



The Beacon

March 2017



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 MARCH

Your Lenten Check Up

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalms 139:23-24

Lengthening our Days

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 1 this year. Lent is the period of forty days of preparation for Easter. That preparation may involve additional study of Scripture, prayer, sacrifice of oneself, and other spiritual disciplines designed to prepare the believer for following Jesus more fully. The period of forty days draws on the forty day fasts of Moses, Elijah, and especially of Jesus recorded in Scripture.

The word “lent” came in the English language from a West German compound meaning “long days,” an allusion to the lengthening of days as spring approaches. After winter, sometimes cold and yet this year rather mild, most of us are more than ready for spring, but more sunlight does not really matter as much to us today as it did to those who lived before the advent of the electric light. However, almost all of us want a lengthening of our days in a much broader sense, i.e., a longer life. God promises a long life to those who obey his Word. He told Solomon, “if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life” (1 Kings 3:14). God says of those who love him and call upon him, “with long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation” (Ps. 91:16). Proverbs 10:27 says, “the fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.”



Lent is really about lengthening of our days, i.e., obeying God’s call more fully and getting more out of the life he gives us. There are *always* only twenty-four hours in a day and seven days in a week. That never changes. It is not the amount of time that changes, but the meaning and use of time that changes for the one who commits his way to the Lord. The committed believer in Christ sees each day as a stewardship, along with all other aspects of life, and seeks to invest that time, together with his talents and treasures, to the fullest for the sake of the Lord who sought him and bought him. He endeavors to “redeem the time,” to make the most of each opportunity (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5). How can you live longer and get more out of life? Commit your ways more fully to the Lord. Live a Lenten life.

“Whoever of you loves life, and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it” (Ps. 34:12-14).

Paster Randy

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Stated Session Meeting January 8, 2017

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

Quorum present and docket approved

Elders present: Cindy Arnold, Mary Anne Colbert, Dave DiMartine, Darrell DiStefano, Florence Fonjweng, Julie Guns, Myron Hardesty, and Jane Wright

Elder present but not yet installed: Mary Anne Colbert and Cliff Wood (via speaker phone)

Elder not present: Flora Atangcho

Minutes from December 2016 (as amended) and adoption of today's docket were approved.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for Dec. 2016 was \$15,657.62. Total expenses for Dec. were \$15,278.59. Total revenue over expenses for Dec. was \$379.03. Total revenue for YTD was \$157,364.56. Total expenses for YTD were \$162,164.08. Total expenses over revenue for YTD were -\$4,799.52.

Pastor's Report was reviewed and approved.

The following positions were appointed by moderator Randy Otto:

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| • Bldg. & Ground / Myron Hardesty | Membership / Flora Atangcho |
| • Fellowship / Dave DiMartine | Christian Education / Jane Wright |
| • Outreach & Evangelism / Julie Guns | Missions / Florence Fonjweng |
| • Stewardship / Cliff Wood | Pastor & Personnel / Mary Anne Colbert |
| • Worship / Julie Guns | Memorials / Cindy Arnold |

The following people will be on the Revision Committee who will work on revising and standardizing the STANDING RULES for St. Andrew's: Rev. Randy Otto, Danielle Wood, Dave DiMartine and Cliff Wood.

The Mission Study Committee will be composed of Florence Fonjweng, Tracy Hardy, Brenda Saulsbury, Mary Anne Colbert, Bea Fairchild, Mary Beth Schweitzer, Rob Johnson, Jim Sparks and Jake Wood and Julie Avenarius (voice without vote). The chairperson of this committee will be determined at a later date.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Vacation request for Randy Otto for week beginning Sunday, March 12, 2017.
- Continuing Education request for \$900 for this contract year to attend the Reformation Tour to Germany for 500th Anniversary of Luther's nailing of the 95 theses (8/27-9/2). In addition, pending his contract renewal, a voucher for the next contract year of \$900 will be applied for this Continuing Education request as well.
- Communion will be distributed during church services on the 1st Sunday of every month, Maundy Thursday, Pentecost, 1st Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve candlelight service at 11:00 pm.
- Amend the 2017 Budget to include Per Capita income line \$3,576, Per Capita expense line \$3,576 and Payroll Tax Expense line \$3,312.
- Decrease monthly rent to \$1,000 for KCOS due to their financial difficulties. This change will be reevaluated at the June Session Meeting.
- Darrell will check out "The Home of the Brave" for the donation from the "Veterans' Day" collection amounting to \$114.
- Take a "Love Offering" for Amy Wade during the service on Feb. 5th. Amy Wade faithfully served at Camp Donegal for 20 years and has recently lost her position. Donations will be accepted through the month of February.
- To adjourn at 6:10 pm. Randy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2017
Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Randy Otto called to Meeting to order at 11:45 am.

QUORUM was present and **proper notice was given for this meeting.**

A moment of silent prayer was given in memory of those members and friends of St. Andrew's who have gone to the Church Triumphant in the year 2016.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept today's docket as presented.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept all reports as written from the following committees: **clerk, treasurer, audit, Christian Ed., Fellowship, Membership, Missions, Pastor & Personnel, Stewardship, Worship, Deacons, Pastor, Youth and Presbyterian Women.**

Elections: Motions were made, seconded and approved for the following positions:

- **Pastor and Personnel**—Mary Beth Schweitzer (at large member for a 3 year term)
- **Nominating Committee**—Joyce Sparks, Kay DiStefano and Marianne Hardesty (at large members for one year terms).

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn this Congregational Meeting.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Randy Otto at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested: _____

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

Date: _____



FROM THE DEACONS

March 2017

Pantry Needs

Easter's on its way, and we'll soon be filling food baskets for local families in need. Please help us stock the pantry shelves with foods on the list below. Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. *Remember we cannot use outdated foods.*

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

Hope Totes

Envelopes containing Hope Totes and a list of toiletries to put in the totes will be in the narthex during March. Please take one if you'd like to provide basic needs to the homeless. Return filled totes to church by April 9 for delivery to Sunday Breakfast Mission before Easter.

Laundry for the Lord

Deacons will be collecting money for \$5 Laundromat vouchers on March 12, 19 and 26. Kingswood Methodist runs the Laundry for the Lord ministry, and the Newark Empowerment Center distributes the vouchers to local homeless folks and families who can't afford to use the laundry.

Meals on Wheels

Deacons provided and delivered diabetic and regular desserts to the Senior Center for Meals on Wheels every Wednesday during February.

Next deacons meeting: March 5, 2017



Morning Circle

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

Naomi Circle

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

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 7th at 7 PM.

- **WANTED: CROCHETERS AND PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS.** Karen Johnson is making 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic shopping bags. If you know how to crochet, she would love some help with this project! If you have any shopping bags to donate, she would love to have them. Please contact Karen for more information. 302-442-3362
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Youth Group

Wow! Can you believe it's already March? In February, the youth held a Love Offering and created cards for Amy Wade from Camp Donegal.

Amy served as the Camp Director at Donegal. She's nurtured our children and so many others for the past twenty years. She's helped lead many youth to the Lord.

I'd like to thank Linda DiMartine for heading up and leading the Sunday Night groups in making No Sew Fleece blankets for the Newark Empowerment Center. We completed 8 blankets for the homeless. Way to go.....

If you know of any youth that could benefit from the Sunday Night Program please invite them to join us for Dinner and activities.



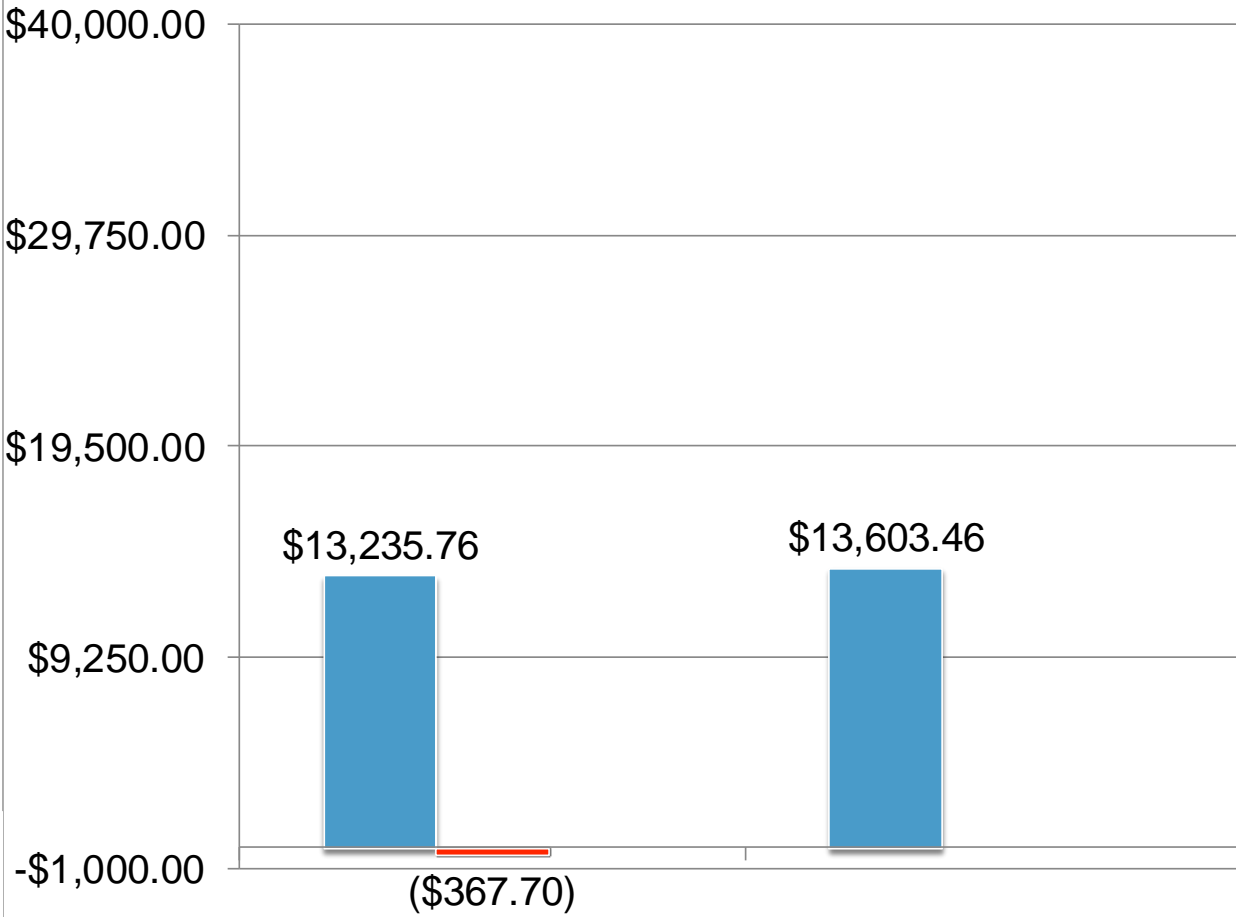
DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In January, St. Andrew's received \$13,235.76. That amount is \$127.76 more than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2017 is \$13,108. We spent \$13,603.46 in January, which is \$593.87 less than the budgeted expenses of \$14,197.35. The deficit for the month was \$367.70. Since January was the first month of the year, that is also the deficit for the year.

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

FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET						
MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
JANUARY	\$13,235.76	\$13,108.00	\$127.76	\$13,235.76	\$13,108.00	\$127.76
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$7,163.17	\$7,249.99	-\$86.82	\$7,163.17	\$7,249.99	-\$86.82
STAFF	\$3,883.60	\$3,983.57	-\$99.97	\$3,883.60	\$3,983.57	-\$99.97
PROGRAM	\$578.78	\$312.48	\$266.30	\$578.78	\$312.48	\$266.30
BLDG GRDS	\$1,977.91	\$2,269.98	-\$292.07	\$1,977.91	\$2,269.98	-\$292.07
PER CAPITA	\$0.00	\$298.00	-\$298.00	\$0.00	\$3,861.00	-\$3,861.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$13,603.46	\$14,197.35	-\$510.56	\$13,603.46	\$14,197.35	-\$593.89
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$367.70)	(\$1,089.35)		(\$367.70)	(\$1,089.35)	

YEAR TO DATE INCOME-EXPENSE (JANUARY)



 <p>9 - Scott & Leah Kuykendall 15 - Wayne & Jane Wright 16- John & Shirley McDaniel</p>		<p>1 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>  <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Service @ St. Nicholas 7 PM</p>	<p>2 Morning Circle 10 AM Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>3 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>5 Blended Service 10:00 AM Communion/Youth Sunday Food Collection Sunday Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Ruth Circle 7PM</p>	<p>8 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>9 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>10 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>11 </p>
<p>12 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM Rev. Son- guest preacher</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>16 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>17 KCOS Youth 6PM </p>	<p>18 DEPRESSED? PSALM 37:23-24 JOHN 16:33 NEHEMIAH 8:10 PSALM 42:5 HOSEA 6:1 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 PHILIPPIANS 4:13</p>
<p>19 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 4:00 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM</p>	<p>20 Beacon Deadline </p>	<p>21 Naomi Circle 7PM</p>	<p>22 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>23 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>24 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>25 WORRIED? PSALM 46:10 PSALM 37:5 PHILIPPIANS 4:6 1 PETER 4:7 MATTHEW 6:25-27 PROVERBS 3:5-6 MATTHEW 6:34</p>
<p>26 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>31 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>STRESSED? Jeremiah 29:11 Proverbs 29:11 Proverbs 3:5-6 Ephesians 4:26 Ephesians 4:31-32 Matthew 6:19-21 Hebrews 12:6</p>



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| 2 - Joshua Wood | 6 - Jason Avenarius |
| 6 - Imere Miller | 6 - Kathy Paderson |
| 11- Myron Hardesty | 12- Winnie Wagner |
| 16 - Elaine Foster | 18 - Chet Pasapane |
| 25 - Al Crowe | 31 - Ruth Hostettler |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2017

1	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Ash Wednesday Service at St. Nicholas	7:00 p.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	
		Deacon's Meeting	11:00 a.m.
		Coffee/juice hour	
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
		Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
		And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
7	Tuesday	Ruth circle	7:00 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.
11	Saturday	SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR AT MIDNIGHT	
12	Sunday	Blended Service (Rev. Son-guest preacher)	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	5:00 p.m.
15	Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
16	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
17	Friday	St. Patrick's Day	
		Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
19	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.
20	Monday	Spring begins	
		Beacon Deadline	
21	Tuesday	Naomi Circle	7:00 p.m.
22	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
23	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
24	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
26	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	5:00 p.m.
29	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
30	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
31	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 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.

302-832-5451

djohnson@childinc.com

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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
