



The Beacon

May 2018



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

What does your Mother mean to you? Take time to tell her, even if she is in heaven.

**Mentor
Overcomer
Teacher
Hopeful
Everlasting love
Respected**

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:”

Proverbs 31:28

The Pentecostal Harvest

Pentecost is one of the major Christian celebrations, or at least it has been historically. It was in the Old Testament an agricultural harvest celebration, but it has become known since the resurrection of Jesus as a harvest of souls, as three thousand Jews from all over the Roman Empire who were gathered in Jerusalem for the agricultural celebration came to celebrate Jesus by the working of God's Spirit.

Below is a picture I took in 2014 of the southern wall of the temple mount in Jerusalem and the steps leading up to the temple that Jesus probably took when he entered and where Peter later may have preached that first Pentecostal sermon. On the other side of the metal fencing is a series of *mikvehs*, Jewish ritual



purification baths that would have been the place where "those who accepted his message were baptized" (Acts 2:41). These were those who "were cut to the heart" over their sin and the historical reality that "God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36-37). As a consequence of their repentance over their sin, their turning from evil to embrace the forgiveness assured in the crucified and risen Christ, they were identified with him in baptism, according to Jesus' command in Matt. 28:19-20. Having become disciples of Christ, they then sought to obey the Lord in everything he had commanded them. Acts 2:42-47 describes their subsequent way of life in ways that seem almost idyllic:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The vital elements of Christian living are all embodied here in this first community of the risen Christ's people in Jerusalem:

- They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching: they sought to learn all they could about what the Lord would teach them through his designated representatives.
- They devoted themselves to fellowship, to being together sharing in the faith, praying and worshiping together, encouraging one another to love and good works. This sharing involved table fellowship, including no doubt the Lord's Supper, and very practical sharing, such as caring for those among their community that were in need.
- They were filled with gratitude and joy, thrilled at the opportunity to praise God and share with others the good news by which they themselves had been born of God's wonderful Spirit. As a result, the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Their numbers grew.
- They were recognized as people of goodwill and generous, loving hearts.

This is the spirit of Pentecost that happened then and there. Let us pray it will happen again here.

Peter Perry

Pastor's Report for March 2018
Prepared for Session Meeting of April 8, 2018
Rev. Randall Otto

- A. Service of the Lord's Day
 - a. Prepared and led worship on 3 Sundays, Maundy Thurs service, Good Fri. service
 - b. Administered sacrament of Lord's Supper on Mar. 4
 - c. Sunday night activities: finished up Campus Crusade videos on sharing faith and began study of book of Acts from standpoint of persecuted
 - d. finished confirmation class
 - B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)
 - a. visits: 5
 - b. Hospital visits: 2
 - c. Picking up Tammie Brewster each Sun now for worship
 - C. Administration
 - a. wrote the pastor's page, other items for Beacon
 - b. did updating of church website and Facebook page
 - c. moderated session on Mar. 18
 - D. Community outreach/church connections
 - a. Cemetery service and Funeral service for Doris Hoeflinger Mar. 16 and 17, respectively
 - b. Went to Perfect Blend fundraiser Mar. 6
 - E. Ideas for consideration and/or action:
 - a. Baby Bottle Boomerang will begin Apr. 22. Bottles returned by May 20 (Pentecost)
 - b. Last Sun night activity for adults is May 6; no Sun night for adults Apr. 22 because kids going to Launch and some parents will go
 - c. Will be teaching at World Mission College in Baltimore on Apr. 14 and 28, so will take projector as previously agreed.
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Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update:

We held our first PNC meeting on February 19. We've been meeting every other Monday evening since that first meeting. Ginny Jones, our liaison from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, is an excellent resource and is helping to guide us through the pastor nominating process. Our goal is to find the pastor who best meets the needs of our congregation. We've been reviewing our mission study, determining criteria for our next pastor, preparing information for the Ministry Information form and above all listening to each other. We're almost finished with the Ministry Information form (MIF) We realize this is not a quick process. There are many steps we must take before we're able to interview candidates. We're not there yet, but we're moving forward in the process. We've discussed our church's current financial concerns. We need to be good financial stewards and will need to be creative in handling the pastor's compensation package. We have faith that God is leading us in this process. Our committee will keep you updated on our progress.

Committee Members: Kay DiStefano(Co-Chair), Mike Guns, Tracy Hardy (Secretary), Brenda Saulsbury(Co-Chair), MaryBeth Schweitzer, Jake Wood

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
March 18, 2018

Moderator Rev. Dr. Randy Otto opened with prayer at 4:10 pm.

Members in attendance: Flora Atangcho, Dave DiMartine, Cliff Wood, Grant Hardy, Florence Fonjweng and Julie Guns.

Members not in attendance: Myron Hardesty, Dusty Robinson, Darrell DiStefano, Mary Anne Colbert

Quorum present and docket approved.

Minutes from the February 2018 and Congressional Meeting from February 25, 2018 were approved.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved pending audit. Expenses for Feb. 2018 were \$10,167.65. The deficit for Feb. 2018 was \$4,405.48. The deficit for the year so far is -\$5,327.73.

Special guest, Mr. Kirby Kim explained and discussed the transition of KCOS in finding a new minister.

Clerk's Report: E-mail vote was approved to redirect the \$250 transportation cost for the Cameroon Youth Fellowship, who had to cancel on March 11th to the Cameroon Relief Offering.

Sadly **Doris Hoeflinger**, member #269, passed away on March 9, 2018

Membership total as of the end of March was 116 (50 men and 66 women).

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- All Committee reports
- St. Andrew's will pick up the cost of the luncheon following the funeral service of Doris Hoeflinger on March 17th.
- Date of **church picnic** will be Sunday, September 9th after worship.
- Special offerings to be taken on April 1st (One Great Hour of Sharing), May 20th Pentecost (Children and Youth at Risk), Easter Lily sales (Youth).
- Participate in Hope Totes for the Sunday Breakfast Mission.
- Participate in A Door of Hope's Baby Bottle Boomerang from April 22nd to May 20th
- To accept the following for Confirmation on Easter Sunday, April 1st
 - ❖ **Helen Rose Atangcho (#1395)**
 - ❖ **Bowen Abagen Atangcho (#1394)**
 - ❖ **Salvatore Peter Favazza (#1396)**
 - ❖ **Britney N Tabali (#1400)**
 - ❖ **Reuben N Tabali (#1398)**
 - ❖ **Liza N Tabali (#1399)**
- To receive into membership **Emelian Tabali (#1397)** by a reaffirmation of faith.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:25 pm. Meeting was closed with prayer by Randy Otto.

The next regularly scheduled Session Meeting will be Sunday, April 8th at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

FROM THE DEACONS MAY 2018

2018 Youth Summer Camp

Sadly, it appears that Camp Donegal is no longer offering summer youth camps. But, there are other Christian camps available to those that don't mind a little longer drive. Our church and the New Castle Presbytery still offer scholarship funds to help with the cost of youth attending a faith-centered camp.

A couple of websites are listed that you can "google" to start your search...

"Christian Camp Pro Directory"

"My Summer Camps"

Or, below are a few youth camps that are nearby.....

Delaware: Camp Arrowhead – Lewes

Maryland: Sandy Cove – North East

Camp Pecometh – Centerville

River Valley Ranch – Manchester (northeast of Westminster)

Pennsylvania: Black Rock Retreat – Quarryville

Summit Grove – New Freedom (west of I-83 at MD line)

Please contact deacons Sue Staudt or Marianne Hardesty if your child will be needing a scholarship.

Thank you to the congregation for supporting the many Deacons projects. With your contributions, we filled six Easter Food Baskets and delivered them to local families. In doing so, the food closet was pretty much wiped out. Please help restock it with the following items.

Cake mixes

Jelly

Pasta

Soups

Cereal

Mac and cheese

Peanut Butter

Spaghetti Sauce

Fruit (applesauce, etc.)

Meats (canned tuna, etc.)

Rice

Vegetables (canned)

DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In February, St. Andrew's received \$10,167.65. That amount is \$1,825.58 less than the \$11,993.23 budgeted for the month. We spent \$14,573.13 in February. That is \$573.53 more than the budgeted expenses. The deficit for the month was \$4,405.48. The deficit for the year is \$5,327.73.

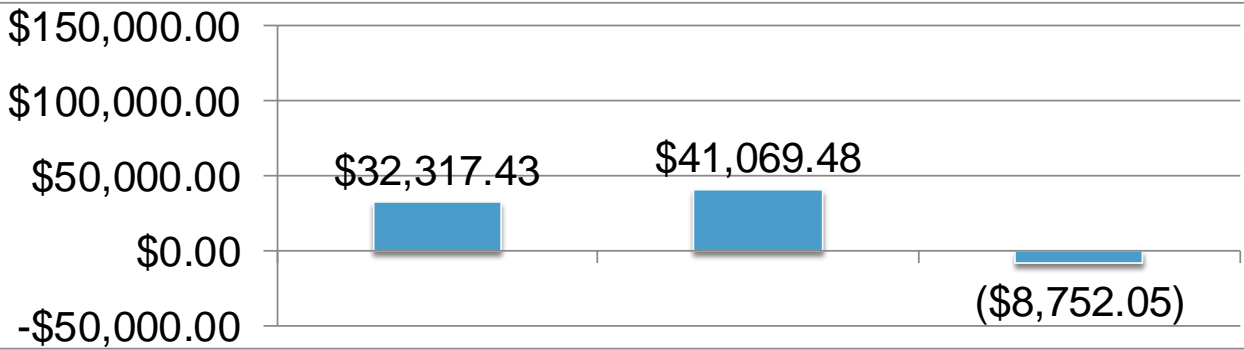
In February, St. Andrew's' reserve funds decreased \$6,250.41. Year to date, our reserve funds have decreased \$3,795.61.

In 2017 St. Andrew's received \$146,592.32 and spent \$165,510.27 resulting in a deficit of \$18,917.95. Obviously, our reserves will not cover this much deficit spending for very long. At the end of December, our reserves were \$64,652.31. Our reserves at the end of 2016 were \$65,500.28. So even though we spent nearly \$19,000 more than we received, our reserves decreased by only \$857.97. Our deficit spending was almost entirely offset by increases in our investment accounts. We are thankful for God providing this increase, but we cannot depend on that continuing at that rate. However, if we continue to spend \$19,000 more than we receive each year, our reserves will be exhausted sometime in 2021.

There is little wiggle room in our budget. Salaries are 79% of our spending. Building costs are 16%. Those two categories represent 95% of the budget. Program, per capita and missions make up the remaining 5%. Any meaningful reduction in spending would have to come from salaries. Depending on the salary of our new pastor, whom I assume will be called sometime in 2018, we might be able to save a few thousand dollars there. The presbytery minimum effective salary for 2018 is \$50,917. If the new pastor is hired for the presbytery minimum, we would save about \$12,500 annually.

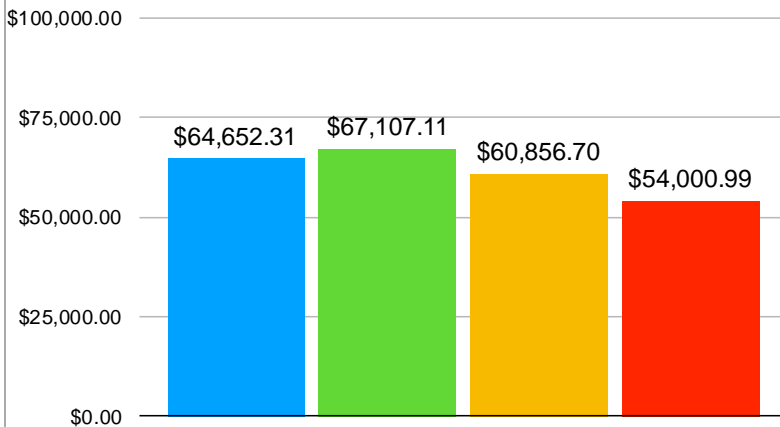
ST. ANDREW'S MARCH FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
MARCH	\$10,388.78	\$11,993.23	-\$1,604.45	\$32,317.43	\$35,979.69	-\$3,662.26
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$6,850.00	\$7,274.99	-\$424.99	\$21,750.00	\$21,824.97	-\$74.97
STAFF	\$4,033.60	\$3,983.57	\$50.03	\$11,800.80	\$11,950.71	-\$149.91
PROGRAM	\$171.04	\$291.65	-\$120.61	\$375.14	\$874.95	-\$499.81
BLDG GRDS	\$1,953.71	\$2,181.14	-\$227.43	\$6,338.79	\$6,543.42	-\$204.63
PER CAPITA	\$804.75	\$268.25	\$536.50	\$804.75	\$804.75	\$0.00
MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$0.00	\$249.99	-\$249.99
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$13,813.10	\$14,082.93	-\$186.50	\$41,069.48	\$42,248.79	-\$1,179.31
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$3,424.32)	(\$2,089.70)	(\$1,334.62)	(\$8,752.05)	(\$6,269.10)	(\$2,482.95)



FUNDS IN RESERVE 2018

	1/1/18	1/31/18	2/28/18	3/31/18	4/30/18	5/31/18	6/30/18	7/31/18	8/31/18	9/30/18	10/31/18	11/30/18	12/31/18
FUNDS IN RESERVE	\$64,652.31	\$67,107.11	\$60,856.70	\$54,000.99									
+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH	N/A	\$2,454.80	(\$6,250.41)	(\$6,855.71)									
+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/18	N/A	\$2,454.80	(\$3,795.61)	(\$10,651.32)									





Morning Circle

The next meeting will be Thursday May 3rd at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter.

Esther circle

The Ruth and Naomi Circles have combined to become the Esther Circle. They are using 2017-2018 PW/ Horizons Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. The next meeting is Tuesday May 15 at 7PM at the church. This will be our last meeting until September.

The PW will be holding their annual PW Meeting on June 2, 2018, 1PM at Olive Garden on Churchman's Road. **ALL** women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

Help Free the Girls

The women of St. Andrew's are sponsoring a bra collection for Free the Girls. Bras may be new or gently used. Our donations will help women who are survivors of human trafficking to earn a safe income in the second-hand market place. Free the Girls is a non-profit based in Chesterton, Indiana with drop off sites across the county. This organization not only helps women to start their own small business, but also offers job skills training, and trauma therapy. In addition to our bra donations, our Presbyterian Women voted to send \$250 to this organization to help pay for bra shipment and to help empower women in Mozambique, Uganda, and El Salvador. Drop off your donation in the collection box in the narthex at church. For more information visit freethegirls.org or see Kay DiStefano. Thank you for your support.





Wow! Can you believe it's already May? The Youth Group did two great activities in April. We went to see the Newsboys on Friday April 20th and the same weekend went on a field trip to Launch. What a weekend. The Sunday Night activities are going to end this year on Sunday May 6th. We will have an end of year celebration the first Sunday of June. We will provide further details in the coming weeks. The youth are preparing to serve MOM'S another great breakfast on Mother's Day. So, come early to church to enjoy a breakfast fit for a Queen.

Proverbs 31:26-27

²⁶She speaks with wisdom,

and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

²⁷She watches over the affairs of her household

and does not eat the bread of idleness

Look out for a few Youth events during the summer.



3407 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington DE 302.998.9000
218 E. Main Street, Newark DE 302.737.5433

The Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser for A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center will be held this year from Sunday, April 22 to Sunday, May 20. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2018

2 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Church of Service	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
3 Thursday	National Day of Prayer Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
6 Sunday	Blended Service w/ Communion Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Deacon Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	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	6:00 p.m.
7 Monday	PNC Meeting	7:00 p.m.
9 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Church of Service	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
10 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
13 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 Tuesday	Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.
16 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
17 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
20 Sunday	Pentecost Sunday/Blended Service Baby Bottle Boomerang Ends	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT	6:00 p.m.
21 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE PNC Meeting	7:00 p.m.
23 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
24 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
27 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
28 Monday	Memorial Day	
30 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Church of Service	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
31 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.

Pastor Randy will be on vacation from May 14-28, 2018. Pastor Asher Tunik from Kingswood Methodist will be available for pastoral care during this time. pastorasher@gmail.com , 302-738-4478 (church), 302-369-0240 (home), 443-350-5077 (cell).



3 Shirley
McDaniel
14 Roger
Wagner
29 Ron
Jamison



14 - Dave &
Cindy Arnold
25 - Emmanuel &
Delphine Ndifor
31 - John & Kathy
Paderson

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

St. Andrew's Youth Group will hold its 8th annual
Mother's Day Breakfast!

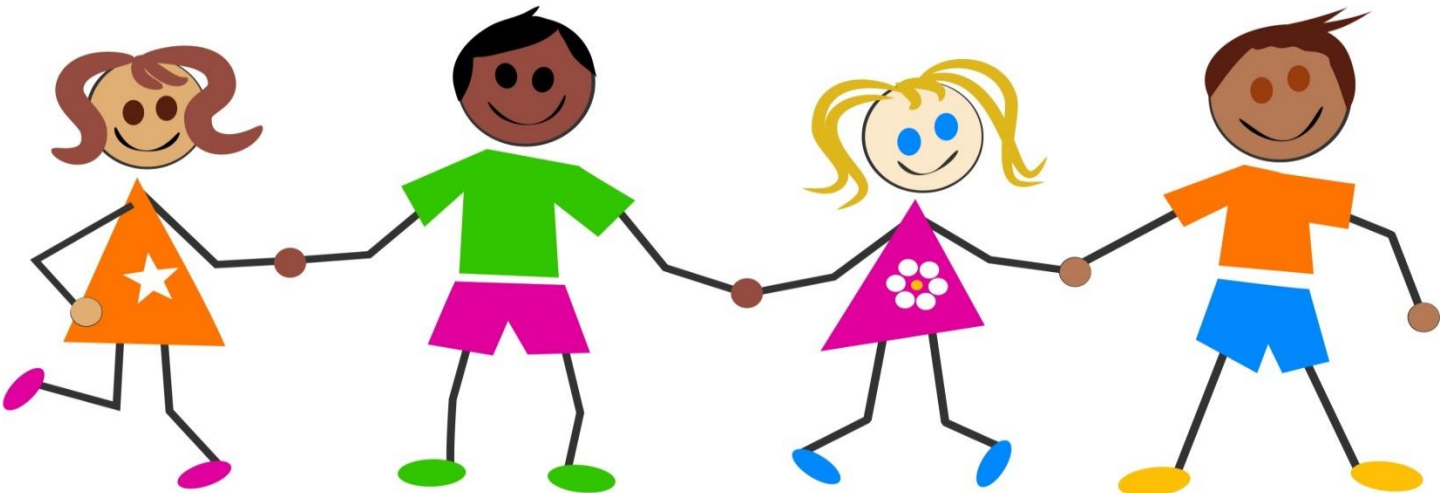
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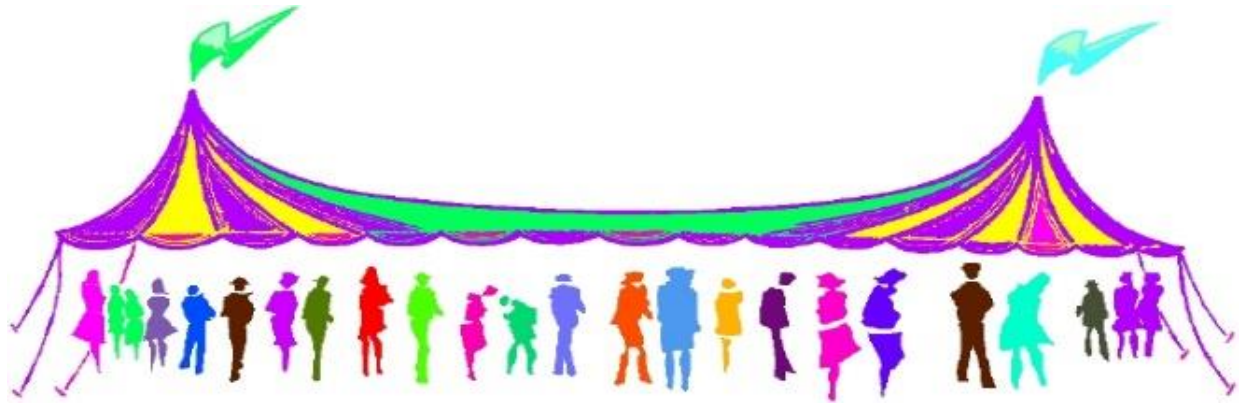
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

200 Marrows Road

Newark, DE 19713

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





Crafty Creations & Funky Finds

Saturday, May 5

9 am - 2 pm

First Presbyterian Church

292 West Main Street

Newark, DE 19711

Hand-crafted items, baked goods, specialty foods, 'attic treasures' and many other fine items for sale.

Presbyterian Women will contribute profits to Newark area charities.

