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February 2015

Confirmation classes have begun at St. Andrew's. They have been underway for the last few weeks. We have eight young people participating in the process this year. I want to share with you some thoughts on the process.

First, let me explain what confirmation is. Confirmation in the Reformed tradition is the time when a young person's faith is "confirmed" by a public confession of faith and reception into active membership in the church. Most often but not always those participating in confirmation classes have been baptized as infants on the basis of the faith of their parents.

Confirmation requires a faith decision on the part of those to be confirmed. The classes leading up to that decision are a time to explore the Christian faith, try it on for size, and see how it fits. The process takes many forms in different churches. Some churches do it as a yearlong process; others do it as a more intensive study. Some use one curriculum. Some use another.

This year I chose to simply get back to basics. I chose to use the Bible, the Study Catechism, and the spiritual practices of the Church. I also chose to do it as a short process lasting eight weeks with reception on Easter Sunday.

Each day the participants read assigned passages from Scripture, questions from the study catechism, and pray the Lord's Prayer. Each Thursday evening we gather to eat Pizza, discuss the readings, share our thoughts, worship together with the choir and the praise band, and listen to someone from the congregation share their faith.

Elder Al Crowe agreed to assist me in the leading of the class but couldn't join us until week four. He had a little thing called hernia surgery to recover from first. Deacon Rob Johnson graciously agreed to substitute for Al during his recovery. Rob did a great job as usual.

This year's format seems to be working for me anyway. It has certainly strengthened my faith. The final test is whether or not the participants find it helpful to their faith. Please keep the class in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

John

To: The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
From: The Rev. John G. Paderson
Subject: Report for December 2014
Date: January 7, 2015

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

- Prepared and led worship all four Sundays in December.
- Prepared and led worship at our two Christmas Eve candlelight services
- Administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday December 7th and on Christmas Eve at the 11 pm service.
- Received 4 new members in Worship on Sunday December 28th.
- Participated as Eulogist and Reader in the Funeral Service for Alice Seaberg at St. John's/Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church on Friday, December 5th.

B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)

- **Home Visits:** 2
- **Hospital Visits:** 1
- **Other:** Attended the Cookie Walk

C. Administration

- Wrote a Beacon message for January Beacon
- Moderated December session meeting.
- Trained new officers on Tuesday December 2nd, Saturday December 6th, and Saturday December 20th.

D. Christian Education

- Led two Sunday evening Church History classes

E. Ecumenical Activities

- Attended the Christmas Luncheon for CPR in Smyrna on Tuesday December 16th.
- Hosted the Pastor's Lunch Group monthly meeting at Skipjack's Restaurant in Newark.

Respectfully Submitted,

John

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 14TH 2014

ELDERS PRESENT: Cliff Wood, Jane Wright, Myron Hardesty, Chet Pasapane, Winnie Wagner, Mary Ann Colbert, Sue Staudt

ELDERS ABSENT: Emmanuel Ndifor

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Brenda Saulsbury, Florence Fonjweng

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

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved.

Minutes from the Congregational meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurers Report was reviewed and approved pending audit: Total revenue for November 2014 \$11,012.80. Total expenditures for November 2014 were \$19,805.36. Net revenue over expenses for November 2014 was - \$8,792.56. Total revenue for the YTD was \$140,254.64. Total expenditures for the YTD were \$159,389.72. Net revenue over expenses for the YTD was -\$19,135.08.

MOTIONS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED:

Invest the Aungst bequeath to the American Funds Balanced Mutual Fund. 5% of the investment can be withdrawn annually and put in a cash account primarily for the youth but can be used for any other purpose.

Set up a money market account with PNC bank for restricted funds.

Receive William and Brenda Saulsbury as new members

Approve the Challenged Budget as presented.

Restore Ronald and Nancy Mann to the active roll.

Remove the following from active to inactive rolls: Charles D. Arnold, Julie Arnold, Kevin Z. Bart, Lindsey C. Bart, Emilia Bih, Amy Caserta, Sara Coleman, Sal Favazza, Juliet Fombi, Olivia Fombi, Robert Goudy, Nancy Hernandez, Mandy Hoeflinger, Tyler Hoeflinger, Joanne Horton, Susan Jonsen, Cathy Rager, Mark Sparks, David Strickland, Kelly Marie Strickland, Emmanuel Takwi, Clifford Wood Jr., Chati Zony, Noella Zony.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 6:00

The next scheduled meeting is January 11, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Staudt, Clerk of Session

February's Deacons Update.....

With the start of the New Year we welcome two new Deacons, Sandra Miller and Mackenzie Conners. Our mission is to minister to those who are in need - to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. I am sure that our new members will add new ideas and visions to helping St Andrew's reach out to our local community.

Thank you too all that contributed to the Christmas food baskets and the Holiday Helper gifts. Our food pantry is pretty bare after the holiday season. 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. If you forget to bring in your items that Sunday, the basket will be in there each Sunday. Below are items that we are especially in need of. Please remember that we cannot include outdated food. Thank you again for your never ending support.

February needs are:

Potatoes (boxed or canned)	Vegetables	
Soups	Meats	
Applesauce	Jelly	Peanut Butter
Fruit (canned or jar)	Cereal	Macaroni & Cheese

The Deacons distributed your bountiful collection of coats, sweaters, socks, hats and other gently used warm clothing to Hope Dining Room visitors. They were very appreciative of all the wonderful items that St. Andrew's contributed. The few leftover items were distributed to the Elkton Men's Shelter, the Sunday Breakfast Mission and the Newark Empowerment Center. We will not be making any more deliveries this winter but will do it again next fall.

The Deacons support the Meals on Wheels program in February by delivering desserts on Wednesdays for delivery on Thursdays. The Meals on Wheels program are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone in need of their assistance you can contact Stefanie Thomas at 302-737-5747.

"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, February 1st following the service.

Deacons: Charlotte Walker, Gary Strickland, Mackenzie Conners, Pam Crowe, Linda DiMartine, Rob Johnson, Matt Kupelian, Sandra Miller, and Jean Pasapane.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2015

1 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday Coffee/juice hour	10:00 a.m.
	Deacon's meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
3 Tuesday	Morning Circle	
4 Wednesday	Church of Service Worship	7:30 p.m.
5 Thursday	Confirmation Class	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
6 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
8 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour	10:00 a.m.
	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.
11 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
12 Thursday	Confirmation Class	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
13 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
14 Saturday	Happy Valentine's Day Church of Service Prayer Service	7:00-9:30 p.m.
15 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
16 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE President's Day	
17 Tuesday	Naomi Circle Meeting	6:30 p.m.
18 Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
19 Thursday	Confirmation Class	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
20 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
22 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
23 Monday	Ruth Circle Meeting	7:00 p.m.
25 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
26 Thursday	Confirmation Class	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
27 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
28 Saturday	All You Can Eat Italian Buffet Dinner	6:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

2 – Debbie Stowell
4 -- Michelle Lombardi
6 -- Jane Wright
9 -- Norm Jackson
12 – Amy Caserta
14 -- Julie Arnold
16 -- Scott Hunt
17 -- Dave Arnold
Leah Kuykendall
18 -- Dave T. Arnold
Emmanuel Ndifor
19 -- Paul Goudy
22 -- Kevin Bart
27 -- Charlotte Walker
28 -- Matt Kupelian

2 -- Herb and Alice Hoeflinger
15-- David and Amy Klair
25 -- Rob and Karen Johnson

CIRCLE NEWS

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

The Morning Circle will meet on Thursday February 5th at 10 a.m. in the home of Betty Winter. Dot Stonebraker will host.

The Naomi circle will meet on Tuesday February 17th at 7PM in the home of Jean Pasapane

The Ruth Circle will meet on Monday February 23rd at 7PM in Fellowship Hall.

PW NEWS

The Presbyterian Women have planned another Women's Day for Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 10a.m. – 1p.m. Winnie Wagner will do a presentation on "Women of the Reformation" sharing her photos and information from her trip abroad in 2013. All women are invited to come out and join us.

Youth Report

Welcome from the St. Andrews youth group. Every Sunday night we meet at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to worship the Lord and help us understand his will. Each Sunday night we are involved in activities and lessons in addition to planning and organizing special events throughout the year. For example, on December 7th the youth group, with the remaining Sunday night groups, baked cookies for the annual church cookie walk. On December 21st, the youth held a free Christmas breakfast to show their appreciation for the congregation and their support. Also, a few members of the youth helped out with the cantata, which was also held on the 21st. On the 29th, some members of the youth helped a couple of the adults at the Hope Dining Room. The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were sent to an undisclosed non-Christian location. Finally, we held our annual New Year's lock in on New Year's Eve; we had a great turnout and had a bunch of fun playing games all night with friends.

Upcoming Events

February 1st: No Sunday night activities due to Super Bowl

February 28th: Italian Buffet Dinner Fundraiser

March 1st: Sunday night trip to Launch Trampoline Park –Permission slips due February 15th



Upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends



MARRIED COUPLES

The hustle-bustle of the holidays is over but the joy does not have to stop! Spend a joy-filled Marriage Encounter weekend together at the beautiful Vandiver Inn bed & breakfast, Havre de Grace, MD on **Feb. 20-22, 2015**. Restore, renew, and rekindle your marriage as you learn to love, listen, and share more deeply. Starts Fri. at 7:00 p.m. through Sun. 5:00 p.m. Brochures are available on-line by contacting Al and Dottie Lund (302-478-4209) or dottielund@comcast.net or apply on line at: www.presby-me.org. \$25 discount if you apply before Feb. 1st.



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
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:

Clay & Georgeanna Holland 302-540-0106 or clay@agapefarm.com

Brent & Carole Burdge 302-529-9261 or bctandem@aol.com

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Restore – Rekindle – Renew



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

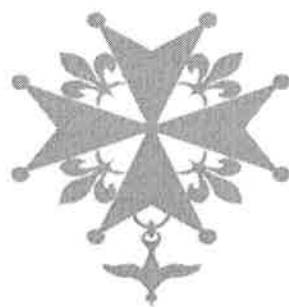
DATE CHANGE!!!!

2015 PW RETREAT

RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 17-19

Women's Day Celebration

March 21, 2015 10 AM – 2 PM



Huguenot Cross - Symbol of
Religious Loyalty

Women of the Reformation Presentation
Bring your friends and join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

200 Marrows Road, Newark, DE 19713

10 AM to 2 PM

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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 FEBRUARY

***"And now these three remain: Faith, hope
and love. But the greatest of these is love."***

1 Corinthians 13:13

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST PAPER BEACON:

Beginning in March, the Beacon will be emailed unless a paper copy is requested. Paper copies will still be mailed to those without email or internet access. You may request to continue receiving a paper copy of the Beacon by contacting Danielle Wood at 302-738-4331 secstandrews@aol.com, or by mailing a request to the church. There will be a limited number of paper Beacons available at the church for pick up as well.