



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Have you had a chat with the Lord today? No appointment needed, the opportunity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep praying, prayer changes things.

PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR JANUARY

A Year without worry!

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.”

Psalm 37: 5-6, NIV



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As the New Year begins for St. Andrew's it is important to give some thought to the purpose of the Church. The purpose of the Church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. John Calvin, the great theologian of the Reformation described the church as mother of the faithful. From his perspective the Church gives birth to faith and nurtures the faith of the faithful their whole life through. For Calvin the Church's very being is to bring people to faith and build up their faith. That is what Church is all about. It is all about faith. One might go so far as to say that Faith-R-Us.

It is often easy to forget that in the face of new challenges and new opportunities that new years bring. Yet if a church forgets its purpose is faith bad things can happen. When a church forgets that her role is to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ, she can stagnate and decline. When a church forgets that she is to nurture people in their faith, their faith can stagnate and die.

As we go forward this year I want to urge us to stay focused on faith: sharing it and growing it. I intend to challenge the session to consider the faith implications of all its decisions in the coming year. I intend to challenge the session to ask ourselves this question every time we make a decision: "Will this decision bring more people to faith and/or will it grow the faith of the people in the church?" "If it will do neither then I will challenge the session to seriously consider making another decision that will give birth to or grow faith.

Friends this year like every year will bring challenges and opportunities for St. Andrew's. If we meet those challenges in faith with an eye to bringing more people to faith in Jesus Christ and growing our faith in Jesus Christ then we can expect good things to happen.

A long time ago when I was in industry, I worked for a company that had a word of the month. It was a word chosen to maintain our focus on what was most important to our business success. That was a long time ago and I can't remember any of the words. What I do remember is that words were very effective at keeping us on track. My recommendation to St. Andrew's is that we have a word of the year rather than a word of the month. I recommend that we all adopt the word FAITH. Let's stay focused on faith. Let's keep the faith, share the faith, and grow the faith in Jesus Christ. If we do I am sure St. Andrew's will overcome any challenges that come our way and make the best of all the opportunities as well.

Keep the Faith and have Happy New Year!

John

To: The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

From: The Rev. John G. Paderson

Subject: Report for November 2015

Date: December 13, 2015

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

- Prepared and led worship four out of the five Sundays in November. I was on vacation from the fourth Sunday and the Rev. Charles Gilmore preached in my absence.
- Conducted a committal service for David Arnold at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery on Tuesday November 3rd.
- Conducted a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Freda Wells (Paul Well's mother) at Doherty Funeral Home on Saturday November 28th.
- Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Joint Thanksgiving service, the first Sunday of the Month and the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th this year).
- Administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to Jakob Stephen Scottoline infant son of Lauren and Stephen Scottoline in Worship on Sunday November 29th.

B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)

- **Home Visits:** 3
- **Hospital and Rehab Facility Visits:** 1

C. Administration

- Wrote a message for the December Beacon
- Moderated the November 8th session meeting.

D. Christian Education

- Participated in the Sunday Night program three Sundays in November and led two Adult studies.

E. Ecumenical Activities

- Participated in the first Joint Veterans Day service at Kingswood United Methodist Church on Wednesday evening November 11th.
- Participated in the leadership of the Joint Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday November 24th (the eve of Thanksgiving eve) at St. Andrew's in conjunction with Kingswood UMC and St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

F. Denominational Activities

- None

Yours at the foot of the Cross,

John

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
November 8, 2015

Elders present: Flora Atangcho, Mary Anne Colbert, Allan Crowe, Florence Fonjweng, Chester Pasapane, Brenda Saulsbury, Winnie Wagner, Jane Wright.

Elders Absent: Emmanuel Ndifor, Cliff Wood

Moderator: Rev. John Paderson opened the meeting with prayer at 4:32 pm

Minutes from September 13 session reviewed and approved by email. No minutes from October session meeting due to lack of quorum. No business transacted.

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted pending audit.

Pastor's report reviewed and accepted.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Approved Baptism request for Jakob Stephen Scottoline, son of Lauren and Stephen Scottoline to be held on November 29, 2015.
- Approved Pastor's housing allowance (\$24,000) allocation for 2016.
- Set date of November 29, 2015 for election of officers.
- Approved Study Group report as written.
- Appointed Chester Pasapane to investigate requirements for St. Andrew's to host December 2016 Presbytery meeting and report to December Session meeting.
- Appointed Allan Crowe and Brenda Saulsbury as Commissioners to December 3, 2015 Presbytery meeting at Limestone Presbyterian.
- Approved Pastor's Compensation for 2016 at \$87,406. Present to congregation at November Congregational Meeting November 29th for approval.
 - Explore use by choir of entire building (rooms and hall included) as they see fit.
 - Hold Christmas Cantata program on December 20th.

Motions tabled for December Session meeting:

Per Capita for 2016

Challenge Budget for 2016

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:10 pm. Closing prayer by Flora Antangcho.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Saulsbury, Clerk of Session.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Congregational Meeting
November 29, 2015

Congregational meeting called to order at 11:15 am by Brenda Saulsbury, Clerk of Session. Meeting held in Sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Opening Prayer by Pastor John Paderson.

Quorum (30.5% of membership) was present, meeting went forward.

Nominations for new Elders and Deacons read by Elder Emmanuel Ndifor as follows:

Elders nominated for three year terms:

Cindy Arnold, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild and Julie Guns.

Deacon nominated for 1 year term:

Linda DiMartine

Pastor called for nominations from the floor for additional Deacon to fill second spot. No additional nominations were taken from the floor.

Motion made to elect all nominees by slate. Motion seconded and carried.

Report from Treasurer Winnie Wagner.

Motion made to pay a salary of \$87,406 to Pastor John Paderson for the year 2016. This amount represents no increase in salary over 2015.

Motion seconded and accepted by voice vote of congregation.

Meeting closed with prayer by Winnie Wagner.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:40 am seconded and approved.

SESSION MEMBERS

2016
Mary Anne Colbert
Emmanuel Ndifor
Brenda Saulsbury

2017
Flora Atangcho
Florence Fonjweng
Jane Wright

2018
Cindy Arnold
Darrell DiStefano
Neil Fairchild
Julie Guns

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2016
Mackenzie Connors
Rob Johnson
Jean Pasapane
Charlotte Walker
Linda DiMartine

2017
Pam Crowe
Sandra Miller
Gary Strickland

2018
Katie Hardy

From the Deacons for January

Coats for Hope

The warm clothing drive ended in November, and we delivered your donations to Hope Dining Room once in November and once in December.

Here's how the distribution works. The folks who eat at Hope Dining Room look over the piles of sorted items we lay out and choose what they need. A few examples: One woman was thrilled to find several pairs of pants in her size to wear to job interviews. A man felt blessed to find a nice coat he could wear to his mother's funeral. Another man chose blankets...and so on. They thank us, and we convey their thanks to you.

Holiday Helper Tree

We collected \$513 in cash, which was used to purchase gift cards for the families who received food baskets. We also collected Christmas gifts for one of our families. Thank you to all who contributed.

Christmas Food Baskets

Thank you for your generous response to our call for food. We delivered boxes of food from our well-stocked pantry to ten families in the Brookside neighborhood. In one of our families, two little boys jumped for joy and ran in circles when they saw the food and donated clothing we brought. They fell over themselves helping carry boxes and bags from the car to their door. "Christmas is the best!" one said.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support in helping feed our hungry neighbors.

YOUTH NEWS

- the 7th annual New Year's Eve lock-in will be from 7 PM December 31st through 9 AM January 1st.
- the youth Christmas play "Three Wise Dudes" will be on January 3rd.

PW NEWS

Many thanks to everyone involved with the cookie walk. We raised nearly \$4,000.

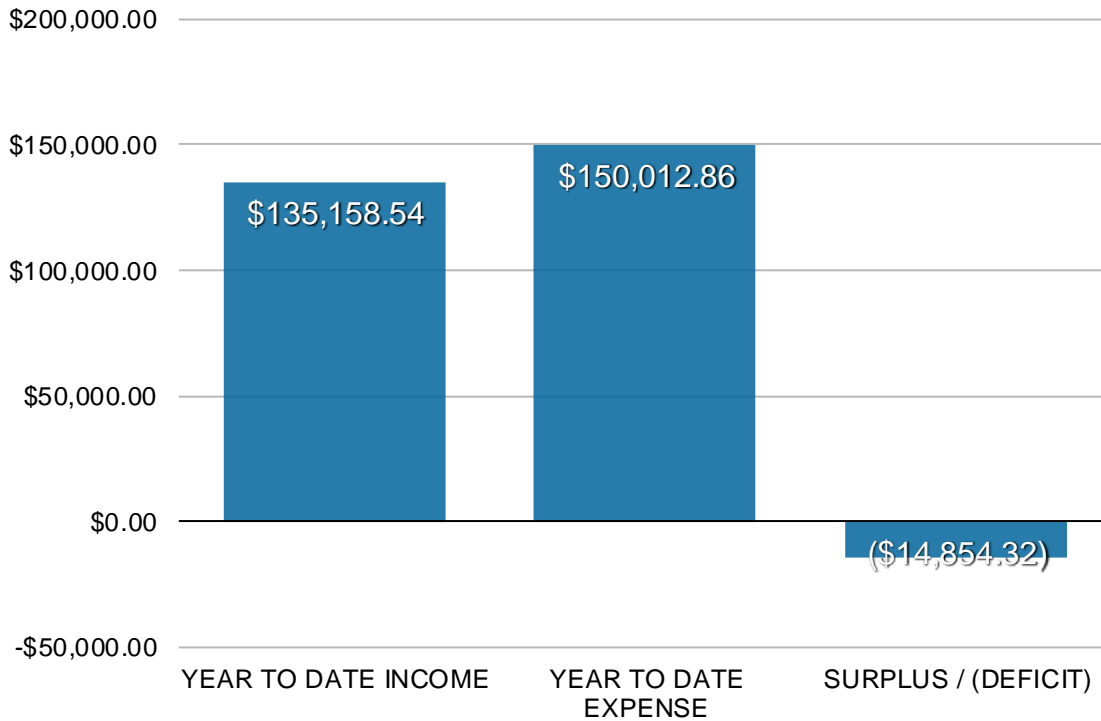
MORNING CIRCLE – will meet on Thursday January 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

NAOMI CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

RUTH CIRCLE – will meet on Monday January 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

ST. ANDREW'S NOVEMBER FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
NOVEMBER	\$14,169.36	\$13,349.99	\$819.37	\$135,158.54	\$146,849.89	-\$11,691.35
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$6,969.29	\$7,177.64	-\$208.35	\$79,831.93	\$78,954.04	\$877.89
STAFF	\$4,326.62	\$3,966.90	\$359.72	\$43,178.02	\$43,635.90	-\$457.88
PROGRAM	\$610.06	\$733.31	-\$123.25	\$4,574.92	\$8,066.41	-\$3,491.49
BLDG GRDS	\$2,285.56	\$2,269.98	\$15.58	\$22,427.99	\$24,969.78	-\$2,541.79
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$14,191.53	\$14,147.83	\$43.70	\$150,012.86	\$155,626.13	-\$5,613.27
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$22.17)	(\$797.84)		(\$14,854.32)	(\$8,776.24)	



DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In November, St. Andrew's received \$14,169.36. That amount is \$819.37 more than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted income for the month was \$13,349.99. We spent \$14,191.53 in November, which is \$43.70 more than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a deficit for the month of \$22.17.

For 2015, through the end of November, St. Andrew's received \$135,158.54 compared to a budgeted income of \$146,848.89. This is a shortfall of \$11,691.35. On the expense side, through November, we have spent \$150,012.86. Budgeted expenses year to date are \$155,626.13, which means we have spent \$5,613.27 less than we thought we might. The bottom line is, so far this year, through November; we have spent \$150,012.86 and received \$135,158.54 for a deficit of \$14,854.32.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2016

1 Friday	<i>Happy New Year!</i>	
	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
3 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Deacon's Meeting	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
6 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
7 Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
8 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
9 Saturday	Church of Service Prayer Service	7:00-9:30 p.m.
10 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.
13 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
14 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
15 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
17 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.
18 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
	Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
19 Tuesday	Naomi Circle	7:00 p.m.
20 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
21 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
22 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
24 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting/ BBQ Lunch	11:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
27 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
28 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
29 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
31 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.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

- 8 Eileen Hunt
Michelle Johnson
- 9 Heather Favazza
- 10 Harry Davidson
Vivian NTang
Miriam Fonjweng
- 11 Belner Bolima
- 12 Katie Hardy
- 15 Marianne Hardesty
- 17 Bill Furry
- 30 David DiMartine

8 - Doug and Eileen Hunt



*Thank the Lord for opening another chapter in our lives.
May we live each page with more meaning
by touching people's lives each day!*

HAPPY
NEW YEAR