

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**



***The Beacon***  
***St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church***  
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**The Rev. John G. Paderson, Pastor**  
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**January 2015**

As I prepared this New Year's message, I took a look back at the session minutes from 50 years ago. I looked at the last session meeting for 1964 and the first session meeting for 1965 and here are a few things that I found interesting.

Session, at its last meeting in 1964 voted to experiment with a coffee hour after worship during the following month. They also appointed an audit committee that included Harry Davidson and David Arnold.

At their first meeting in 1965, session voted to continue the coffee hour on a weekly basis. They also voted to apportion \$1,300 of the benevolence budget to mission programs at the GA, Synod, and presbytery levels. They also received a recommendation from the Stewardship and Mission Committee to have the next stewardship campaign done as it had been done in the past, with a kick-off dinner, keynote speaker, and an every home visitation. Perhaps their stewardship campaign hadn't been as fruitful as expected.

In contrast, at the last meeting of our session for 2014, we spent a lot of time talking about a budget that contained no benevolences and was still about \$15,000 in the red.

The problem with the budget is two-fold. First we will need more income if we are to balance the budget for the coming year. Second there is a great amount of uncertainty about where that income will come from. The majority of the income in the budget is projected to come from envelope offerings. The amount budgeted for that source is simply an estimate based on what was given last year.

Stewardship is a spiritual discipline. It involves giving back to God a small portion of all that God has given to us. We may not be able to all agree on how to spend the money given. In the end, though, I think that we can all agree on the objective for which the money is given. The objective is to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world and to be good news from Jesus Christ in the world. Session believes that the way the money is budgeted for next year goes a long way towards meeting that objective.

We haven't yet had our first meeting of session in the New Year. That is scheduled for Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Wouldn't it be nice if at that meeting we had enough pledged to reduce the uncertainty around envelope offering and that the amount pledged not only balances the budget but allows for benevolences as well. Fifty years from now someone might just look back at our minutes and be encouraged by what they see.

Take a look at the draft budget in this issue of the Beacon. Overall, is the amount budgeted for next year sufficient to meet the objective of the Gospel? What do you think it would take make it sufficient? I think it would take a pledge from you and from me. Kathy and I have submitted our pledge. I hope that you will do the same.

Yours in Christ,

**To:** The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
**From:** The Rev. John G. Paderson  
**Subject:** Report for November 2014  
**Date:** December 9, 2014

**A. Service of the Lord's Day and Occasional Services**

- Prepared and led worship all five Sundays in November.
- Administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and at the joint service on Thanksgiving Eve.
- Conducted a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Robert Roy at St Andrew's on the evening of November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)**

- Home Visits: 1
- Hospital Visits: 2

**C. Administration**

- Wrote a Beacon message for December Beacon
- Moderated November session meeting.
- Moderated the November Congregational meeting
- Met with session subcommittee to review the rolls

**D. Christian Education**

- Led five Sunday evening Church History classes

**E. Ecumenical Activities**

- Ministerium meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> to plan Thanksgiving Eve joint service.
- Thanksgiving Eve joint service at St. Andrew's with St. Nicholas Episcopal Church and Kingswood United Methodist Church

**F. Denominational Activities**

- Met with Jim Moseley on Tuesday afternoon November 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss Cameroon report.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John*

**ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**STATED SESSION MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9 2014**

**ELDERS PRESENT:** Winnie Wagner, Cliff Wood, Emmanuel Ndifor, Jane Wright, Chet Pasapane, Mary Ann Colbert, Sue Staudt

**ELDERS ABSENT:** Myron Hardesty

Moderator Rev. John Paderson opened with prayer at 4:30 pm.

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction.

Treasurers Report was reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for October 2014 was \$12,843.80. Total expenditures for October 2014 were \$11,897.71. Net revenue over expenses for October 2014 was \$946.09. Total revenue for the YTD was \$129,241.84. Total expenditures for the YTD were \$139,584.36. Net revenue over expenses for the YTD was -\$10,342.52.

Pastors Report was approved.

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

A request that the housing allowance portion of his 2015 salary be \$24,000.00 was approved.

The Secretary position: 18 hours per week at \$14.76 per hour for a minimum of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday was approved.

The treasurer will put together a Finance Team to assess investments was approved.

Proposed Disbursement by Mission Committee was approved as follows:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$500.00
Medical Benevolence Foundation	\$500.00
Exceptional Care for Children	\$250.00
Emmanuel Dining Room	\$250.00
Heifer Project	\$250.00
Delaware Youth for Christ	\$250.00
Urban Promise	\$250.00
Sunday Breakfast Mission	\$500.00
Newark Welfare Committee/Val Nardo	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$3,000.00

Dave DiMartine and Cliff Wood to purchase kitchen equipment up to \$500.00 approved.

Youth to hold their 5<sup>th</sup> annual lock in at the church December 31 2014 from 5:00 pm. thru 10 am. January 1 2015 was approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 6:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for December 14 2014 at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Staudt, Clerk of Session

**ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 9 2014**

Rev. Paderson opened the meeting with prayer at 11:15 am.

Clerk of Session, Sue Staudt, verified a quorum was present and proper notice was given for this meeting.

The chair of the Nominating Committee, Emmanuel Ndifor, presented the names of the Deacons and Elders to be elected:

For Deacons---For 3 year terms: Pam Crowe, Gary Strickland and Sandra Miller

For 2 year term to replace Erik Hill: Mackenzie Conners

For Elders----- For 3 year terms: Jane Wright, Florence Fonjweng and Flora Antangcho.

For 2 year term to replace Ben Kuykendall---Brenda Saulsbury

For a 1 year term to replace Harris Aungst—Al Crowe

For a 1 year term : Cliff Wood

Motion was made and passed for the clerk to cast one unanimous ballot to elect the deacons and elders named above.

The meeting was then turned over to the treasure, Winnie Wagner, to conduct discussion and vote on the Pastors Total Compensation Package. Winnie explained the package and answered questions then called for a vote to accept the package as presented. The motion was passed with 1 abstention.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the Congregation meeting.

Winnie closed the meeting with prayer at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Staudt, Clerk of Session

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

The per capita apportionment is a per member assessment from New Castle Presbytery for each active member we have on our rolls. It represents St. Andrew's share of the administrative costs for the Presbytery (\$23.83), Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (\$.75) and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (\$7.07). The per capita for 2013 is \$31.65 per member. This amount reflects a \$1.65 increase from last year.

The Session of St. Andrew's has reaffirmed their decision that only per capita money received from members will be used to pay our assessment in 2013. It will not be an annual budgeted amount.

By using the specially marked envelope found in your box of offering envelopes and paying your share of the per capita apportionment is prudent stewardship. We hope you will see it in that light and consider paying your per capita as soon as possible. Thank you!

## January's Deacons Update.....

As we ring in the new year, we look back at all that St. Andrew's church family accomplished in 2014. Together we shared Gods love through our community. Thank you all for your support!

Annual picnic  
Fund raiser yard sale  
Quilts for Comfort bee  
Adopt-a-Student collection  
Salvation Army Bell Ringers  
Coats for Hope Dining Room  
Desserts for Meals on Wheels  
Holiday Helper Tree for 4 families  
Support for the "Laundry for the Lord"  
Hot dog lunches for Hope Dining Room  
A fellowship night at the Blue Rocks Stadium  
Hope Totes for the Sunday Breakfast Mission  
Monthly collections of items for our food pantry  
Support of camperships for Camp Donegal attendees  
Food Baskets for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas



The families we supported through the Holiday Helper tree send you all tearful and heart felt thank you's and blessings for your kindness in supplying the gifts that they could not afford for their children.

The Deacons delivered Christmas Food Baskets to 15 local families and have pretty much wiped out the "Food Pantry." Please remember that on the first Sunday of each month, there is a basket in the narthex to accept donations of canned, boxed or jar items for the pantry. These items are available to any family in need in our community. We rely on donations from you, our church family, and you always provide. Please remember that we cannot include outdated food. Thank you again for your never ending support.

### **Our needs are:**

Potatoes (boxed or canned)  
Boxed Dessert Mixes  
Applesauce  
Fruit (canned or jar)

Vegetables  
Soups  
Jelly  
Cereal

Spaghetti and sauce  
Meats  
Peanut Butter  
Macaroni & Cheese

The Deacons will continue to collect coats, sweaters, socks, hats and other gently used warm clothing into January to distribute to Hope Dining Room visitors. They are very appreciative of all the wonderful items that St. Andrew's has contributed over the years. Many of the visitors are homeless and living in tents through the winter. Contact any deacon if you need help transporting the items. If you bring the items to church, please mark the bag or box with "Coats for Hope".

"Code Purple" is a program supported by the Newark Empowerment Center. In the winter, when temperatures drop to dangerous levels, seven churches in the area open up, in rotation, for overnight housing of homeless people. Volunteers are critical and are needed to support those events. There are a lot of opportunities with varying amounts of time required. This winter is predicted to be another cold one. Please check out the purple flyer in the narthex and consider helping our neighboring churches in this life saving program.

Next Deacons Meeting is Sunday, January 11th following the service.

Deacons: Marianne Hardesty, Gary Strickland, Pam Crowe, Linda DiMartine, Rob Johnson, Matt Kupelian, Jean Pasapane and Charlotte Walker

2015ChallengeBudget

	2015		2015
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>PROGRAMS</b>	
ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$135,700	OUTREACH	\$500
LOOSE OFFERING	\$4,500	HOSPITALITY	\$300
<b>Additional Income needed</b>	<b>\$14,575</b>	WORSHIP CELEBRATION	\$500
RENTAL INCOME/KOREAN CHURCH OF SERVICE	\$15,000	YOUTH/FAITH CLUB	\$2,500
		DEACONS	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS INCOME</b>	<b>\$169,775</b>	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$2,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$8,800</b>
<b>STAFF EXPENSES</b>			
PASTOR BASE SALARY	\$31,686	<b>BUILDING AND GROUNDS</b>	
HOUSING/UTILITIES	\$24,000		
403b PENSION CONTRIBUTION	\$3,805	MAINTENANCE	\$4,500
PENSION & DEATH DISABILITY(12% of TSE)	\$6,682	INSURANCE	\$4,500
MEDICAL(21% of TSE)	\$13,643	OFFICE EXPENSE	\$4,100
DENTAL COVERAGE	\$802	UTILITIES	\$12,000
TRAVEL	\$3,500	WEBSITE/LOGOS	\$1,640
CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$900	MISCELLANEOUS	\$500
WRAP-AROUND MEDICAL(2% of TSE)	\$1,114	<b>TOTAL BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	
			<b>\$27,240</b>
<b>TOTAL PASTOR'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE</b>	<b>\$86,132</b>	LOAN REPAYMENT	
SECRETARY	\$13,815	<b>BENEVOLENCES</b>	
CHOIR DIRECTOR	\$5,500	GENERAL BENEVOLENCES	
ORGANIST/WORSHIP	\$14,500		
CUSTODIAN	\$4,120	<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCES</b>	
WORSHIP LEADER	\$0		
YOUTH DIRECTOR	\$5,356	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$169,775</b>
PAYROLL TAXES (7.65%)	\$3,312		
GUEST MINISTER & ORGANIST	\$1,000		
<b>NON-PASTOR STAFF EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$47,603</b>	<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL STAFF EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$133,735</b>		

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY 2015

- 1 – Ed Stowell, Jr.
- 2 -- Dennis Wilcott
- 8 -- Eileen Hunt
- 8 -- Michelle Johnson
- 9 – Heather Favazza
- 10 -- Harry Davidson
- 10 -- Vivian NTang
- 12 -- Katie Hardy
- 15 -- Marianne Hardesty
- 17 -- Bill Furry
- 30 -- Dave DiMartine
- 31 -- Jill Rehrig

8 -- Doug and Eileen Hunt

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### Circle News

All ladies of the church are Presbyterian Women, and are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

The Morning Circle will meet January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the home of Betty Winter or for the postponed Christmas Luncheon at Chesdel.

The Naomi circle will meet on Tuesday January 13, 2015 at 7PM in Fellowship Hall.

The Ruth Circle will meet on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in Fellowship Hall.

## **Women** Who bought a goat?

Naomi circle purchased a goat through Heifer International. They do not know where it will go but some family will receive it. A goat can produce 1000 pounds of milk in a year, nourishing its owners and providing income through the sale of milk. Naomi circle also sent contributions to a soup kitchen run by Little Children of the Philippines. The kitchen feeds 110 children per day, which is sometimes the only meal they get. They also are fed spiritually through Bible stories and songs. Back at home, our Presbyterian Women (PW) recently held the annual Cookie Walk and Soup Sale. Several men assisted in this project and we are very grateful for their help as well as all the women who donated their time and cookies. We unfortunately ran out of cookies, which was a first for us. Overall this was a great success.

If you are a woman reading this and/or attend St. Andrews you are a Presbyterian Woman. You do not have to belong to a Circle. However, how else can you say you bought a goat, or fed 110 kids for lunch. Don't forget to check out our Women's bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for news and opportunities.

God Bless

## Youth Report

The month of December was a little quiet for the youth this year. We baked cookies for the Cookie Walk on December 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we began planning for our annual New Year's Eve Lock-In which hasn't happened yet as of the time this article is being written. We will update you on that in February. On Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> we hosted a "Thank You" breakfast in appreciation for all the support we have been given this past year. We had a wonderful year and are all looking forward to many great things in 2015.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2015

### *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

1 Thursday		
2 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
4 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Deacon's meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
7 Wednesday	Church of Service Worship	7:30 p.m.
8 Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
9 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
10 Saturday	Church of Service Prayer Service	7:00-9:30 p.m.
11 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
	Ruth Circle Meeting	7:00 p.m.
13 Tuesday	Naomi Circle Meeting	6:30 p.m.
14 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
15 Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
16 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
18 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
19 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
	Ruth Circle Meeting	7:00 p.m.
21 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
22 Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
23 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
25 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
28 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
29 Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
30 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.

## **PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Who:** To Benefit the Newark Empowerment Center  
**What:** HEART OF NEWARK CONCERT - Featuring Mike Arenson and Friends  
**Where:** UUFN - 420 Willa Road, Newark  
**When:** Saturday, February 7, 2015 - 7-10pm  
**Cost:** \$15. Tickets are available on Eventbrite at the URL <http://HeartOfNewark.com>

### **Description:**

An Evening of Music and Dancing for all ages, a range of food and beverages both alcoholic and non alcoholic will be available for a nominal donation. Child care will be available for a small donation.

Planned for just before Valentine's Day as a fun way to warm up and share some good times with friends and family. It's the perfect way to express your love for Newark Residents who might need some extra tender loving care.

### **Additional Information:**

The Newark Empowerment Center is located in space located at the Newark Methodist Church and supports the homeless population of Newark, DE. NEC is managed by Marc Marcus

NEC co-ordinates "Code Purple" for the Newark, Delaware area. "Code Purple" nights are called when the forecast is 20 degrees or below. When activated, "Code Purple" in Newark operates from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in church space provided by eight different Newark faith communities on a rotating basis. Space in most places is limited to one or at most two rooms and can accommodate no more than 25 guests who are homeless.

# Code Purple Needs Volunteers

## Code Purple Decoded

Think of "cold people" when you read or hear the term "code purple." The Code Purple ministry offers cold people, the homeless in our area, supper and an overnight, 6 pm–6 am, in a safe, warm sanctuary when local weather forecasts predict 20°F or colder overnight.

Eight Newark churches participate on a rotating basis in the ministry sponsored by the Newark Empowerment Center (NEC).

- Newark United Methodist
- NewArk United Church of Christ
- Calvary Baptist
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Holy Family
- St. Thomas Episcopal
- First Presbyterian
- St. Paul's Lutheran

As soon as NEC declares a "Code Purple" night, the host church activates its volunteer staff. At First Presbyterian, volunteer teams serve for an average of 3 hours during "Code Purple" nights.

## The Volunteer Teams:

- prepare supper and ready the dining area
- set up the sleeping area for the overnight guests
- greet guests and explain the rules; monitor behaviors
- admit late arrivals until 9 pm, when doors are locked
- stay from midnight to 6 am, in case a guest needs help; this team also prepares breakfast and sees guests out
- clean up

Contact Pam Crowe, 738–4794, for more information, or visit <http://www.friendship-house.org/Ministry/nPS.asp>.



# Upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends



**November 7-9, 2014**

**Comfort Inn in Easton, MD**

**Experience the warm hospitality of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Located on US-50, 40 miles southeast of Annapolis.**



**January 22-24, 2015**

**Vandiver Inn in Havre de Grace, MD  
Same location as the February weekend, but Thurs – Sat. and designed for Clergy Couples, only (interdenominational).**

**February 20-22, 2015**

**Another weekend – open to all couples – at the Vandiver Inn in Havre de Grace, MD. The weekend will be coordinated by the Presbyterian Expression of M.E.**



**April TBD, 2015**

**We are planning either another Virginia weekend – this time in Roanoke, VA. This would be only the second Marriage Encounter – United Methodist weekend in VA, after a long absence from this state.**

For more information or to register today visit: [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org)  
Weekends run from Friday evening at 7pm to Sunday afternoon at 5PM (except Jan.).  
All faith expressions are welcome. (UM Clergy will receive 1.5 CEU credits)

For Questions please contact:

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Brent & Carole Burdge 302-529-9261 or [bctandem@aol.com](mailto:bctandem@aol.com)



SAVE THE DATE  
AND  
INVITE A FRIEND

## 2015 New Castle Presbyterian Women Annual Retreat

*Being the Light in a  
Dark World*

"In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good works and glorify your  
Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

**When: Fri. April 24 – Sun. April 26**

**Where: Dunes Manor Hotel  
2800 N. Baltimore Ave.  
Ocean City, MD 21842**