



The Beacon

May 2019

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.

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

A Mother holds her children's hands for a while, but their hearts forever.

*Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."*

Proverbs 31:28-29 NIV

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

Meeting opened with prayer by Ginny Jones at 4:07 pm.

Members in attendance: Darrell DiStefano, Grant Hardy, Myron Hardesty, Flora Atangcho, Dusty Robinson, Cliff Wood and Julie Guns.

Members not in attendance: Dave DiMartine, Mary Anne Colbert, Florence Fonjweng

Docket was approved and quorum was present.

February Stated Session Minutes we're approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented and approved pending audit. The income for February was \$8,980.60. The expenses for February were \$6,913.56. The surplus for the month of February was \$2,067.04.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Accept all reports (Treasurer, Deacons and Presbytery)
- Standing Rules were approved as written. The Rules will be reviewed and re-evaluated in September.
- Approved a project to be done by **Grant Hardy, Jr.** for his rank of "Eagle Scout". It will consist of redoing the driveway on the side of the church, planting shrubs around the HVAC unit and evening crown around the driveway for proper drainage. All fundraising will be done by Grant, Jr. But donations will be welcomed.
- To proceed with the proposal for a "**Congregation Garden**" on our church property.

Motion was made to adjourn this meeting at 4:56 pm and was closed with prayer by Darrell DiStefano.

The next regularly scheduled Session Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

Deacon's May Beacon:

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our many efforts the last several months! We are a small church but with the Lord's touch we are able to help many.

- We collected \$268.50 for Laundry for the Lord. We do this with Kingswood United Methodist Church and several other churches. Vouchers are given to homeless that are in transitional housing, students and job seekers so they can wash their clothes at the Brookside Laundromat. Together we helped purchased almost 43 vouchers.
- With your contributions to the Food Closet and your hams and turkeys, we assembled eleven Easter Holiday Food Baskets for local families. All the families have children and many send their thanks back to you for your generosity.
- Five bags of personal care items were delivered to The Sunday Breakfast Mission. The Mission provides temporary housing for men, women and families, Bible based counseling, breakfasts and dinners, and a once a week medical clinic. The items we have sent help those in need remember they are valued and welcomed.



The Baby Bottle Benefit 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.



PW: All women of the church

Sunday April 14, 2019

PW met after church to discuss and determine which organizations to donate funds from the 2018 Cookie Walk. The following were suggested, voted on and passed.

Local Elementary schools	\$ 500
Easter Seals	\$ 500
Little Children of the World	\$ 500
Love INC	\$ 500
My Sisters Keepers	\$ 500
Sole Hope	\$ 100
We Care Fund (St. Andrew)	<u>\$1000</u>
Total	\$3600

Retain \$1000 for needs of the church, i.e., Kitchen items

Esther Circle News

Our last regular circle meeting, before breaking for the summer, will be held Tuesday, May 21 at the church at 7:00 pm. Winnie Wagner will be leading us in our last two lessons from God’s Promise I Am With You: #8 God with Us as the Holy Spirit and #9 God with Us. We’ve moved from the Old Testament into the New Testament in our lessons. The focus of lesson 8 is God who was incarnate in Jesus Christ is now present as the Holy Spirit. Lesson 8 discusses Jesus extending the promise of presence to his followers, whom he sends into the world. The lessons will be combined rather than completing each lesson separately.

Eight of our circle members: Danielle Wood, Julie Avenarius, Janet Bugher, Ruth Burkins, Jane Wright, Marianne Hardesty, Winnie Wagner and I, along with Deb Trevino had a relaxing weekend at the Presbyterian Women’s Retreat in Ocean City, MD the first weekend in April. The Reverend Holly Clark-Porter of Calvary Presbyterian in Wilmington was our keynote speaker. Holly kept us listening and engaged. We hope more women from St. Andrews will attend next year when it will be held in Rehoboth.

We, members of Esther Circle, invite all of the women of the church to our final event of the circle season: our June dinner (formerly known as the May dinner). We plan to dine out at The Olive Garden on Churchmans Road. We haven’t selected a date so listen for more details in the announcements at church or contact me at 443-722-3990. As always, if you need a ride to a circle meeting or event, please call me and we’ll get a ride arranged.

A special thank you to Jean Pasapane for hosting our April meeting in her home.

Kay DiStefano, Esther Circle Leader

Sole Hope Success

Thank you to everyone who donated denim and everyone who participated in our Sole Hope party on Sunday evening, March 31. We cut out enough denim pieces to create 27 pairs of shoes. Everyone had fun tracing, cutting out, and talking while working so we might consider having another party. Our efforts will help 27 Ugandan children to keep their feet jigger free. We plan to show photos of this event prior to our church service on a Sunday morning in the near future.

PW Retreat

There were several of us from the Esther Circle that attended the 2019 New Castle County Presbyterian Women's Retreat at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland earlier this month. The weekend was filled with fellowship and fun. We were able to connect with old friends from last year as well as make new friends.

Our services were lead by Calvary Presbyterian Church's Pastor, the Rev. Holly Clark-Porter. She was vibrant. She brought a wonderful energy to the message that was on point. Her creativity of weaving the message through food was fantastic. I can now answer the question, what kind of bread are you with confidence. I'm nut bread.

Additionally, there were several activities that were available to us, throughout the weekend. I took chair yoga and dialog. I enjoyed both. I can honestly say that the take away from the dialog workshop for me was very personal. It was about connecting with each other which I feel personally is not really happening that much anymore. We tend to stay on the surface and not really go to the deeper layers of us. I feel that we need to get to know each other again, as people. We're more alike than different.

Again I very much enjoyed myself this year and hope that if you can go next year you would. It's a wonderful time of friendship and fellowship with your sisters in faith.

Respectively submitted,
Julie Avenarius

Pastor Nominating Committee Update:

Pastor Nominating Committee - The Process Continues:

Psalm 38:15, 21-22

"It is for you, O Lord, that I wait; it is you, Lord My God, who will answer. Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation."

We know that God has not abandoned us and that we must wait for him to act. Although we're heading into the 15th month of our pastoral search, which seems like an incredible amount of time for us, we trust that God has a plan that He will execute when the time is right. In the meantime, your PNC is continuing to advertise through different resources, make contact with eligible candidates, read PIF's, make visits, and discuss where we feel God is leading us. We're pleased that Reverend Jim Herrington is willing to lead us in worship the first Sunday of the month when we partake in communion and that Deb Trevino is willing to preach twice a month. It is exciting that we have church members who are willing to preach and share their faith with us one Sunday a month. Thank you to Gene Stiltz, MaryBeth Wright, Cliff Wood, and Jake Wood for their worship leadership. We will continue on in our task to find the pastor who is the best fit for St. Andrew's knowing that God has not forsaken us and that He is right there with us through each meeting and each step on our path. As always please keep our work in your prayers. Thank you.

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



The youth held two events this month. They sold Easter Lily's and had a joint Pancake breakfast with the Lion's club. The youth would like to thank everyone that supported both fundraisers. The youth want to remind everyone that we will be holding the annual Mother's Day breakfast again this year. Please make sure to come for breakfast before the service.

The youth would like to give a tribute to Dave "The Chef".

Dave as you look down on us from Heaven above, we hope we make your proud. We hope to shine with all the skills and knowledge you've provided. We hope to put smiles on faces just as you did for so many years with all that cooking. Dave, we thank you for teaching us to give of ourselves the way you did. The skills you taught us, the jokes you told us, the wisdom of life you provided. Dave, we love you and you will forever be in our hearts.

DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In March, St. Andrew's received \$11,124.20. That amount is \$425.65 less than the \$11,567.25 budgeted for the month. We spent \$9,068.74 in March. That is \$4,140.10 less than the budgeted expenses of \$13,208.84.

There were several large expenditures: annual pest control contract - \$529.92; quarterly insurance payment - \$671.25; music license annual cost - 411.00; website hosting \$499.00 and first quarter per capita - \$819.50 for a total of \$2,930.67. All other expenses were normal.

The surplus for the month was \$2,055.46. The surplus for 2019 year to date is \$6,399.22.

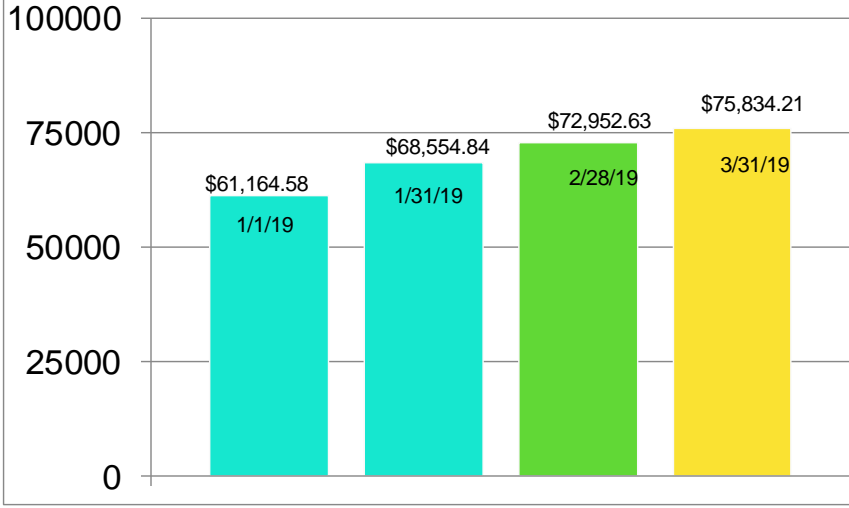
Our reserves at the end of March were \$75,834.21, an increase of \$2,881.58 for the month. Our reserves increased \$14,669.63 since January 1, 2019.

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

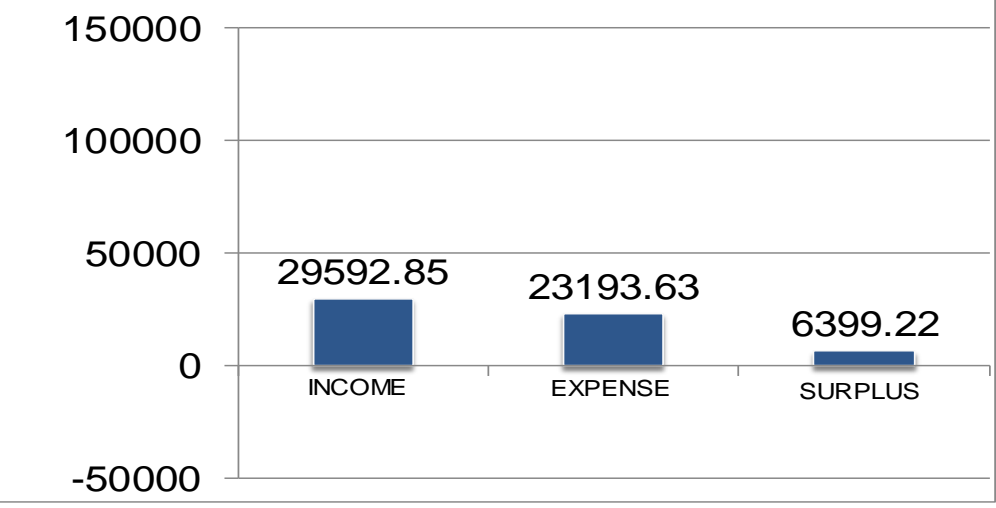
FUNDS IN RESERVE 2019

	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	\$75,834.21									
+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH	N/A	\$7,390.26	\$4,397.79	\$2,881.58									
+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/19	N/A	\$7,390.26	\$11,788.05	\$14,669.63									



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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
MARCH	\$11,124.20	\$11,567.25	-\$443.05	\$29,592.85	\$34,649.55	-\$5,056.70
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$0.00	\$6,388.01	-\$6,388.01	\$0.00	\$19,164.03	-\$19,164.03
STAFF	\$4,758.60	\$3,983.57	\$775.03	\$14,050.80	\$11,950.71	\$2,100.09
PROGRAM	\$91.19	\$312.50	-\$221.31	\$223.07	\$937.50	-\$714.43
BLDG GRDS	\$3,399.45	\$2,168.26	\$1,231.19	\$6,745.51	\$6,504.78	\$240.73
PER CAPITA	\$819.50	\$273.16	\$546.34	\$1,624.25	\$546.32	\$1,077.93
MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$550.00	\$249.99	\$300.01
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$9,068.74	\$13,208.83	-\$4,056.76	\$23,193.63	\$39,353.33	-\$16,159.70
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$2,055.46	(\$1,641.58)		\$6,399.22	(\$4,703.78)	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2019

1 Wednesday	MAY DAY Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
2 Thursday	HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
4 Saturday	World Vision Global 6K for Water	
5 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion Rev. Jim Herrington Deacon's Meeting Church of Service Worship Session Meeting Sunday Night Activities	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
7 Tuesday	NATIONAL TEACHER DAY	
8 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
9 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
12 Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY Mother's Day Breakfast Blended Service Licentiate Debra Trevino Church of Service Worship	8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
15 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
16 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
19 Sunday	Blended Service Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Activities	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
20 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
21 Tuesday	Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.
22 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
23 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
26 Sunday	Baby Bottle Benefit Ends Blended Service Licentiate Debra Trevino Church of Service Worship NO Sunday Night Activities	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
27 Monday	MEMORIAL DAY	
29 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
30 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

5/5 – Rev. Jim Herrington
5/19 – TBD

5/12 - Licentiate Debra Trevino
5/26 - Licentiate Debra Trevino

MAY 2019



3 Shirley McDaniel
14 Roger Wagner
29 Ron Jamison

	<p><i>14- Dave & Cindy Arnold</i></p> <p><i>31 – John & Kathy Paderson</i></p>	<p>1 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>2 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>5 Blended Service with Communion 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Rev. Jim Herrington Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 4:00 PM Sunday Night Activities 5:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>9 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19 Blended Service 10AM TBD Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Beacon Deadline</p>	<p>21 Esther Circle 7PM</p>	<p>22 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>23 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Blended Service 10:00 AM Licentiate Debra Trevino Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>30 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>31</p>	

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

St. Andrew's Youth Group will hold its 9th annual
Mother's Day Breakfast!

May 12, 2019 8:00-9:45 a.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

200 Marrows Road

Newark, DE 19713

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

