



# *The Beacon*

## *January 2019*

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### 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

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Stated Session Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**Meeting opened with prayer at 4:10 pm by Ginny Jones**

**Members in attendance:** Julie Guns, Flora Atangcho, Florence Fonjweng, Grant Hardy, Dusty Robinson, Myron Hardesty, Dave DiMartine, Darrell DiStefano.

**Members not in attendance:** Cliff Wood, Mary Anne Colbert

**Quorum present**

**Docket approved**

**Treasurer's Report:** Income for October 2018 was \$9,895. Expenses for October were \$8,542.55. Surplus for October 2018 was \$1,351.45. Deficit for the YTD is -\$4,986.72

**Clerk's Report:** Carl Weeden (#350) passed away on October 26, 2018. A Memorial Luncheon was held on November 1, 2018 in Fellowship Hall.

- Membership total is 115 (66 women and 49 men)
- Guest preachers for the rest of 2018 are Candidate Deb Trevino (10/14, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/24-7:00pm service and 12/30). Rev. Dr. Lyle Dykstra (10/21). Rev. Jim Herrington (10/28, 12/2 and 12/24- 11 pm service). Rev. Nona Holy (11/4).

**Deacons' Report** submitted by Marianne Hardesty was read aloud by clerk of Session.

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

- Received and approved all reports
- COMC has approved Rev. Jim Herrington to moderate the Congressional Meeting for electing officers for 2019 on November 11<sup>th</sup>, moderate the December Stated Session Meeting on Dec.9<sup>th</sup> and to install/ordain officers on January 6, 2019.
- E-mail vote to have communion at the Thanksgiving Service at 7 pm on Nov.20<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Asher Tunik serving the sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction.
- E-mail vote to hold A Congregational Meeting for the election of new officers after worship service on Nov. 11th
- Presbytery Commissioner Winnie Wagner will attend the meeting on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
- St, Andrew's will again participate in the Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes will be placed in the church bulletin on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elder Florence Fonjweng will do a Minute for Mission about this in the near future.
- Budget for 2019 was approved as revised. There was a change by the Presbytery regarding the minimum compensation package for new ministers. **Total operations income is \$136,810. Total pastor's compensation package is \$76,656. Total all staff expenses is \$124,459. Total programs is \$3,750. Total Building/Grounds is \$26,019. Total expenses is \$158,685. Net income/(loss) is -\$21,875.**
- Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm and was closed in prayer by Ginny Jones.

Next Stated Session Meeting is on December 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

## Deacon January Beacon Articles:

Thank you for everyone's generous gift giving during this past Christmas season.

- We collected and delivered most of the more than 100 pairs of socks and many winter coats and sweaters to Hope Dining Room guests. Blessings are sent to the St. Andrews congregation from the neighbors that received the items.
- With the donations of your food pantry items and hams and turkeys, seven local families received Christmas food baskets. We even added some cookies from the Presbyterian Cookie walk and some soup, too!
- Through the Christmas Giving Tree we provided Christmas gifts and gift cards for two families.
- To top it off, 12 volunteers rang the bells, danced, and played carols on a flugelhorn at the College Square's Acme for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle fund raiser.

Blessings will be returned to you for your kindness!

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## 842nd Stated Meeting of New Castle Presbytery December 1, 2018

The meeting was held at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

Prior to the start of the meeting, 3 workshops were held: 1. Ignite Grant Writing workshop (Dr. Sheldon Nix), 2. Centering ourselves on the Advent Journey (Rev. Emily Schwenker), and 3. Let's make a "Chrismon" (Charlotte Eggink). I attended the first workshop on Grant writing, "Show me The Money": Secrets of successful grant writing. Dr. Nix does this for a living and gave a lot of useful information. I will be glad to share this with anyone wishing to apply for a grant.

The meeting agenda was approved. Among motions approved in the Consent Agenda were the confirmation of the 844<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of NCP to be held Jan 12, 2019 at 10AM at Limestone PC. The September 2019 meeting will be held at Easton PC.

During the worship service with Rev. Jessie MacMillan (Connectional Presbyterian/Stated Clerk) preaching, the new Moderator – Dianne Deming and Vice Moderator – Charles Collier were installed.

The COM&C (Committee on Ministers and Congregations): the Total Effective Minimum Salary for NCP, (due to SS COLA adjustment for 2019 of 2.8%) will be \$52,343.

Randy Clayton was welcomed as a Minister of Word and Sacrament from Baltimore.

Rev. Jim Horn was honorably retired. Memorial minutes were presented for Rev. Kevin Bowers, Rev. Jon Chapman and I was honored to present the tribute for Rev. Herbert Hoeflinger. A copy of my presentation is attached to this report.

The first reading of changes to the Book of Order was presented. A final vote will be held at the next Presbytery meeting. You can view these changes by going to the Presbytery website.

Martha Reisner from the Board of Pensions provided information regarding a new program for grants to pastors to help with paying off debts associated with education expenses. More information will be available in 2019.

Rev. Tom Davis, Interfaith Peacemaker, presented a proposal for a community-based peace studies project called Veterans' Peace Videos. Tom has been working with an Interfaith Veterans' Workgroup headquartered at PCOC. You can view this proposal as well as other programs/project Tom is involved in to help returning veterans overcome the various PTSD/stress issues they face. The Mid-Week Musings frequently carries his reports and ways you can become involved.

The New Castle Presbytery Budget for 2019 was Approved.

Total Income: \$1,239,794. This includes money from invested funds, Speer Trust, Per Capita, etc.

Expenses: Administration: \$425,866. This includes Employee and Office Overhead

Mission and Program: \$813,928. This includes Presbytery Ministry Expenses and Governing Bodies Per Capita, and Ignite which gets \$617,989 of that total. See me for a fuller break-down of the budget items.

Committee on Preparation for Missional Ministry: Presented Matt Waters as a candidate for examination. He passed with a unanimous vote!

The final draft for the Training of Commissioned Ruling Elders was passed. If interested in pursuing this course of training, please see me for the copy of the program.

A Partnership Agreement was approved and signed between CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central American and NCP.

Ignite: Presentations were made by 3 groups who received >\$20,000 grants from Ignite. At the September Presbytery meeting, they were not prepared to make these presentations. "Riverfront Café" out of Grace Methodist Church; "Community Café" out of Community PC and "Guatemala – MAM coalition with several churches in NCP"

Trustee – Annual General Meeting

Report given on 2018 activities and election of new Trustees.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Wagner

Commissioner for St. Andrew's PC

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## Cookie Walk 2018

American novelist Edith Wharton said, "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or be the mirror that reflects it." In our relationship with Jesus, He is the candle. We are the mirror that reflects his light to the world. Our annual church cookie walk is an opportunity for our church members to reflect that light into our community. From the chatter and the smiles seen on the faces of people waiting in the long line to purchase cookies, it is apparent that this is an event our community loves. It takes the talents and efforts of many people to create a successful cookie walk. All the necessary elements came together during our 30th annual cookie walk on December 7. There were weeks of preparation leading up to the cookie walk. Members and friends were baking dozens and dozens of delicious cookies at home. Our youth and adults baked cookies at church as a Sunday night activity. Each day during the week of the cookie walk volunteers met to chop vegetables, make vegetable beef soup, pick chickens and make chicken corn soup, set up, and decorate. Behind the scenes, members were shopping and ordering all items needed. When the big day came, there were 6 tables filled with cookies in fellowship hall and one more table stacked with cookie tins to refill the trays on the tables. The smell of homemade soup wafted from the kitchen and a line began to form more than 30 minutes before our event was to begin. This year we were blessed with a large crowd to purchase cookies, soup and lunches. All our combined efforts helped us to raise \$4,793.36. This money will be used for missions, camperships and other church needs as determined by Presbyterian Women. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the cookie walk - whether you baked or volunteered during the week your help was greatly appreciated.



## Esther Circle and Sole Hope

Esther Circle's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm at church. We're onto the fourth lesson in "God's Promise - I am with You". The focus of this lesson is on God summoning His people and especially His leaders to walk in His ways and to seek Him. Even if you were unable to join us in the fall, please feel free to join us in January. We'll be putting the finishing touches on the plans for our barbecue lunch for the Congregational meeting which will be held after church on January 27th. If you need a ride to circle please call Kay DiStefano at 443-722-3990. We hope to see you on the 15th.

Please save your old, worn out denim jeans for a Sole Hope project Esther Circle is planning to complete with the youth of our church. Sole Hope is an organization whose mission is to offer HOPE, healthier lives, and freedom from foot-related diseases through education, jobs, and medical relief. We want to plan a sole party. We plan to gather to cut denim shoe pieces using templates from Sole Hope. The pieces are then sent to Uganda to a shoe maker who will sew up the pieces we've cut into shoes and they will go to children and adults to protect their feet from jiggers. Jiggers can cause pain and infection which keep children from school and adults from their jobs. Please consider donating any outgrown or torn jeans for us to use. We'll place a box in the narthex for your denim donations. Thank you.

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## Youth Report



As I think about the Christmas season, I remember the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The greatest gift we ever received. I also think about the youth of St. Andrews and how God has worked within them over the years. The youth's willingness to give and help where they can is truly a blessing.

Once again, we had a successful night of Cookie baking that produced about 1000 cookies for the Annual Cookie Walk. In addition to preparing to stay up all night for their Annual New Year's Eve lock in the youth will be serving lunch at Hope Dining Room that day.

Please don't forget to spread the word about the Annual Lock In. Ages 5-19 are welcome. It starts at 7pm and ends at 8am.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cliff Wood

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## **An Update from your PNC:**

Our mission remains the same, we're searching for a pastor who is the best fit for our St. Andrew's congregation. Our next meeting is Monday, January 7 at 7:00 pm. We are continuing to read personal information forms, interview and visit prospective candidates, and above all else pray for God's guidance in this process. We appreciate your continued prayers as our search continues.

Kay DiStefano, Mike Guns, Tracy Hardy, Ginny Jones (COMC liaison), Brenda Saulsbury, MaryBeth Schweitzer, Jake Wood

# Installation of Officers

The installation of newly elected or reelected elders and deacons will occur in worship on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019. We look forward to this time of commitment of these men and women to the work of leading our church.

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## Congregational Meeting



The annual congregational business meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27 after worship in the fellowship hall. If worship is cancelled for bad weather, it will be held the following Sunday.

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## Per Capita

The New Castle Presbytery Trustees & Financial Resources set the per capita rate for 2019 at \$29.80.

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| The breakdown is as follows: Synod of the Mid-Atlantic: | \$ .85  |
| General Assembly  | \$ 8.53 |
| New Castle Presbytery                                   | \$20.42 |
| TOTAL 2019 Per Capita                                   | \$29.80 |

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Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes on the table in the narthex. If you do not currently use offering envelopes and would like them for 2019, please see Darrell DiStefano.

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## DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In November, St. Andrew's received \$9,873.00. That amount is \$2,120.23 less than the \$11,993.23 budgeted for the month. We spent \$9,932.35 in November. That is \$4,067.25 less than the budgeted expenses.

There was one large expenditure. We paid \$2,000 to replace the water heater and bring it up to code. All other expenses were the normal amounts.

The deficit for the month was \$59.35. Without the water heater replacement and repairs, we would have had a surplus of \$1,940.65. We wouldn't have had hot water, but we would have had a surplus. The deficit for the year is \$5,045.07.

Our reserves at the end of November were \$60,043.71. They were up \$679.40 for the month. Since January 1, our reserves are down \$4,608.60.

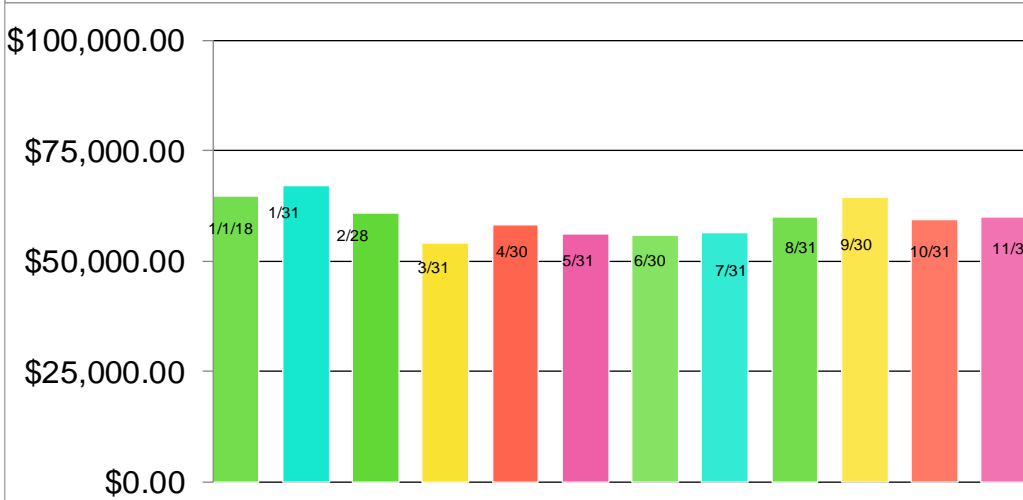
Effective January 1, 2019, the Board of Pensions has removed the requirement a church without a pastor must make a minimum contribution to the pension fund. This will save St. Andrew's \$594.91 per month until a new pastor is called.

God willing, we can expect monthly surpluses until a new pastor is called. When a new pastor is called and installed, we will have to re-evaluate our situation.

Darrell DiStefano

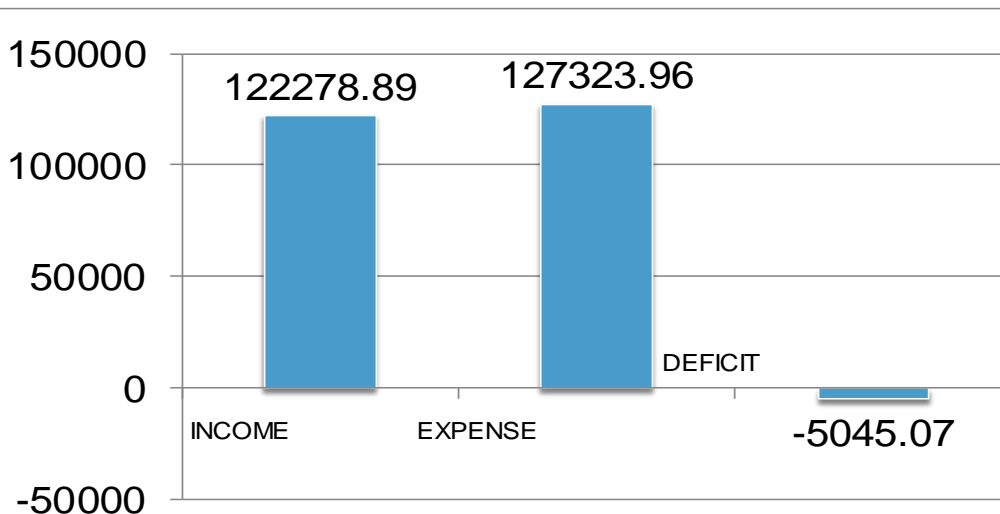
**FUNDS IN RESERVE 2018**

|                               | 1/1/18      | 1/31/18     | 2/28/18      | 3/31/18       | 4/30/18      | 5/31/18      | 6/30/18      | 7/31/18      | 8/31/18      | 9/30/18     | 10/31/18     | 11/30/18     | 12/31/18 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| <b>FUNDS IN RESERVE</b>       | \$64,652.31 | \$67,107.11 | \$60,856.70  | \$54,000.99   | \$58,183.96  | \$56,171.85  | \$55,807.81  | \$56,360.24  | \$60,029.10  | \$64,267.39 | \$59,364.31  | \$60,043.71  |          |
| <b>+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH</b> | N/A         | \$2,454.80  | (\$6,250.41) | (\$6,855.71)  | \$4,182.97   | (\$2,012.11) | (\$364.04)   | \$552.43     | \$3,668.86   | \$4,238.29  | (\$4,903.08) | \$679.40     |          |
| <b>+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/18</b>   | N/A         | \$2,454.80  | (\$3,795.61) | (\$10,651.32) | (\$6,468.35) | (\$8,480.46) | (\$8,844.50) | (\$8,292.07) | (\$4,623.21) | (\$384.92)  | (\$5,288.00) | (\$4,608.60) |          |



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

| MONTH                      | INCOME     | BUDGET       | ACTUAL VS BUDGET | YTD INCOME   | YTD BUDGET    | ACTUAL VS BUDGET |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>            | \$9,873.00 | \$11,993.23  | -\$2,120.23      | \$122,278.89 | \$131,925.53  | -\$9,646.64      |
|                            |            |              |                  |              |               |                  |
|                            | EXPENSE    | BUDGET       | ACTUAL VS BUDGET | YTD EXPENSE  | YTD BUDGET    | ACTUAL VS BUDGET |
| <b>PASTOR</b>              | \$594.91   | \$7,274.99   | -\$6,680.08      | \$52,149.63  | \$80,024.89   | -\$27,875.26     |
| <b>STAFF</b>               | \$4,633.60 | \$3,983.57   | \$650.03         | \$46,514.60  | \$43,819.27   | \$2,695.33       |
| <b>PROGRAM</b>             | \$178.46   | \$291.65     | -\$113.19        | \$1,465.76   | \$3,208.15    | -\$1,742.39      |
| <b>BLDG GRDS</b>           | \$4,525.38 | \$2,181.14   | \$2,344.24       | \$24,779.72  | \$23,992.54   | \$787.18         |
| <b>PER CAPITA</b>          | \$0.00     | \$268.25     | -\$268.25        | \$2,414.25   | \$2,950.75    | -\$536.50        |
| <b>MISSIONS</b>            | \$0.00     | \$83.33      | -\$83.33         | \$0.00       | \$916.63      | -\$916.63        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>       | \$9,932.35 | \$14,082.93  | -\$4,067.25      | \$127,323.96 | \$154,912.23  | -\$27,588.27     |
|                            |            |              |                  |              |               |                  |
| <b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b> | (\$59.35)  | (\$2,089.70) |                  | (\$5,045.07) | (\$22,986.70) |                  |



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2019

|              |  |                |
|--------------|--|----------------|
| 1 Tuesday    | <b><i>Happy New Year</i></b>                 |                |
| 2 Wednesday  | Church of Service                            | 7:30 p.m.      |
| 3 Thursday   | Morning Circle                               | 10:00a.m.      |
|              | Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal        | 6:00/7:00 p.m. |
| 6 Sunday     | Blended Service with Communion               | 10:00 a.m.     |
|              | <b>Rev. Jim Herrington</b>                   |                |
|              | Installation & Ordination of Officers        |                |
|              | Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday          |                |
|              | Deacon Meeting                               |                |
|              | Church of Service Worship                    | 12:30 p.m.     |
|              | Praise & Worship Night                       | 5:30 p.m.      |
| 9 Wednesday  | Church of Service                            | 7:30 p.m.      |
| 10 Thursday  | Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal        | 6:30/7:00 p.m. |
| 13 Sunday    | Blended Service                              | 10:00 a.m.     |
|              | <b>Licentiate Debra Trevino</b>              |                |
|              | Church of Service Worship                    | 12:30 p.m.     |
|              | Session Meeting                              |                |
|              | Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group |                |
|              | And Adult Bible Study                        | 5:30 p.m.      |
| 15 Tuesday   | Esther Circle                                | 7:00 p.m.      |
| 16 Wednesday | Church of Service                            | 7:30 p.m.      |
| 17 Thursday  | Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal        | 6:30/7:00 p.m. |
| 20 Sunday    | Blended Service                              |                |
|              | <b>Member Jacob Wood</b>                     |                |
|              | Church of Service Worship                    | 12:30 p.m.     |
|              | Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group |                |
| 21 Monday    | BEACON DEADLINE                              |                |
|              | Martin Luther King Jr. Day                   |                |
| 23 Wednesday | Church of Service                            | 7:30 p.m.      |
| 24 Thursday  | Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal        | 6:30/7:00 p.m. |
| 27 Sunday    | Blended Service                              | 10:00 a.m.     |
|              | <b>Elder Clifford Wood, Sr.</b>              |                |
|              | Congregational Meeting/BBQ Lunch             | 11:00 a.m.     |
|              | Church of Service Worship                    | 12:30 p.m.     |
|              | Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group |                |
|              | And Adult Bible Study                        | 5:00 p.m.      |
| 30 Wednesday | Church of Service                            | 7:30 p.m.      |
| 31 Thursday  | Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal        | 6:30/7:00 p.m. |

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

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| 1/6  | Rev. Jim Herrington      | 1/20 | Jake Wood  |
| 1/13 | Licentiate Debra Trevino | 1/27 | Cliff Wood |



# JANUARY 2019



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| <p>8 Eileen Hunt</p> <p>9 Heather Favazza</p> <p>10 Harry Davidson</p> <p>Miriam Fonjweg</p> <p>11 Belner Bolima</p> | <p>12 Katie Hardy</p> <p>15 Marianne Hardesty</p> <p>17 Bill Furry</p> <p>30 Dave DiMartine</p> |
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| <br>8 - Doug & Eileen Hunt   |  |                         | 2<br>KCOS 7:30PM  | 3<br>Morning Circle 10AM<br>Praise Band<br>Rehearsal 6PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7PM | 4  | 5  |
| 6<br>Blended Service w/ Communion<br>Rev. Jim Herrington<br>Installation of new officers<br>Youth Sunday/Food Collection<br>Sunday 10:00 AM<br>Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM<br>Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM<br>Praise & Worship Night 5:30 PM | 7  | 8                       | 9<br>KCOS 7:30PM  | 10<br>Praise Band<br>Rehearsal 6PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7PM                       | 11 | 12 |
| 13<br>Blended Service 10:00 AM<br><b>Licentiate Debra Trevino</b><br>Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM<br>Session Meeting 4:00 PM<br>Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club,<br>Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM                              | 14   | 15<br>Esther Circle 7PM | 16<br>KCOS 7:30PM | 17<br>Praise Band<br>Rehearsal 6PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7PM                       | 18 | 19 |
| 20<br>Blended Service 10:00 AM<br>Member Jacob Wood<br>Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM<br>Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club,<br>Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM   | 21<br>Beacon Deadline<br><br><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> | 22                      | 23<br>KCOS 7:30PM | 24<br>Praise Band<br>Rehearsal 6PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7PM                       | 25 | 26 |
| 27<br>Blended Service 10:00 AM<br>Elder Clifford Wood, Sr.<br>Congregational Meeting/BBQ Lunch<br>Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM<br>Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club,<br>Youth Group And Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM                            | 28   | 29                      | 30<br>KCOS 7:30PM | 31<br>Praise Band<br>Rehearsal 6PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7PM                       |    |    |