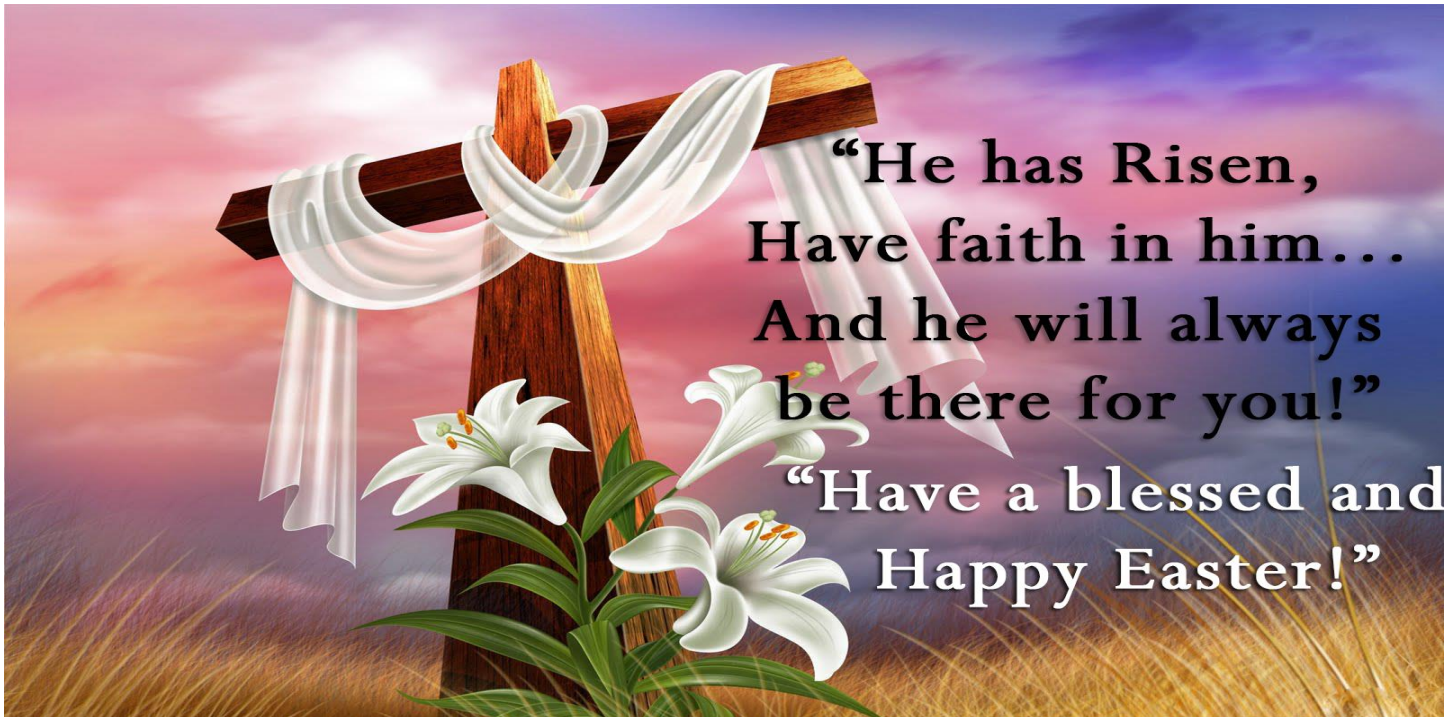




The Beacon

April 2019



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

Why do we celebrate Easter?

Bunnies? Easter baskets filled with goodies? Spring? New birth?

Don't forget the most important reason why we celebrate.....

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, was raised from the dead. He overcame death.

The Perfect Lamb. Heaven's ransom for our sins.

Celebrate with pure joy! Hallelujah! Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26 NIV

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
February 10, 2019**

*****JANUARY STATED SESSION MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER*****

Meeting opened with prayer by Ginny Jones at 4:09 pm.

Members in attendance: Darrell DiStefano, Cliff Wood, Myron Hardesty, Florence Fonjweng, Dave DiMartine, Grant Hardy, Dusty Robinson and Flora Atangcho.

Members not in attendance: Julie Guns and Mary Anne Colbert.

Docket was approved and quorum was present.

December's Stated Session Minutes and 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: January 2019 income (4 Sundays) was \$9,488.05. Expenses were \$7,210.72. Surplus for January was \$2,277.72.

Clerk's Report:

- Harold Robert Mann (DOD 01/03/19, Membership #726)
- Member changes (108 members / 64 females and 44 men)
- Presented **Church Statistics Report for 2018**
- Presented Presbytery Commissioner's Report submitted by Winnie Wagner, Jan 12, 2019.
- Presented **Deacons Reports** from January and February's Deacons' Meetings.
- Worship attendance for the 4 Sundays in January 2019 was 172 people.

Motions made seconded and approved:

- Accept all team/ committee reports
- **Winnie Wagner** will be Presbytery Commissioner for 2019 with Darrell DiStefano as alternate.
- **2019 St. Andrew's Church Statistics Report**
- **Election of Officers for 2019: Treasurer/Darrell DiStefano, Clerk/ Eileen Hunt and President of Corporation/Cliff Wood.**
- Elder Liaisons for following teams
 - **Bldg/Grounds—Myron Hardesty and Grant Hardy**
 - **Stewardship—Cliff Wood**
 - **Christian Education—Cliff Wood**
 - **Fellowship—Dave DiMartine and Dusty Robinson**
 - **Membership/Outreach—Flora Atangcho**
 - **Memorials—Darrell DiStefano**
 - **Missions—Florence Fonjweng**
 - **Pastor/Personnel—Dusty Robinson**

➤ **Worship—Julie Guns**

- Communion will be served the 1st Sunday of every month, Maundy Thursday, Pentecost, Christmas Eve (11 pm service).
- Participate in “**Baby Bottle Boomerang**”, organized by Eileen Hunt and Florence Fonjweng
- Participate in the **Venezuelan Mission Project** with a \$250 donation funded from Mission Funds Budget. **Also the Youth Group will match this donation with funds from their budget.
- Participate in the **Nigerian Mission Trip** with a \$250 donation funded from Mission Funds Budget. **Also the Youth Group will match this donation with funds from their budget.
- Participate in **The One Great Hour of Sharing** coordinated by **Florence Fonjweng**.
- Waive the 3 bid requirement to have a “flow restrictor” installed on the church’s main water line per orders from the Suez Water Company.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm and was closed with prayer by Darrell DiStefano.

Next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

Deacon March Beacon Article:

- Easter is April 21st this year. We’ll soon be filling Easter food baskets for local families. Please help us stock the pantry with foods on the list below. Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. *Remember we cannot use outdated foods.* We will also need turkeys or hams by April 14th. If you can bring a turkey or ham, label it “for deacons,” place it in the freezer and notify Danielle Wood or Rick Hardy. Thank you.
Peanut butter & Jelly, Soups, Fruit (applesauce, etc.), Cake or brownie mixes, gravy, Meats (canned tuna, chicken, ham etc.), peas & carrots, Spaghetti Sauce, Potatoes, cranberry sauce
- The Deacons wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Laundry for the Lord campaign. We will continue to collect the items for the Sunday Breakfast Mission until April 14th.
- Please continue to save those “Box Tops for Education” for Brookside Elementary School. The school will receive 10 cents for each “box top” that they submit. You can help by cutting out any of the small labels that you see on items you purchase and dropping them in the box that is in the Narthex. These “box tops” can be found on General Mills cereals and some items from Old El Paso, Betty Crocker, Scott and Kleenex brands, Fiber One, Nature Valley bars, Chex Mix, Hefty, Lysol and Paper mate pens. Please join us in this easy way to help schools buy the items they need.



PW: All women of the church

There will be a PW meeting in the balcony immediately following worship of April 14, 2019. ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the missions we want to support with our cookie walk funds. Please email Danielle (secstandrews@aol.com)

in advance with any ideas or recommendations for what missions you suggest we support.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update:

Our search continues for the pastor who will be the best match for St. Andrew's. We're still meeting regularly, reading PIF's, interviewing candidates, and praying. We realize that the search is a process that takes time and prayerful consideration. In God's time He will lead us to the individual meant to be our next pastor. In the meantime, we need to be patient and faithful servants listening for God's will for us. All your prayers and support are greatly appreciated by our committee.

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



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The Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser for A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center will be held this year from Sunday, April 28 to Sunday, May 26. This is a major source of funding for A Door of Hope, which provides pregnancy testing (including ultrasounds), counseling, and support to women who are unsure of what to do in an unexpected pregnancy. Hope classes provide expectant moms with all they need to know during each step of the pregnancy process as well as what to do in the first three years following the birth of their babies. Abstinence education is provided in local schools and abortion recovery assistance to those who need emotional support following an abortion. Most importantly, all of these services are provided *free of charge* by well-trained support staff who have as their guiding principles the love of Jesus Christ and the desire to share the gospel with those who are struggling during these pivotal periods in life. For more information on what A Door of Hope does, including how you can help, see their website: <http://www.adoorofhope.org/>.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is simply a way for you to put loose change or dollar bills or checks (made out to A Door of Hope) in for the help of this ministry. It is akin to a freewill offering and has been authorized by the session of St. Andrew's church. We hope you will give generously.

A Door of Hope has three locations, for in addition to those indicated on the masthead above, there is also a new center in Middletown at 316 E. Main St. If you know anyone who is pregnant and unsure of how to proceed with what is involved, encourage them to contact A Door of Hope. On behalf of the staff of A Door of Hope, heartfelt thanks to all in the congregation for their support of this important ministry in a state that, unfortunately, has the highest per capita abortion rate in the country.

845nd Stated Meeting of New Castle Presbytery
Annual Beach Retreat at Hyatt Regency, Cambridge, MD
March 1 - 2, 2019

The Meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, MD
The meeting was preceded by the Annual Beach Retreat.

Saturday Activities for Beach Retreat

- Opening Worship led by Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long
- Plenary Leader Rev. Dr. Thomas Long

“Preaching in a Disenchanted Age” – The world is changing rapidly, and so is the church. What makes for faithful and vital worship in the 21st century.

This was a powerful message and hit home as our church is in the midst of change.

Four workshops were available.

- 1 – New Book of Common Worship (Rev. Dr. Kim Long) – Speaking to our Challenges and Opportunities (I did not attend this)
- 2 – IGNITE Grant writing Workshop (Dr. Sheldon Nix) – The 8-step Grant writing System (I attended this workshop in the Fall)
- 3 – PC(USA) Church Leadership Workshop (Rev. Jihyun Oh) – This workshop focused on congregations that feel they can’t do anything until a pastor is on board. The PNC can call for consultation to help with searches. For congregations the CLC can help with reality checks.
- 4 – IGNITE Church “Unglued” (Rev. Sara Robbins and Rev. Susan Rothenberg) – Introduction to a pilot program funded by Ignite, which develops practices that bring deep and sustainable change for the mission of Jesus Christ in our communities. Beginning in May, 8 churches will begin a year program along with 8 cohort individuals with Sara and Susan to develop adaptive change capacity to respond to the challenges of a rapidly changing religious environment. The 8 cohort individuals will then be ready to help the next 8 churches, and so on.

I have additional information along with contacts if there is any interest in pursuing any of the above.

Following dinner was free time. The Hyatt had small spaces for chatting, a poolside movie or fellowship by the various firesides. This was a great place for a retreat!

845th Stated Meeting of New Castle Presbytery began with worship with the Lord’s Supper. Rev. Dr. Thomas Long preached and Rev. Dr. Kimberly Long presided.

At 10:30 the Presbytery Meeting was convened with Prayer by Moderator Rev. Dianne Deming.

The Docket was approved and the minutes from the 844th Stated Meeting Approved.

There was a hard-stop placed at 12 Noon.

No Treasurers Report

Clayton Rascoe from Massanetta Springs Conference Center provided an update on the facility. He specifically mentioned the various youth retreats beginning soon.

IGNITE Team

- 2019 Application Process will be available by March 31, 2019. Intend to have “rolling application process” where there is no hard deadline for applications to be considered.
- “Unglued Church” overview was provided and encouraged churches to be part of the initial rollout. Looking for Church teams and Adaptive Change Advisors to work with Rev. Susan Rothenberg and Rev. Sarah Robbins.
- Launch of the Book Study. “Canoeing the Mountains” by Tod Bolsinger. A book about Christian leadership in Uncharted Territory. Books were sold at the meeting for \$10, check with Donna Scully if interested in purchasing. I also brought back a book for the church.
- Presentation of checks to Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Martha Reisner from Board of Pensions gave an update. Check out the webpage for specific information.

Committee on Ministers and Congregations

- Recognition of Sara Holben, Minister of Word and Sacrament as Honorably Retired from Chestertown congregation, effective November 30, 2018.
- Welcome Minister of Word and Sacrament James Kay as Honorably Retired member. Transferring from Presbytery of New York City.
- Approved at February 7, 2019 meeting call of Ministers of Word and Sacrament Emma Horn and David Lovelace as Co-pastors of Lower Brandywine Church, terms of call effective March 4, 2019. Approved request to dissolve pastoral relationship between Assoc. Pastor Emma Horn and First Presbyterian Church of Newark, effective Feb 28, 2019 and dissolve pastoral relationship between Pastor David Lovelace and Lower Brandywine effective March 4, 2019 as transition to new Co-Pastor relationship at meeting on February 17, 2019.

World Vision Moment for Mission with Javy Diaz

- Spoke about the need for safe water around the world and what World Vision is doing to combat the diseases and deaths associated with contaminated water.
- Invited all to participate in the Global 6K for Water to be held on May 4, 2019 at the Riverfront. A packet was given to Cliff Wood. 6K is the distance children have to walk each day to collect water for their families and communities. A full jerry can of water weighs ~44 pounds!

With no further business the Meeting was closed at 12 Noon! We were prayed out by Rev. Tracy Keenan our new Missional Presbyter!

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Wagner
Commissioner for St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church

DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In February, St. Andrew's received \$8,980.60. That amount is \$2,586.65 less than the \$11,567.25 budgeted for the month. We spent \$6,913.56 in February. That is \$6,310.19 less than the budgeted expenses of \$13,223.75.

There was one large expense of \$650.00 for a new motor for the furnace for Fellowship Hall. All other expenses were the normal amounts.

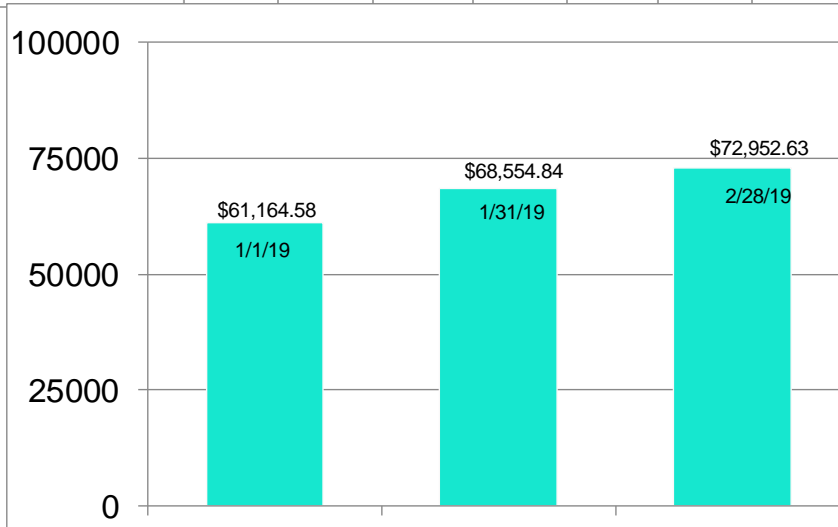
The surplus for the month was \$2,067.04. The surplus for 2019 year to date is \$4,344.76.

Our reserves at the end of December were \$61,164.58. On February 28, our reserves were \$72,952.63. Our reserves increased \$4,397.79 in February. The increase year to date is \$11,788.05.

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.

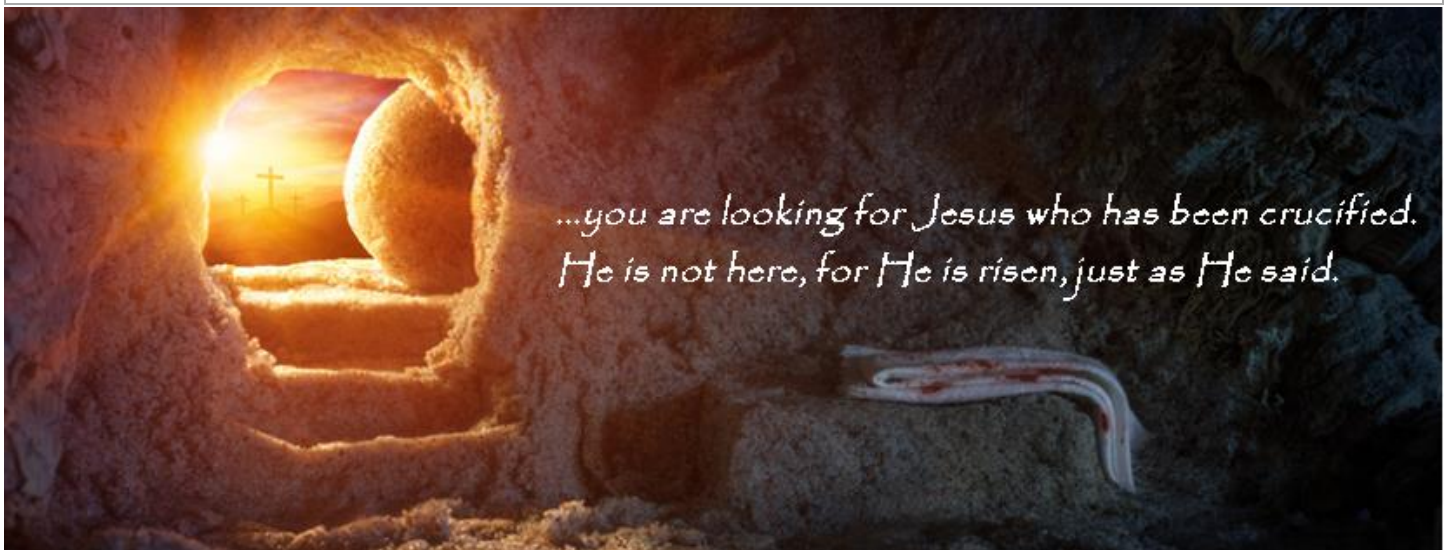
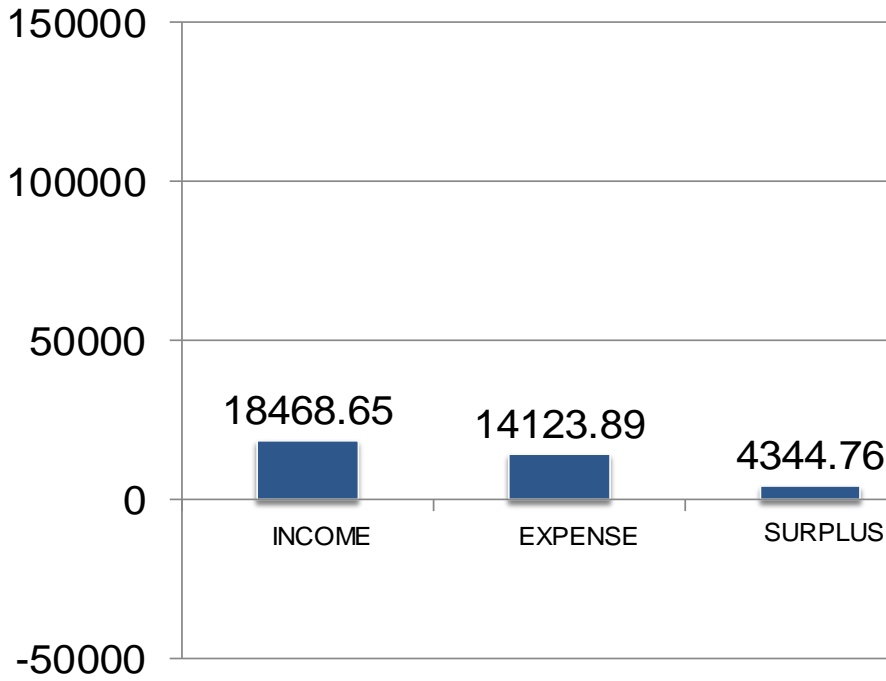
Darrell DiStefano

FUNDS IN RESERVE 2019													
	1/1/19	1/31/19	2/28/19	3/31/19	4/30/19	5/31/19	6/30/19	7/31/19	8/31/19	9/30/19	10/31/19	11/30/19	12/31/19
FUNDS IN RESERVE	\$61,164.58	\$68,554.84	\$72,952.63										
+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH	N/A	\$7,390.26	\$4,397.79										
+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/19	N/A	\$7,390.26	\$11,788.05										



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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
FEBRUARY	\$8,980.60	\$11,567.25	-\$2,586.65	\$18,468.65	\$23,134.50	-\$4,665.85
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$0.00	\$6,388.01	-\$6,388.01	\$0.00	\$12,776.02	-\$12,776.02
STAFF	\$4,608.60	\$3,983.57	\$625.03	\$9,292.20	\$7,967.14	\$1,325.06
PROGRAM	\$0.00	\$312.50	-\$312.50	\$131.88	\$625.00	-\$493.12
BLDG GRDS	\$1,754.96	\$2,168.26	-\$413.30	\$3,345.06	\$4,336.52	-\$991.46
PER CAPITA	\$0.00	\$273.16	-\$273.16	\$804.75	\$546.32	\$258.43
MISSIONS	\$550.00	\$83.33	\$466.67	\$550.00	\$166.66	\$383.34
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,913.56	\$13,208.83	-\$6,761.94	\$14,123.89	\$26,417.66	-\$12,293.77
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$2,067.04	(\$1,641.58)		\$4,344.76	(\$3,283.16)	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2019

1 Monday	APRIL FOOLS DAY	
3 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
4 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
5 Friday	PW RETREAT	
7 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Rev. Jim Herrington	
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Activities	5:30 p.m.
10 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
11 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
14 Sunday	PALM SUNDAY	
	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Licentiate Debra Trevino	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday Night Activities	5:30 p.m.
15 Monday	TAX DAY	
	BEACON DEADLINE	
16 Tuesday	Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.
17 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
18 Thursday	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	worship, agape meal and communion	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
19 Friday	GOOD FRIDAY Service at Kingswood	7:00 p.m.
20 Saturday	PASSOVER Begins	
21 Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Sunrise Service on the lawn	6:30 a.m.
	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	(One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
22 Monday	EARTH DAY	
24 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
25 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
26 Friday	ARBOR DAY	
27 Saturday	PASSOVER Ends	
28 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Licentiate Debra Trevino	
	Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Activities	5:30 p.m.
29 Monday	HOPE DINING ROOM	

PREACHING SCHEDULE

4/7 – Rev. Jim Herrington

4/14 - Licentiate Debra Trevino

4/21 – Cliff Wood

4/28 - Licentiate Debra Trevino

APRIL 2019



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

10 Emelian Tabali
26 Carol Stiltz
28 Ellen Stiltz
29 Pariz Tabali

	1 	2	3 KCOS 7:30PM	4 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	5 PW RETREAT 	6
7 Blended Service with Communion 10:00 a.m. Rev. Jim Herrington Youth Sunday Food Collection Sunday Church of Service Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday Night Activities 5:30 p.m.	8	9	10 KCOS 7:30PM	11 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	12	13 BREAKFAST 8:30-11:30 AM 
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St. Andrews Presbyterian Youth And Brookside Lions Club



Saturday April 13, 2019 8:30-11:30 a.m.

\$10 per person

Pancakes, eggs made to order, bacon, sausage,
scrapple, coffee, tea and juice.

Tickets available in advance from Dave & Linda DiMartine
(302) 738-4452 or at the door.