

And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

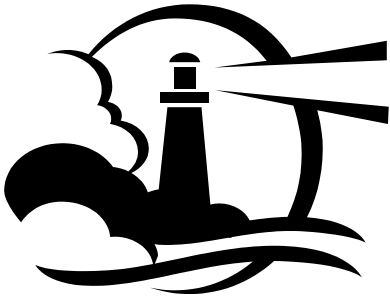
Have you had a chat with the Lord today? No appointment needed, the opportunity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep praying, prayer changes things.

PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR APRIL

Run the Race at Any Age

“Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2



The Beacon

March 2016

The Rev. Dr. John G. Paderson, Pastor

As I write this message the news is dominated by the Islamic terrorist attacks in Brussels that left 31 dead and hundreds injured. The Islamic State that stands behind these attacks regularly kills innocent people in areas beyond their control and routinely engages in genocide in areas that they do control. The sadness is that they do it in the name of God.

Some well meaning Christians think that the most helpful thing to do in response to such attacks is to paper over the differences between Islam and Christianity in order to reduce tensions. They argue that we all worship the same God and that we should tone down our witness in order not to offend Muslims. The horrendous violence perpetrated in the name of God calls out for a much different response.

God is love, not hate. That is abundantly clear in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus the Christ. We clearly see in Him the “image of the invisible God” and we clearly see in Him the image in which God created all people. If people want to know what the true God looks like and what they are meant to look like, all they have to do is look at Jesus. Jesus said “know the truth and the truth will set you free.” The truth is Jesus the Christ. He presents a stark contrast to the god of hate that the Islamic terrorists mistakenly serve. The most helpful thing that we can do as Christians is faithfully witness to Him and not paper over the differences between Him and Muhammad or the founder of any other religion. The differences are real. The differences are profound. The differences are important. The differences are transformative. The most helpful thing that we can do in the face of this horrendous violence is to share the truth about Jesus who is “the way, and the truth, and the life” and boldly live that truth in love.

We should do it the way the Apostle Peter recommends we do it:

Do not repay evil for evil...Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:9; 14-18 NIV).

Remember Christianity is not a religion of coercion or conquest. We should and can defend religious freedom without affirming or agreeing with everything the followers of other religions believe or do. Let us not forget that God has given the Church the Cross and the government the sword and never confuse the two. The government wields the sword to protect the rights of everyone. The Church carries the Cross to announce salvation for everyone who will accept it. “God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him” (John 3:17 NIV).

Hatred breeds more hatred and violence breeds more violence. The witness of love and the sanctity of all life is the best way to shine light into the darkness of death. Pray for the victims. Yes, even pray for the terrorists who are our enemies. Pray for the followers of Islam, the followers of other religions, and the followers of no religion at all. Pray that ALL should come to know the Truth and that the Truth will set them free.

Yours at the empty tomb,

John

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

From: The Rev. John G. Paderson

Subject: Report for February 2016

Date: March 11, 2016

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

- Prepared and led worship all four Sundays in February.
- Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on February 7th.
- Preached at the Joint Ash Wednesday Service at St. Nicholas Church on Wednesday evening February 10th.
- Celebrated a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Agnes Ulrich on February 11th.

B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)

- **Home Visits:** 5
- **Office Visits:** 2

C. Administration

- Wrote a message for the March Beacon
- Moderated the February 14th regularly scheduled session meeting.

D. Christian Education

- Led 2 Sunday evening studies during the month of February on the Spiritual disciplines.

E. Ecumenical Activities.

- Attended a meeting of the Lunch Bunch pastors group at Blue Crab on February 24th.
- Traveled to Baltimore for a Pastors' Support Group meeting on February 25th.

F. Denominational Activities

- None this month.

Yours at the foot of the Cross,

John

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
February 14, 2016

Elders present: Cindy Arnold, Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild, Julie Guns, Brenda Saulsbury, Jane Wright

Elders absent: Flora Atangcho, Florence Fonjweng, Emmanuel Ndifor

Elder Brenda Saulsbury opened the meeting with prayer at 4:30 pm.

The following minutes were reviewed and approved:

- Stated Session Minutes from January 10, 2016
- Special Session Minutes from January 30, 2016
- Annual Congregational Meeting from February 14, 2016

Pastor's Report for January 2016 was reviewed and approved. He made 3 home visits. His report also included his participation in worship leadership, Christian Education, ecumenical/denominational activities, administrative duties, and "Things to Think About". A more detailed report will be included in the next issue of the church Beacon.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for January was \$13,075.60. Total expenses were \$13,961.39. Net revenue over expenses was -\$885.79. YTD totals for January 2016 are the same.

E-mail motions approved unanimously:

- Postpone the Annual Congregational Meeting to after worship on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 with Feb. 21st as the snow date.
- All Sunday activities for Sunday, January 24, 2016 cancelled due to severe snowstorm.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Distribution of Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of every month, Maundy Thursday, Pentecost Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent and 2nd church service on Christmas Eve.
- Add to the motion approved on January 30th for the qualifications list for a potential interim pastor "Interim trained preferred".
- Appoint an Interim Search Committee to advertise the position for an interim pastor to interface with potential candidates and work in conjunction with the NCC Presbytery COM. This committee will consist of Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell DiStefano, Florence Fonjweng and Julie Guns (alternate).

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by John Paderson at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

From the Deacons for April

Pantry Needs

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

Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. *Remember we cannot use outdated foods.*

We appreciate your support for this ongoing ministry, and we thank you for your donations to our Easter food baskets.

Laundry for the Lord

On April 10, 17, and 24, the deacons will be collecting money in any amount for purchasing Laundromat vouchers to give to people in need. A voucher costs about \$7.00. If you'd like to donate, please see a deacon in Fellowship Hall after the service on the above dates.

Camp Donegal

It's that time again! If your child will be attending Camp Donegal this summer, registration forms must be turned in by April 10th. Please use the following link to view the 2016 Summer Camp Brochure. Please print the registration form, fill it out and turn it in to Cliff or Danielle Wood, Linda DiMartine or Charlotte Walker. Remember, we **MUST** have your completed registration form by APRIL 10th to apply for camperships! Please see Cliff, Danielle, Charlotte or Linda with any questions. Thanks.

http://www.campdonegal.org/media_16/Summer-Camp-Brochure-2016.pdf

http://www.campdonegal.org/media_16/RegistrationPamphlet.pdf

Red Kettle Report

We received a letter from the Salvation Army that St. Andrews' Red Kettle bell ringers raised \$1017.08 for the campaign. They are truly grateful for your support and thank you for volunteering.

Next Deacons Meeting: April 3, 2016



Youth News

The Youth Group's first huge event in the month of March was the Cameroonian Presbytery breakfast. We served a great breakfast to a total of around 75 people. Overall, it was an awesome turnout and a good event. After the breakfast we stayed for about four hours making Easter candy for anyone who ordered it during the previous Sunday coffee hours. Our final total amounted to about 300 candy eggs and 80 chocolate covered peeps. During one of our weekly Sunday night activities, a man from the Newark Empowerment Center, Tom Parkins came to give us a presentation on the go-bags and the things that they do for the homeless people in Newark. On the night of Palm Sunday, the Youth Group met to create 50 items called go-bags. Go-Bags are a simple creative idea that includes micro waved meals, a juice box, a granola bar, a cup of fruit, a pack of crackers, and utensils. We made 50 to give to the Newark Empowerment Center to hand out to the homeless in Newark. Currently, the Youth are talking about Camp Donegal, and what camps they're going to. Here are some reviews on what previous St. Andrews campers thought:

Delma- "As time passed by things got more and more fun."

Jason- "The Counselors are so generous and nice."

Jake- "Relations are strengthened with both God and the people around you."

Imere- "Everything we did led up to why God is great."

Jasyah- "The environment is created by the good vibes that everyone there has."

While there are no more things the Youth plan on doing in March, on April 16th they are planning on going to a concert by 'Mercy Me' at the Bob Carpenter Center. The Youth would like to thank all of the people who supported them and helped make this possible.

Special thanks to Brenda Saulsbury for helping us make the Easter candy that the Youth sold and Dave DiMartine for helping with the huge breakfast for the Cameroonian Presbytery.



PW NEWS

Please note the Annual PW retreat in Ocean City in April posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. We have scholarship money available. Registration forms are available; please share within your circles. Follow this link for registration form

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxwd2lubmNwfGd4OjFkMDAwMjg0NDVhNmNmNmNzY>

Follow this link for meals and workshops

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxwd2lubmNwfGd4OjI1MjFmNTIyZDVhMGNmNmNzY>

Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 7th at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 19th at 7 PM in the home of Jean Pasapane.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday April 18th at 7 PM in the home of Jere Ebert.



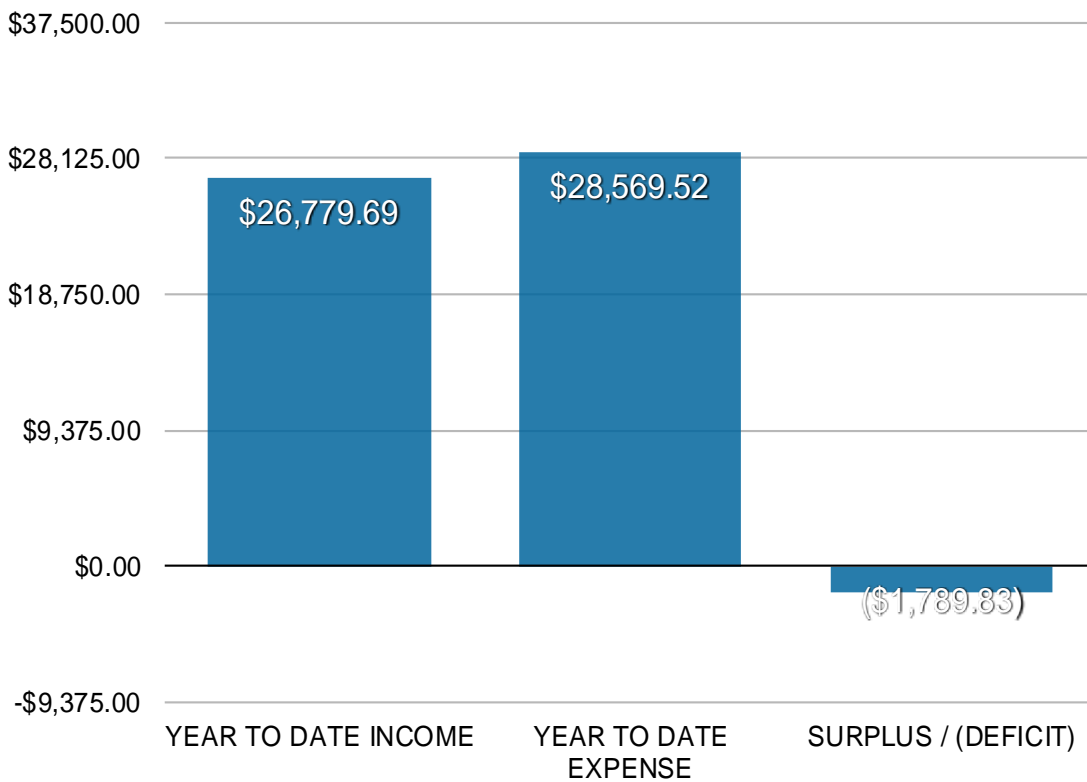
DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In February, St. Andrew's received \$12,986.74. That amount is \$1,026.58 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 is \$14,013.32. We spent \$14,607.93 in February, which is \$611.83 more than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a deficit for the month of \$1,621.19.

Year to date, St. Andrew's has received \$26,779.69 and spent \$28,569.32 resulting in a deficit of \$1,789.63.

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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
FEBRUARY	\$12,986.74	\$14,013.33	-\$1,026.59	\$26,779.69	\$28,026.64	-\$1,246.95
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$7,604.07	\$7,266.67	\$337.40	\$14,446.82	\$14,533.28	-\$86.46
STAFF	\$3,953.85	\$3,966.92	-\$13.07	\$8,141.00	\$7,933.80	\$207.20
PROGRAM	\$46.21	\$220.83	-\$174.62	\$483.22	\$441.64	\$41.58
BLDG GRDS	\$3,003.80	\$2,220.00	\$783.80	\$5,498.48	\$4,439.98	\$1,058.50
PER CAPITA	\$0.00	\$321.75	-\$321.75	\$0.00	\$643.50	-\$643.50
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$14,607.93	\$13,996.17	\$611.76	\$28,569.52	\$27,992.20	\$577.32
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$1,621.19)	\$17.16		(\$1,789.83)	\$34.44	



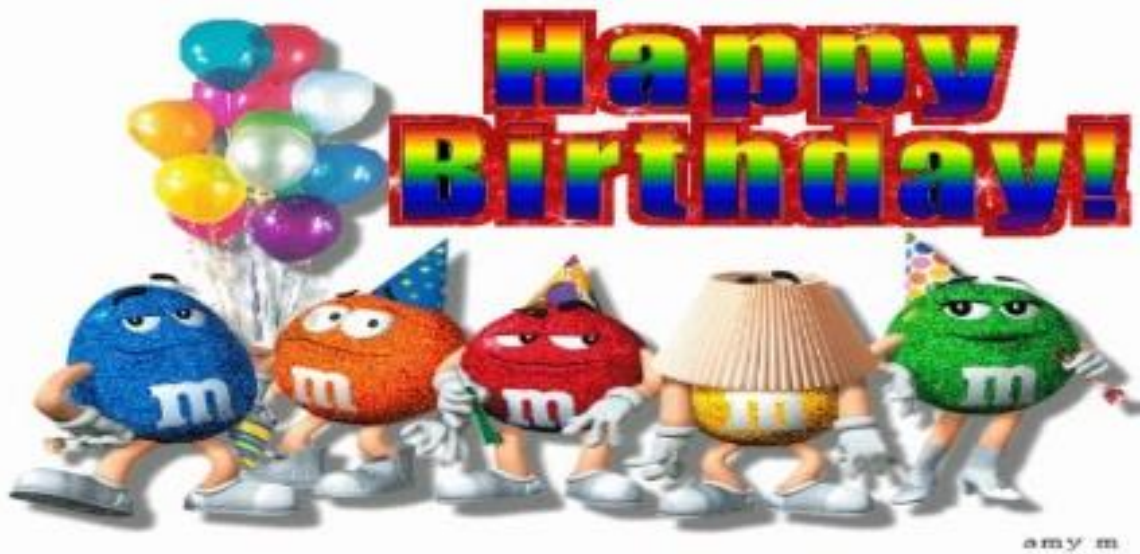
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>3 – Morgan Guns 6 – Pete Stiltz 7 – John Paderson 9 – Tracy Hardy</p>			 <p>25- Rick & Ann Hardy</p>		<p>1</p>  <p>Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Communion/Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday</p> <p>Deacon Meeting 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church of Service Youth 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Morning Circle 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Band /Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>Blended Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church of Service Youth 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Praise Band /Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2016

1 Friday	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 Meeting	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.
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	Session Meeting	4:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
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	Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
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22 Friday	PW Retreat	
	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
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25- Rick & Ann Hardy



3 – Morgan Guns
6 – Pete Stiltz
7 – John Paderson
9 – Tracy Hardy

11 – Denzel Osang
26 – Carol Stiltz
28 – Ellen Stiltz