



The Beacon

February 2017

Love is patient, Love is kind.

IT DOES NOT ENVY. IT DOES NOT BOAST.

IT IS NOT PROUD.

It does not DISHONOR OTHERS, it is not
SELF-SEEKING, it is not EASILY ANGERED, it keeps
NO RECORD OF WRONGS.

Love does not **delight** in evil but
rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

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

A Healthy Heart

"I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart."

Psalms 9:1

The Command to Love

February is the month we celebrate, among other things (like my birthday!), Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is named for a certain Valentinus, who died around 270 CE, evidently as a martyr. The circumstances of his life and death are obscure, however, and he may be further confused with others of that name who lived in the fifteenth century. According to History.com, there are over a dozen St. Valentines, in addition to a pope by that name who served a mere forty days in 827. That site goes on to add that the notion of romantic love was not associated with these Valentines till the time of Chaucer in the fourteenth century (<http://www.history.com/news/6-surprising-facts-about-st-valentine>):

The medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Fowles," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day—an association that didn't exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14 as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate. When Chaucer wrote, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate," he may have invented the holiday we know today.

Interestingly, Chaucer's reference to birds mating and a Catholic association of Valentine with being the patron saint of beekeeping may give us the basis for the axiom of "the birds and the bees." While Valentine's Day may be easily dismissed as another of those "Hallmark holidays," the one who so dismisses it and neglects to remember his or her significant other is likely to hear bad tidings!

In the gospels, Jesus is questioned many times by the Pharisees and Sadducees. At one point "one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all you mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22:35-40). Some may find it peculiar, even impossible, that God should command us to love, but love in Scripture is not simply some warm feeling, or a mere emotion, though it will often involve that. Love in Scripture is faithful obedience from the heart. It is doing what God wants, regardless of how we may "feel" about it. It is a sacrificial yielding of our own desires to the desire, the will, of God. Obviously, this flies in the face of our innate tendency to seek first our own wishes and desires. It is really only possible so to love as we are renewed in the inner person after



the image of God through repentance from sin and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom. 5:5). "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7).

Peter Pan

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
December 11, 2016

Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Randy Otto at 4:00 pm.

Elders present: Flora Atangcho, Brenda Saulsbury, Darrell DiStefano, Jane Wright, Cindy Arnold, & Julie Guns.

Elders not in attendance: Florence Fonjweng, Emmanuel Ndifor, Mary Anne Colbert.

Quorum present and adoption of docket was approved.

Minutes from Session Meeting on November 13, 2016 and Special Congregational Meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT was reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for Nov. was \$12,873. Total expenses for Nov 2016 were \$14,407.46. Net revenue over expenses for Nov. 2016 was -\$1,534.46. Total revenue for the YTD was \$141,706.64. Total expenses for the YTD were \$146,885.49. Net expenses over revenue for the YTD were -\$5,178.55.

Pastor's Report was reviewed and approved. It will be published in the next issue of the BEACON.

Clerk's Report: Attendance for the 5 Sundays in November was 372 people. A Thank You letter written by Jim Mosley on behalf of the NC Presbytery was read thanking our congregation for the wonderful hospitality enjoyed by all the commissioners attending the Dec. 3rd Presbytery Meeting. It will be included in the next issue of the BEACON.

The commissioner's report for the 834th Stated Meeting of the New Castle Presbytery on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 written by Darrell DiStefano was received by Session.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- To accept the following people as new officers for 2017 after an interview with each.
 - **Sue Staudt - deacon**
 - **Brenda Saulsbury-deacon**
 - **Dave DiMartine – elder**
 - **Cliff Wood – elder**
- To employ "Brogan Landscaping" to do the snow plowing for parking lot across the street from the church with the stipulation of a "release of liability" for personal injury. They will snowplow after an accumulation of 2".
- January 8, 2017 is the date for the ordination/installation of the newly elected church officers during the regular Sunday service.
- Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after Sunday Service on January 22, 2017 with an inclement weather date of January 29, 2017.
- Replace the door in the chapel with a solid core door and replace the second floor back door with a new jam. Neither door has windows and the the total price, including installation is \$1,400.
- Challenge budget for 2017 was approved.
- Communion during Sunday service on January 1, 2017.
- To adjourn this meeting at 5:20 pm.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Randy Otto at 5:20 pm. The next regularly scheduled Session Meeting will be on Jan. 8, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

FROM THE DEACONS FEBRUARY 2017

Keep Our Pantry Stocked

Please continue to bring in food; calls from people in need come year-round. Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods.

Thank you for supporting this ongoing ministry.

- Cake mixes
- Cereal
- Fruit (applesauce, etc.)
- Jelly
- Mac and cheese
- Meats (canned tuna, etc.)
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Soups
- Spaghetti sauce
- Vegetables (canned)

Coats for Hope & Just Socks

Thank you for your generous donations of warm clothing and socks that helped many in need. We are no longer collecting at this time; we will resume in the fall.

Next deacons meeting: Feb. 5, 2017



Youth Group

SO the Youth brought the New Year in right with their annual lock in.

Once again the youth had another great lock in and oh by the way actually got the church cleaned and ready for the church service as well. We had a good turnout for this year's event and also a visit from some of the older youth that are in college now. That was a nice surprise. Thanks for coming out and joining us.

I'd like to thank the youth and parents that were able to make it to Amy Wade's celebration. Amy has impacted numerous youth of our church as well as countless others over the past 20 years. Amy will be missed at camp but I know GOD will lead her into a new chapter to make a meaningful impact.

Just a reminder: there will be no Sunday Night Activities on Super Bowl Sunday February 5th.

If you know of any youth that would benefit from or enjoy youth group, please invite them out to Sunday Night activities or share their information with me and I'll invite them out.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS 2017

Pam Crowe
Sandra Miller
Gary Strickland

Katie Hardy
Mackenzie Conners
Debbie Stowell

Brenda Saulsbury
Jean Pasapane
Sue Staudt

2017 SESSION

Clerk	Eileen Hunt
Buildings & Grounds	Myron Hardesty
Christian Ed	Jane Wright
Fellowship	Dave DiMartine
Insurance	Darrell DiStefano/Jim Sparks
Membership	Flora Atangcho
Memorials	Cindy Arnold
Missions	Florence Fonjweng
Nominating	Cliff Wood
Outreach Committee	Julie Guns
Pastor/Personnel	Mary Anne Colbert
Stewardship/Fundraisers	Cliff Wood
Treasurer	Darrell DiStefano
Worship	MaryAnne Colbert/Julie Guns



Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday February 2nd at 10 AM.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 21st at 7 PM.

Ruth Circle

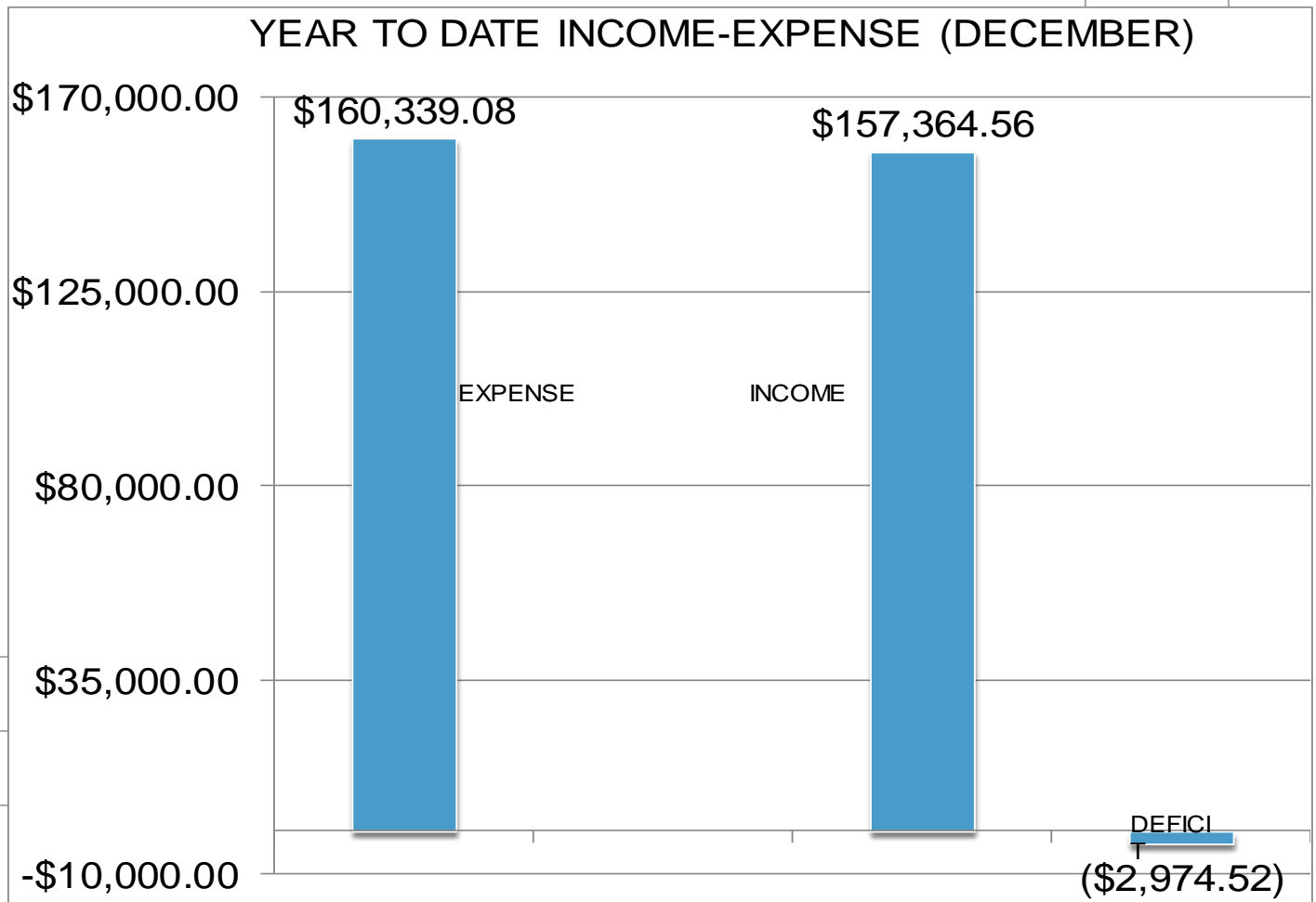
Our next meeting will be on Monday February 20th at 7 PM.

DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In December, St. Andrew's received \$15,657.62. That amount is \$1,644.14 more than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 was \$14,013.48. We spent \$13,453.59 in December, which is \$543.31 less than the budgeted expenses of \$13,996.90. The surplus for the month was \$2,204.03.

In 2016 St. Andrew's received \$157,364.56 and spent \$160,339.08 resulting in a deficit of \$2,974.52.

ST. ANDREW'S DECEMBER FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET						
MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
DECEMBER	\$15,657.62	\$14,013.48	\$1,644.14	\$157,364.56	\$168,160.00	-\$10,795.44
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$6,825.00	\$7,266.96	-\$441.96	\$78,967.79	\$87,200.00	-\$8,232.21
STAFF	\$4,039.13	\$3,967.10	\$72.03	\$48,426.24	\$47,603.00	\$823.24
PROGRAM	\$196.58	\$220.98	-\$24.40	\$2,128.00	\$2,650.00	-\$522.00
BLDG GRDS	\$1,427.63	\$2,220.11	-\$792.48	\$26,956.05	\$26,640.00	\$316.05
PER CAPITA	\$965.25	\$321.75	\$643.50	\$3,861.00	\$3,861.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$13,453.59	\$13,996.90	-\$543.31	\$160,339.08	\$167,954.00	-\$7,614.92
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$2,204.03	\$16.58		(\$2,974.52)	\$206.00	



 <p><i>Happy Anniversary</i></p> <p>2 - Herb & Alice Hoeflinger</p> <p>25 - Rob & Karen Johnson</p>		1 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM KCOS 7:30PM	2 Morning Circle 10 AM Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM 	3 KCOS Youth 6PM	4	
5 Blended Service 10:00 AM Communion/Youth Sunday Food Collection Sunday Love Offering for Amy Wade Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM 	6	7	8 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM KCOS 7:30PM	9 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	10 KCOS Youth 6PM	11
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 <p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26</p>	<p>2 Debbie Stowell</p> <p>4 Michelle Lombardi</p> <p>6 Jane Wright</p> <p>9 Norman Jackson</p> <p>9 Randy Otto</p> <p>16 Scott Hunt</p> <p>18 David T. Arnold</p>	<p>18 Willem Avenarius</p> <p>18 Emmanuel Ndifor</p> <p>18 Leah Kuykendall</p> <p>22 Kevin Bart</p> <p>27 Charlotte Walker</p> <p>28 Matt Kupelian</p> <p>28 Celestine Atangcho</p>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

1	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
2	Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
		Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
3	Friday	Church of Service Youth	7:00 p.m.
5	Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
		Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
		Love Offering for Amy Wade	
		Deacon's Meeting	11:00 a.m.
		Coffee/juice hour	
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
8	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
9	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
10	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
12	Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
		Coffee/juice hour	
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
		Session Meeting	4:00 p.m.
		Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
		And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
15	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
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		Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
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		And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.

MENTORS NEEDED

FOR TEEN MENTORING PROGRAM



Help a teen discover his/her potential, expand interests, build confidence & explore career goals

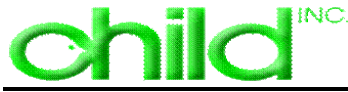
Contact: Donna Johnson at Child Inc.

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***The Leadership Development through Community Mentoring Program* is supported by funding through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council**



**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT THROUGH
COMMUNITY MENTORING PROGRAM**

“Mentoring is a proven intervention that works to help youth deal with today’s challenges”

MENTOR REQUIREMENTS:

- Ages 20 and up
- Able to engage with mentee for a minimum of 4 hours a month
- Provide consistent and positive guidance
- Be a thoughtful, caring and responsible role model
- Ability to pass background check
- Participation in orientation and training
- Commitment to one year participation

MENTEE REQUIREMENTS:

- Selected youth between the ages of 14 and 17
- Youth residing along the route 40 corridor –Bear/Newark
- Residing in single parent household
- Interested in participating in a mentor-mentee relationship
- Able to engage with mentor for a minimum of 4 hours a month
- Commitment to one year participation
- Program youth cannot be involved with the juvenile justice system

PROGRAM STAFF OFFER:

- Orientation and training
- Ongoing support provided to mentors/mentees
- Planned activities for groups or individual matches

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Johnson, Child Inc. – 302-832-5451 or djohnson@childinc.com



New Castle Presbytery

Presents

“Living Into Hope”

11th Annual Beach Retreat

March 3rd & 4th, 2017

10:00 a.m. Friday to 12:00 p.m. Saturday

Dunes Manor Hotel
2800 Baltimore Avenue
Ocean City, Maryland



Rev. Dr. Jason Brian Santos
Associate for Collegiate Ministries,
Presbyterian Mission Agency

835th Stated Meeting Of Presbytery

Immediately following worship on
Saturday, March 4th, 9:45 a.m.



Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia
Director of Church Relations,
Princeton Seminary and
Former Vice Moderator of PCUSA

PLENARIES led by Rev. Dr. Jason Brian Santos
Including *“Digging Deeper Into Faith”* and *“Journey Together”*

BALCONY 2: *Discussion and Implementation*

WORKSHOPS:

Better Understanding College Students and Young Adults
Hosting a Refugee Family
Gender Relations

WORSHIP led by Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia

For information regarding scholarship assistance, visit our retreat webpage at: www.ncpresbytery.org/beach