

Blessing of the Animals - 4pm on the lawn

All (furry, scaly, slimy, etc.) creatures welcome! Prayers also offered for pets who have died - bring a photograph or other keepsake.

Sunday, October 11

Faith, Doubt & Reality - 4pm at Two Frays Brewing

Casual conversations about complicated questions.

Hosted by the young adults of St Andrew's, open to all.

Pittsburgh East CROP Hunger Walk - 2pm

The annual CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supports programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world.

For the walk on October 11, registration starts at 1pm, and the walk begins at 2 pm. The starting point is Waverly Presbyterian Church (590 S. Braddock Ave), and there are options for 1.5- and 4-mile courses.

[Scan here to donate or register
to walk with the St. Andrew's team!](#)



Sunday, October 18

Stewardship Kickoff - 11am

Stewardship season is a time to step back and consider the ways we support, and give back to, our church community. In the spirit of giving, our 2027 Stewardship Committee invites you to join us for brunch after service to begin this season of reflection.

Sunday, October 25

Blessing of Halloween Costumes - 10am

All are welcome to come to church in their costumes for a special prayer!

Parish Cares: Aging Well - 11:30am

Aging well is like juggling balls. We want to balance our safety with a quality of life which reflects our dignity and reasonable expectations for our future. Please join us to learn how to keep all the balls in the air.

Tuesday, October 27

Social Justice Speaker: Dr. Bob Ross
The Crisis in Palestine - 7pm

[RSVP here:](#)



Dr. Bob Ross is a Professor in the Department of Literature, Culture, and Society and the Department of Community Engagement and Leadership at Point Park University. He is on the steering committee of the Palestine Justice Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA). He has written numerous articles about Palestine, Israel, and the Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions movement. His latest book, Throwing Mountains into the Sea: The American Church and the Anti-Apartheid Movement, will be published by Fordham University Press in May 2027. He lives in Lawrenceville with his wife, the Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross, and their six-year-old son.

Saturday, October 31

Trick or Treating at St Andrew's - 5:30-7:30pm

Come by anytime to see our spooky-but-not-too-scary church decorated for halloween, accompanied by live organ music!

Looking forward to November:

Sunday, November 1

Bishop's Visit + All Saints' Day

We welcome our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak, who celebrates her annual visitation with us for All Saints' Day. Plus confirmation, children's choir, and lunch!

Saturday, November 7

PTS Service and Meal - 11:30am

We're moving our 10am service to Saturday! St Andrew's has been invited to be the host site for Pittsburgh Seminary's hybrid M.Div program's worship "field trip." We'll offer these ministers-in-training the opportunity to see the church in action and learn about our worship practices. PTS will provide lunch afterwards so we have time to connect with each other and the students.

Sunday, November 8

Chapel Service - 8:15am

Our early service will be held at the usual time. No 10am service.