



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

May 15

60 DAYS AND COUNTING!

As you read this, there are approximately 60 days until John retires as our pastor on June 30. On July 1, he and Kathy will begin their new adventure in retirement. God bless them as they sail off into the sunset, probably literally on a cruise ship destined for some exotic location. Good for them!

But what about St. Andrew's? Yikes! What are we to do? What happens now? How do we get another pastor? What happens until we have another pastor? John's been here 15 years! Where will we find another John? I imagine one or two of these questions have popped into your head since John announced his retirement back in January. I know every one of them went through my mind when I first heard the news at the January session meeting.

Fear not! Though change is never easy and is often uncomfortable, there is a search process in place in the Presbyterian Church (USA) to fill vacancies in the pulpit as they occur for various reasons.

Almost immediately, your session started the process rolling. Three elders formed an interim search committee to gather names of candidates to pastor St. Andrew's after John leaves until a new pastor is called. This person will be the interim pastor. The interim search committee then met with members of New Castle Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). COM assigned Ginny Jones, an elder from the Church of the Covenant and a member of COM to be the liaison between St. Andrew's and the Committee on Ministry during the entire pastor search process. Session has already been working closely with Ginny as we start the process.

Once an interim pastor has been hired, then a pastor nominating committee (PNC) will be elected from the congregation. That is when the search for St. Andrew's next pastor will begin in earnest.

I know this all sounds complicated and time consuming. And it is! It took two years from the time Elizabeth Dick (remember her?) was hired as our interim pastor until Rev. John Paderson was installed as our pastor in September, 2001. But it is designed to make sure that churches find the right pastor to shepherd them through the next stage of their ministry.

I am confident that, just as God brought St. Andrew's and the Padersons together, God will lead us to exactly the right person to walk with St. Andrew's into the next phase of our ministry together. We just need to be patient (that's really difficult!) and be open to the leading of the Spirit as we go through this together.

Galatians 5:25 - "If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit."

Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending
favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.

May 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 MAY

Parenthood

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6 KJV

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

From: The Rev. John G. Paderson

Subject: Report for March 2016

Date: April 6, 2016

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

- Prepared and led worship three of the four Sundays in March.
- I was on Study Leave the first Sunday in March for my doctoral defense. An NCP candidate for the ministry preached in my absence and the Rev. Jim Moseley administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- Participated in the joint Good Friday service held this year at Kingswood UMC. The Rt. Rev. Bill Lane from St. Nicholas Episcopal Church preached.
- Participated in the joint Easter Sunrise Service on the lawn between St. Andrew's and Kingswood. The Rev. Asher Tunik preached.

B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)

- **Home Visits:** 6
- **Office Visits:** 0
- **Other:** Attended a luncheon at the Fonjweng's in honor of the PCC Moderator on Saturday March 19th.

C. Administration

- Wrote a message for the April Beacon
- Moderated the March 13th regularly scheduled session meeting.
- Moderated the March 19th special session meeting to receive the PCC Moderator.

D. Christian Education

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

E. Ecumenical Activities.

- Attended the breakfast and the address by the PCC Moderator that was hosted by St. Andrew's on March 19th.
- Attended the Pastor Appreciation dinner held by the Gideons on Friday evening March 4th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Wilmington.
- Traveled to Baltimore for a Pastors' Support Group meeting on March 31st.

F. Denominational Activities

- None this month.

Yours at the foot of the Cross,

John

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
March 13, 2016

Rev. Paderson opened the meeting with prayer at 4:45 pm.

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

Elders excused: Flora Atangcho and Brenda Saulsbury

Elders absent: Florence Fonjweng and Emmanuel Ndifor

Quorum present

The following minutes were reviewed, seconded and approved.

- Stated Session Minutes from February 2016
- Correction to the Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes of January 2016

Pastor's Report for February 2016 was reviewed and approved. He made 5 home visits and 2 office visits. His report also included his participation in worship leadership, Christian Education, ecumenical/denominational activities, administrative duties. A more detailed report will be included in the next issue of The Beacon.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for February was \$12,986.74. Total Expenses for February was \$14,607.93. Net Revenue over expenses for February was \$1,621.19. YTD revenue for February was \$26,779.69. YTD expenses for February was \$28,569.32. YTD net revenue over expenses was -\$1,789.63.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Accept the Request for Transfer of Kay McCormick from St. Andrew's to the Dover Presbyterian Church in Dover, DE.
- Invite a member from the Gideons to speak during Sunday service on April 3, 2016 and collect a separate "Love Offering" to be given to them.
- Invite the Camp Donegal Leadership Team to lead worship on one of the following Sunday's (5/1, 6/5 or 5/22).
- Appoint Darrell DiStefano Elder Commissioner to the NC Presbytery from St. Andrew's to attend the Presbytery Meetings on May 21st, September 13th and December 3rd. Elder Mary Anne Colbert was appointed as the alternate.

A special Session Meeting was called for Saturday, March 19th to meet with Rt. Rev. Samuel Fonki, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon followed up with a breakfast for all hosted by our Youth Group and a presentation by Rt. Rev. Fonki.

The Meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Brenda Saulsbury at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Special Session Meeting
Saturday, March 19, 2016
8:15 am

Elders present: Neil Fairchild, Flora Atangcho, Florence Fonjweng, Emmanuel Ndifor, Julie Guns, Darrell DiStefano and Brenda Saulsbury.

Elders absent: Jane Wright, Cindy Arnold, Mary Anne Colbert

Rev. Dr. John Paderson welcomed Rt. Rev. Samuel Fonki, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, and a delegation of 11 others to St. Andrew's on behalf of the Session. Rev. Paderson shared a brief history of St. Andrew's. St. Andrew's was founded in 1954 and now has 114 members on the roll. St. Andrew's became involved with the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon through the Fonjweng family. Rev. Paderson presented Rt. Rev. Fonki with a special gift; a book entitled The Presbyterian Story written by S.Donald Fortson III.

Rt. Rev. Fonki expressed his deep appreciation for the help and support shown to the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon over the past years. He was especially grateful for the contributions to support the much needed "Pastors' Retreats" in Cameroon. Rt. Rev. Fonki is anxious to see how our relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon can continue to be strengthened.

Rt. Rev. Fonki's meeting with the elders was followed by a breakfast for invited guests from the NCPresbytery and other churches. The delicious breakfast was hosted by the Youth Group and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Special Session Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2016

Elders present: Flora Atangcho, Florence Fonjweng, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild, Julie Guns, Mary Anne Colbert and Brenda Saulsbury.

Elders absent: Emmanuel Ndifor, Jane Wright and Cindy Arnold.

Quorum present

Meeting was opened with prayer at 7pm by Rev. Steve Brundage from First Presbyterian Church in Newark who was asked to moderate this meeting.

Motion made, seconded and approved:

- Host the December NCPresbytery Meeting on Dec. 3, 2016 in which Winnie Wagner will be installed as Moderator of NCPresbytery.

The majority of this session meeting focused on formulating possible questions to be asked of interim candidates to fill in when Rev. Dr. John Paderson retires in June.



Youth News

This month, the youth group went to a MercyMe concert and planned for future youth events. In late spring or early summer, the youth plans on building a ga-ga pit, having a youth lock-in in the summer, and having a Mother's Day breakfast. At the MercyMe concert, everyone had a good time throughout the whole event. Even though it was long, the music was great as well as seeing all the other people praising the Lord. It truly felt like God was entering our hearts through the power of praise. Most of the youth group will be going to Camp Donegal this year. Everyone who has gone in the past has had the time of their lives. The campers not only built great connections with other campers, but strengthened the bond that they have with God. Included in the youth group future plans, we will be building a ga-ga pit this summer. A ga-ga pit is used to play the game ga-ga, which is a game enjoyed by campers who go to Camp Donegal. We as the Youth would like to bring that game back home to St. Andrews.



PW NEWS

There will be no May dinner this year

Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday May 5th at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter. Myrtle Arnold will host.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 17th at 7 PM in the home of Ruth Burkins. Joanne Rager will host.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday April 16th at 7 PM in the home of Jere Ebert.

From the Deacons for May

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.

Laundry for the Lord

In April, we collected a total of \$322 for Laundry for the Lord. Thank you for your donations.

Next Deacons Meeting: May 1, 2016



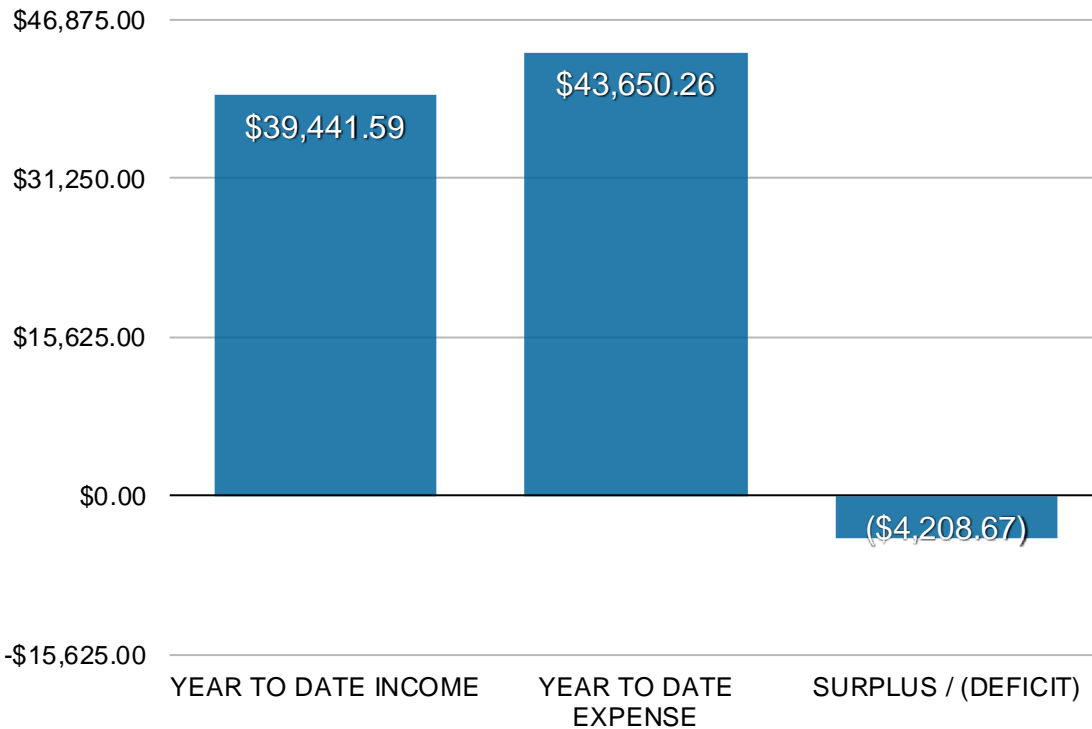
DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In March, St. Andrew's received \$12,661.90. That amount is \$1,351.43 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 is \$14,013.32. We spent \$15,080.94 in March, which is \$1,084.78 more than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a deficit for the month of \$2,419.04.

Year to date, St. Andrew's has received \$39,441.59 and spent \$43,650.26 resulting in a deficit of \$4,208.67.

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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
MARCH	\$12,661.90	\$14,013.33	-\$1,351.43	\$39,441.59	\$42,039.96	-\$2,598.37
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$7,810.92	\$7,266.67	\$544.25	\$22,257.54	\$21,799.92	\$457.62
STAFF	\$4,103.85	\$3,966.92	\$136.93	12244.85	\$11,900.70	\$344.15
PROGRAM	\$222.37	\$220.83	\$1.54	\$705.59	\$662.46	\$43.13
BLDG GRDS	\$1,978.55	\$2,219.99	-\$241.44	\$7,477.03	\$6,659.97	\$817.06
PER CAPITA	\$965.25	\$321.75	\$643.50	\$965.25	\$965.25	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$15,080.94	\$13,996.16	\$1,084.78	\$43,650.26	\$41,988.30	\$1,661.96
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$2,419.04)	\$17.17		(\$4,208.67)	\$51.66	



Have you paid your per capita yet? It is \$31.65 per member. If you haven't paid it yet, there is a blue envelope in your box of offering envelopes just for that. If you have any questions, ask Winnie Wagner or Darrell DiStefano. Thanks!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Communion/Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday Deacon Meeting 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Morning Circle 10:00 a.m.	6	7
8 Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00 – 9:45 a.m. Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Session Meeting 4:30 p.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m. Day of Pentecost	16 Beacon Deadline Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m.	17 Naomi Circle 7:00 p.m.	18 Church of Service 7:30 p.m.	19 Praise Band /Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00	20 Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.	21
22 Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m. Trinity Sunday	23	24	24	26	27	28
29 Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.	30  Happy Memorial Day	31	 3 - Shirley McDaniel 14 - Roger Wagner 29 – Ron Jamison		 14 - Dave & Cindy Arnold 17 – John & Ranelle Groth 25 – Emmanuel & Delphine Ndifor 31 – John & Kathy Paderson	



CONGRATULATIONS

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Mackenzie Conners will graduate from Charter School of Wilmington. She will be attending the University of Delaware to study Mathematics Education.

Tanner Fonjweng will graduate from Glasgow High School. He will be attending Lycoming College in PA to major in Psychology. He was heavily recruited by many schools to play soccer for them and he chose Lycoming (ranked #10 nationally in the NCAA DIII athletic division).

Sasha Reddy will graduate from DelCastle High School. She will be entering the arts program at the University of Delaware.

CJ Wood will graduate from Goldey-Beacom College with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a minor in Financial Management. He will stay at Goldey-Beacom for one more year to achieve his Master's Degree.

Joshua Hall, grandson of Harry and Doris Davidson, will graduate from Texas Tech and will enter Colorado University at Boulder to achieve his doctorate degree in music.

Kimberly Kramer, granddaughter of Chet and Jean Pasapane, will graduate from Avon Grove High School. She will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

Corinne Kramer, granddaughter of Chet and Jean Pasapane, will graduate from Virginia Tech with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Maura Jergerski, friend of Chet and Jean Pasapane will graduate from St. Josephs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2016

1 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday Coffee/juice hour Deacon's Meeting Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
4 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
5 Thursday	Morning Circle Meeting Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 6:30/7:00 p.m.
6 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
8 Sunday	Mother's Day Breakfast Blended Service Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship Session Meeting	8:00-9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
11 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
12 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
13 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
15 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
16 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE Ruth Circle	 7:00 p.m.
17 Tuesday	Naomi Circle	7:00 p.m.
18 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
19 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
20 Friday	PW Retreat Church of Service Youth	 6:00 p.m.
22 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
25 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
26 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
27 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
29 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
30 Monday	Memorial Day	

****NOTE:** Although there are five Mondays this month, St. Andrew's will NOT be hosting Hope Dining Room due to Memorial Day. We will host on August 29 and October 31.



3 - Shirley McDaniel

14 - Roger Wagner

29 – Ron Jamison



14 - Dave & Cindy Arnold

17 – John & Ranelle Groth

25 – Emmanuel & Delphine Ndifor

31 – John & Kathy Paderson

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

St. Andrew's Youth Group will hold its 6th annual
Mother's Day Breakfast!

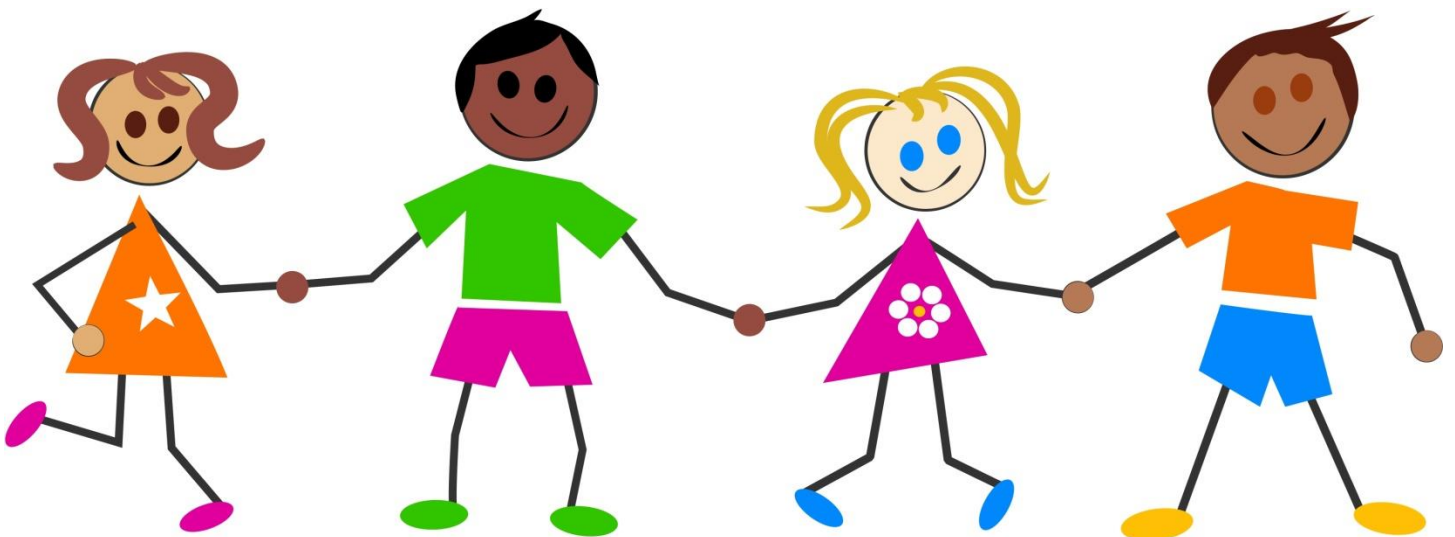
May 8, 2016 8:00-9:45 a.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

200 Marrows Road

Newark, DE 19713

Adults- \$8 / Kids 10 & under \$5





May 30



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:13

Trinity Sunday May 22