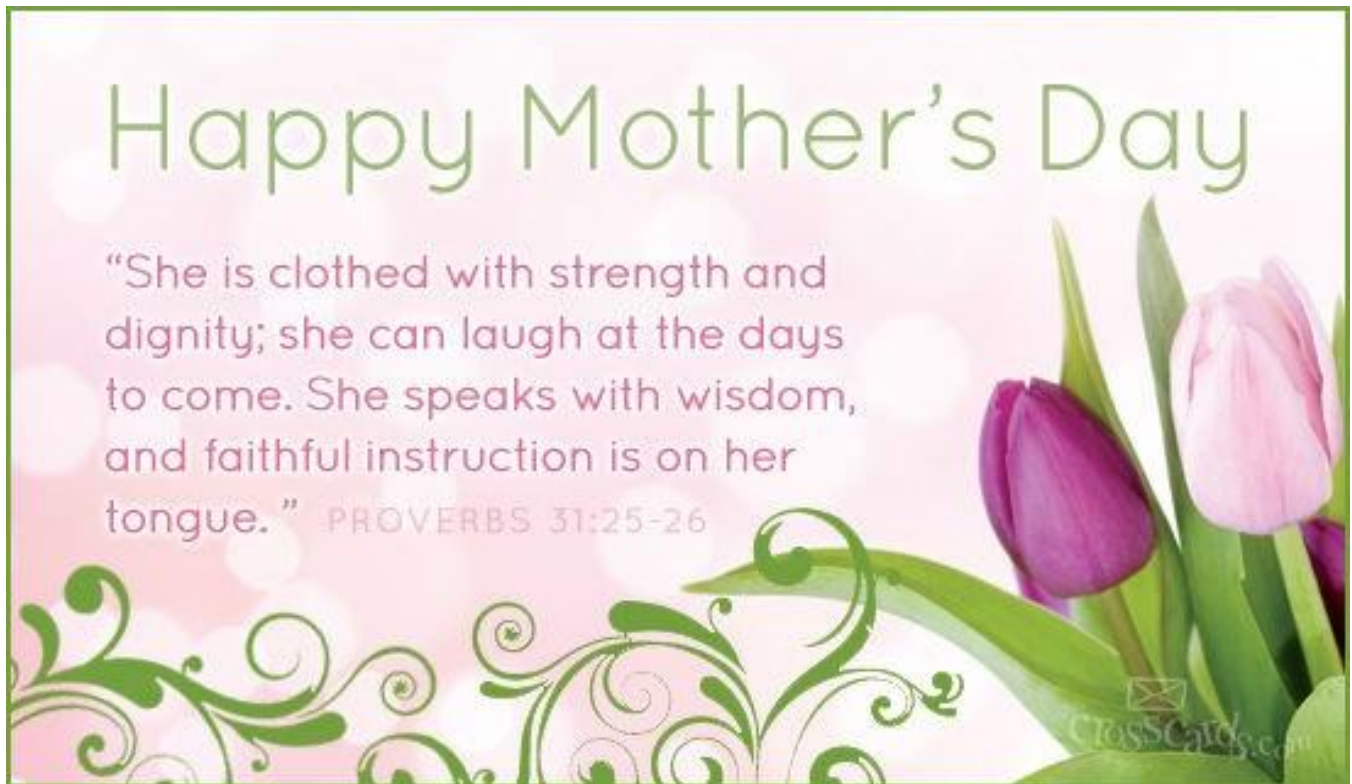




The Beacon

May 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 MAY

Mayday! Your call in distress.

"In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me."

Psalm 86:7

Spring Renewal

For many of us, springtime is “the most wonderful time of the year,” as new life bursts forth from the ground after an often cold and dreary winter. All around us trees are budding or blooming and early spring flowers are granting our eyes some lovely sights and our noses a wonderful aroma. Everything is turning green as new life arises from the dead of winter.



With these signs of renewal in the physical world around us, it behooves us to consider how we might be renewed spiritually, as individuals and as a church. ***The mission study committee is asking for your input on how St. Andrew's might be renewed as it looks in this period of pastoral transition to the future God has for the congregation.*** With the time nearing for the submission of the congregational surveys, the next step will be to tabulate the results, which the committee hopes to have done by the end of April. That will help the committee and the church as a whole to have a better idea of how the church's programs are meeting the needs and interests of church members and others who attend and will fulfill part of the mission study focus of seeking to understand the church's sense of identity, of who St. Andrew's church is and how it can presently be described.

The next step will be to consider the context of the congregation, the people who live and work around the church building, the people to whom St. Andrew's is trying to reach out with the gospel. Who is our neighbor and how closely are we connecting with them? There are groups that specialize in obtaining the demographic information that we need and the one contracted by the presbytery is Percept. Here are some quick basic facts from Percept about the 19713 zip code area in which St. Andrew's is located:

- The current population of the 19713 zip code is 30,651, which is expected to grow by 2% in the next five years.
- The largest lifestyles group is “young and coming,” compared nationally to “middle American families.”
- The fastest growing racial/ethnic group is Asians, compared nationally with Hispanic/Latinos.
- Households with no faith involvement are a bit higher here, 37%, compared to the national average of 35%.
- The average household income is also higher, \$77,224, compared to the national average of \$66,670.
- There are more single parent households here, 40%, compared to the national average of 30%.
- There are also more college graduates, 30%, compared to the national average of 24%.

We need to try to envision how we will reach out to those around us, for in comparing ourselves to our context, we can then better understand what God might be calling us to be in the future, which is the third focus of the mission study process. ***We will begin that process on Sunday, May 21 after worship, when Rev. Otto will facilitate the first of two or three reflection sessions, which will last no longer than one hour, when you will have opportunity to discuss in small groups in the fellowship hall some of the issues raised by a comparison of the church's present identity as provided by the surveys with the church's context as provided by the demographic info.*** Rev. Otto will have PowerPoints to make this as interesting as possible and there will be a member of the mission study committee at each table to help everyone understand and enable everyone to share whatever they might wish in that small group. We need your input! *Childcare will be provided. Please plan to stay for an hour after worship on May 21 as we begin these sessions.*

Paster Perry

Pastor's Report for March, 2017
Prepared for Session Meeting of April 9, 2017
Rev. Randall Otto

- A. Service of the Lord's Day
 - a. Prepared and led worship on 3 Sundays
 - b. Administered sacrament of Lord's Supper on Mar. 5
 - c. Sunday night activities-- teaching on world religions
 - B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)
 - a. Home visits: 7
 - b. Hospital visits: 1
 - C. Administration
 - a. wrote the pastor's page, other items for Beacon
 - b. moderated session Mar. 19
 - c. did updating of church website
 - d. began Standing Rules revision on Mar. 9, continued Mar. 29
 - D. Community outreach/church connections
 - a. Wed. morning Bible study
 - b. Presbytery meeting in Ocean City, MD on Mar. 4
 - c. Resourced and participated in Mission Study committee meeting Mar. 19
 - d. Put up new Facebook page for church. Please *like, follow, and share* it.
 - e. Met with reps from Gideons on Mar. 22.
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FROM THE DEACONS
May 2017

Easter Food Baskets

This ministry would not be possible without your help. Once again we thank you for your contributions to the pantry for holiday meals. Please continue to bring in items to refill the pantry, because we get requests for food throughout the year. *Remember we cannot use outdated foods.*

Laundry for the Lord

We collected \$154 in April for Laundry for the Lord. Thank you to all who contributed.

Hope Totes

Thank you to Rob Johnson who delivered the totes to the Sunday Breakfast Mission before Easter. And thank you to all who filled a Hope Tote.

Church Picnic, September 10

We hope you will all plan to come to Lums Pond State Park for our annual picnic. Mark your calendars.

Next deacons meeting: May 7, 2017

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
March 19, 2017

Meeting opened with prayer by moderator, Rev. Randy Otto at 4:03 pm.

Quorum present and docket approved. Motion to have Julie Guns fill in for Eileen Hunt as clerk for March session meeting-approved

Elders present: Julie Guns, Cliff Wood, Darrell DiStefano, Myron Hardesty, Jane Wright and Flora Atangcho.

Elders not in attendance: Cindy Arnold, Florence Fonjweng, Mary Anne Colbert, and Dave DiMartine.

Minutes from Session Meeting of February 12, 2017 were approved no corrections.

Treasurer's Report was approved pending audit. Total revenue for Feb. 2017 was \$10,821.15. Total expenses for Feb were \$13,276.99. Total revenue over expenses was -\$2,455.84.

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

Motion to proceed with Baby Bottle Boomerang approved

Motion to approve special offering for Cameroon Pastor's Retreat (possible date 4/30/17)

Building and Hospitality to work on updating Building Use Guidelines.

C Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Received presbytery report as read.
- Receive electronic donations via website starting date June 1st 2017
- Purchase new chip reader for accepting credit cards outside of website.
- Cindy Arnold resignation letter
- Use Agnes Ulrich memorial monies(pending approval from family) to replace upstairs fellowship hall and sanctuary doors
- Per Charlotte request to use hand bells for undesignated time frame with written agreement.
- Dusty to temporarily use Sunday School room while renovations are completed to back closet. Myron to oversee organization and clean out closet as needed.
- Meeting was closed with prayer at 5:05 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 9th at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A Guns, Clerk of Session(March session meeting)

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group

I can't believe it's already April. How the time is flying by. I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter. The youth group didn't have any special activities in April but they're preparing for the Annual Mother Day's Breakfast. Remember to come hungry. I'd like to take this time to thank some very special people that God's gifted with special talents. First I'd like to thank Tracy and Jane for overseeing the Faith Club. Secondly I want to thank Bill and Mike for helping with the Youth Group. These guys do an awesome job teaching the word to the youth of our church. I'd also like to thank Pastor Randy for overseeing the Sunday Night Adult program. I'm grateful to have all these special people to continue to make Sunday Nights a positive program.



Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday May 4th at 10 AM.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 16th at 7 PM.

Naomi Circle is selling out our inventory. We have 1 slicer, 7 paring knives (peeling, regular and heavy duty), and 3 knife sharpeners. Each item is \$5.00. See Joanne Rager the first Sunday of the month during coffee hour or call her at 302-378-0600. Proceeds benefit Naomi Circle.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday May 15th at 7 PM.

The PW May dinner will be held on May 11th at 6PM at Bertucci's. All women are invited to attend. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall and see Jane Wright for more information.

Karen Johnson would like to thank everyone for bringing in their bags. Please keep them coming, she is working on her fourth mat. Special thanks to Marianne Hardesty for cutting and rolling bags. If you would like to help out with this task, Marianne sure could use a break. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Karen 302-442-3362.



The Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser for A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center will be held this year from Sunday, April 30 to Sunday, May 28. 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 Pastors' Advisory Council, on which Pastor Otto has served for many years, and 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.

Roger and Winnie Wagner

Roger and Winnie Wagner invite you to join us Sunday May 7 at 7PM following the usual potluck supper at St. Andrew's for a trip to South Africa! We spent 2 weeks viewing the flora and fauna; enjoying the modern cities and natural beauty of the countryside; experiencing the food and flavor of the people and cultures; and also experiencing the underbelly of the results of Apartheid in a country of 63 million people. We will present pictures and programs that express the hope and future of this country. We hope you can make this presentation!



Compassion Sunday

On Sunday, May 7, St. Andrew's church will join many churches around the country in drawing attention to the needs of the world's poorest children and in offering you an opportunity to help one of them through an individual sponsorship. You will be able to see by means of a brief video presentation in worship what it is like for some of these children living day by day in the poorest parts of the world. Information will be available for you to use in considering what you might do to support one (or more!) of these children. If you do not already sponsor a child through this or another similar agency, please consider the blessings of sharing some of your faith and resources with a needy child. Sponsoring a child costs just \$38 a month and gives you the unique opportunity to write messages to your child, receive messages in return, and share in molding a young life in another part of the world for the glory of Jesus Christ. More info is available at <https://compassionsunday.com/>.



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DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

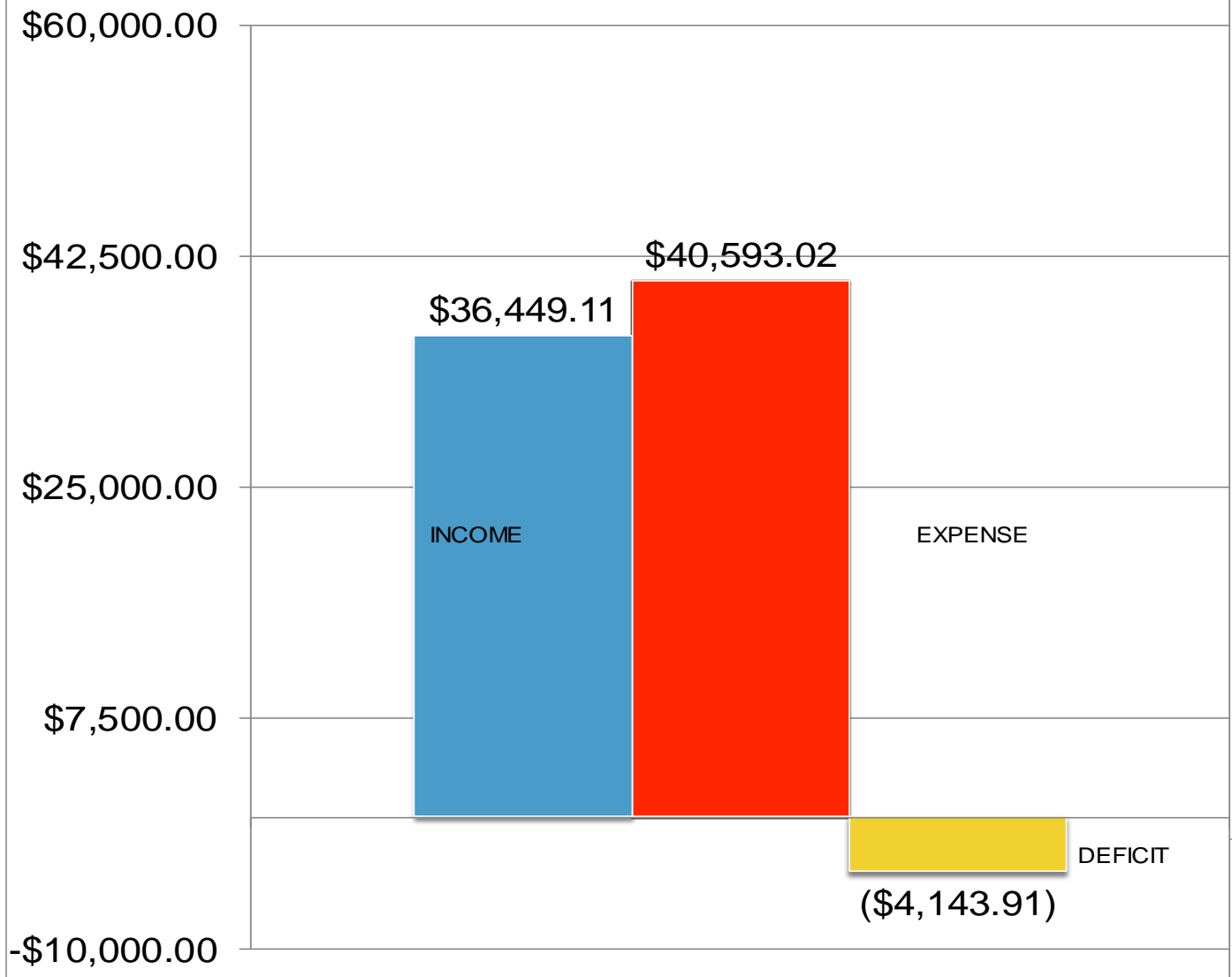
In February, St. Andrew's received \$12,392.20. That amount is \$715.80 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2017 is \$13,108. We spent \$13,712.57 in March, which is \$484.78 less than the budgeted expenses of \$14,197.35. The deficit for the month was \$1,320.37. The deficit for the year is \$4,143.91.

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 MARCH FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
MARCH	\$12,392.20	\$13,108.00	-\$715.80	\$36,449.11	\$39,324.00	-\$2,874.89
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$6,825.00	\$7,249.99	-\$424.99	\$20,813.17	\$21,749.97	-\$936.80
STAFF	\$4,033.60	\$3,983.57	\$50.03	\$11,800.80	\$11,950.71	-\$149.91
PROGRAM	\$0.00	\$312.48	-\$312.48	\$612.18	\$937.94	-\$325.76
BLDG GRDS	\$1,959.52	\$2,269.98	-\$310.46	\$6,297.50	\$6,809.94	-\$512.44
PER CAPITA	\$894.45	\$298.00	\$596.45	\$894.45	\$894.00	\$0.45
MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$174.92	\$249.99	-\$75.07
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$13,712.57	\$14,197.35	-\$401.45	\$40,593.02	\$42,592.55	-\$1,999.53
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$1,320.37)	(\$1,089.35)		(\$4,143.91)	(\$3,268.55)	

YEAR TO DATE INCOME-EXPENSE (MARCH)





3 - Shirley McDaniel

14 - Roger Wagner

29 - Ron Jamison



14 - Dave & Cindy Arnold

25 - Emmanuel & Delfphine Ndifor

31 - John & Kathy Paderson

<p>**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 July 31 and October 30.</p> <p>Reverend Otto will be on vacation from May 26th-June 4th.</p>	1	2	<p>3 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>4 Morning Circle 10AM Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>5 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>6 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>
<p>7 Blended Service w/ Communion Compassion Sunday 10:00 AM Youth Sunday Food Collection Sunday Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 4:00 PM Sunday Night Activities, Special presentation from Roger & Winnie Wagner on their South Africa trip 5-7 PM</p>	8	9	<p>10 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>11 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>12 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>13 KCOS Service Project 9:00 AM-1:00 PM</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM NO Sunday night activities</p> 	<p>15 Beacon Deadline Ruth Circle 7PM</p>	<p>16 Naomi Circle 7PM</p>	<p>17 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>18 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>19 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>20 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>21 Blended Service 10:00 AM (Gideons visiting) Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM</p>	22	23	<p>24 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>25 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>26 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>27 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>28 Blended Service 10:00 AM Baby Bottle Boomerang Ends Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM NO Sunday night activities</p>	<p>29 </p>	30	<p>31 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>			

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2017

3	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
4	Thursday	National Day of Prayer	
		Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
		Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
5	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
7	Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
		Compassion Sunday	
		Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
		Deacon's Meeting	11:00 a.m.
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
		Session Meeting	4:00 p.m.
		Sunday Night Dinner, Special presentation from Roger & Winnie Wagner on their South Africa trip	5:00 p.m.
10	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
11	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
12	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
13	Saturday	KCOS Service Project	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
14	Sunday	Mother's Day Breakfast	8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
		Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
15	Monday	Beacon Deadline	
		Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
16	Tuesday	Naomi Circle	7:00 p.m.
17	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
18	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
19	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
21	Sunday	Blended Service (Gideons visiting)	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
		Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
24	Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
25	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
26	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
28	Sunday	Blended Service (Baby Bottle Boomerang Ends)	10:00 a.m.
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
29	Monday	Memorial Day	
31	Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.

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A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center

Baby Bottle Boomerang More than a fundraiser.

It's the most visible life-affirming event in our community, when thousands of people come together to support women with pregnancy concerns and decisions to make.



April 30 to May 28

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(Ages 14 – 17)

FOR MENTOR PROGRAM



- An adult, volunteer mentor can help you consider career goals, explore your interests and help build self-confidence.**

Call Child Inc.'s Family Resource Center for more information on program participation requirements

302-832-5451



The Leadership Development through Community Mentoring Program
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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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**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



TO THOSE WHO
COURAGEOUSLY
GAVE THEIR LIVES...

AND THOSE WHO
BRAVELY FIGHT
TODAY...



THANK YOU