



# *The Beacon*

## *September 2018*

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### 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 SEPTEMBER

**Who do you trust in times of trouble?**

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”*

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

## **THE SEARCH CONTINUES:**

Although we have not had our usual bi-weekly PNC meetings in July and August, due to summer vacations, we have had a few meetings. We also continue to read PIF's (Personal Information Forms), listen to sermons on line, visit churches to see potential candidates in person and pray for guidance. The Lord has opened some doors for us and closed a few others as we've been in contact with possible candidates for St. Andrew's next pastor. We realize our committee of 6 represents the entire congregation and we are taking our charge seriously. We are in search of the pastor who is the best fit for St. Andrew's. Someone who will encourage our spiritual growth and challenge us to be the congregation of believers that our Lord wants us to be. We ask for patience from you and for continued prayers for wisdom, discernment, and God's guidance.

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

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Pastor's Report for June, July 2018  
Prepared for Session Meeting of Aug. 12, 2018  
Rev. Randall Otto

- A. Service of the Lord's Day
  - a. Prepared and led worship on 8 Sundays
  - b. Administered sacrament of Lord's Supper on June 3 and July 1
- B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)
  - a. visits: 10 (was visiting with Herb Hoeflinger weekly and have asked John Paderson to continue doing that as able)
  - b. Hospital visits: 1
  - c. Picking up Tammie Brewster each Sun 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 June 3
- D. Community outreach/church connections
  - a. Met with Ginny Jones for exit interview, signed covenant agreement July 25
  - b. Met with Smyrna evangelical group of New Castle Presbytery pastors on July 25
- E. Ideas for consideration and/or action:
  - a. Keys were returned and website cleaned off to reflect my no longer being at St Andrew's. Heather will continue Facebook page as informed of info. Cliff indicated an interest in knowing how to navigate website and I have provided him with some written info, since we were unable to meet, but Scott K. will be best source for help.

**Session did not meet in August due to lack of quorum.**

**Deacons: no report**

**Youth Group: no report**

## DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

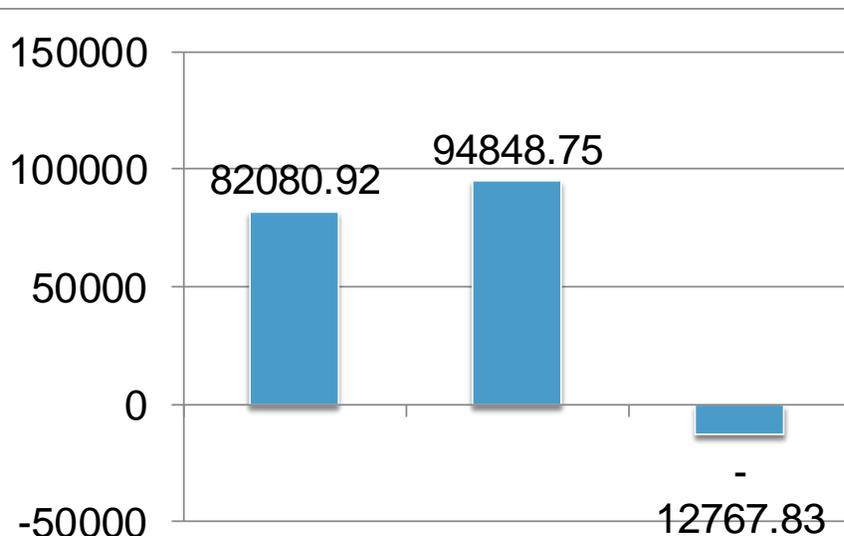
In July, St. Andrew's received \$12,286.48. That amount is \$293.25 more than the \$11,993.23 budgeted for the month. We spent \$13,549.17 in July. That is \$450.43 less than the budgeted expenses. The deficit for the month was \$1,262.69. The deficit for the year is \$12,767.83.

In July, St. Andrew's' reserve funds increased \$552.43 to a total of \$56,360.24. Year to date, our reserve funds have decreased \$8,292.17. At that rate our current reserves would last 31 months, until about March 2021. There will be some savings depending upon when the new pastor is called and installed and the new pastor's compensation package. How long our reserves last will depend on that and the performance of our investments.

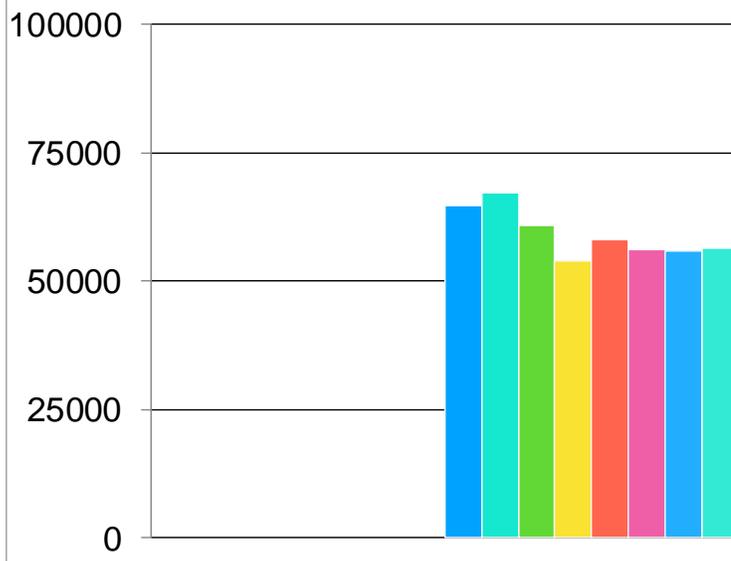
There is little wiggle room in our budget. Salaries are 79% of our spending. Building costs are 16%. Those two categories represent 95% of the budget. Program, per capita and missions make up the remaining 5%. Any meaningful reduction in spending would have to come from salaries. Depending on the salary 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 JULY FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>JULY</b>	\$12,286.48	\$11,993.23	\$293.25	\$82,080.92	\$83,952.61	-\$1,871.69
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>PASTOR</b>	\$7,254.17	\$7,274.99	-\$20.82	\$49,769.99	\$50,924.93	-\$1,154.94
<b>STAFF</b>	\$3,883.60	\$3,983.57	-\$99.97	\$27,935.20	\$27,884.99	\$50.21
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$310.50	\$291.65	\$18.85	\$1,076.21	\$2,041.55	-\$965.34
<b>BLDG GRDS</b>	\$2,100.90	\$2,181.14	-\$80.24	\$14,457.85	\$15,267.98	-\$810.13
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$0.00	\$268.25	-\$268.25	\$1,609.50	\$1,877.75	-\$268.25
<b>MISSIONS</b>	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$0.00	\$583.31	-\$583.31
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$13,549.17	\$14,082.93	-\$450.43	\$94,848.75	\$98,580.51	-\$3,731.76
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	(\$1,262.69)	(\$2,089.70)		(\$12,767.83)	(\$14,627.90)	



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	\$58,183.96	\$56,171.85	\$55,807.81	\$56,360.24					
+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH	N/A	\$2,454.80	(\$6,250.41)	(\$6,855.71)	\$4,182.97	(\$2,012.11)	(\$364.04)	\$552.43					
+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/18	N/A	\$2,454.80	(\$3,795.61)	(\$10,651.32)	(\$6,468.35)	(\$8,480.46)	(\$8,844.50)	(\$8,292.07)					



**Attention All Women:** Do you love fun, friendly church women and Italian food? If you answered “Yes” to this question, then come dine with the Esther Circle at our first get together of the circle season. All women of the church are encouraged to attend dinner at Bertucci’s (in Christiana by Boscovs) at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 19. Esther Circle was created last fall when the Naomi Circle and the Ruth Circle merged. We meet monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm at the church. Each month we start with devotions, followed by a brief business meeting, a bible study led by our own Winnie Wagner, and we always end with prayer and a delicious snack. This year we are studying “God’s Promise: I Am with You” which is the Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible Study. In Hebrews 13:5, God says, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” Our study will confirm that God has made and kept that very promise, again and again. Come join us at Bertucci’s on September 19 and hopefully you’ll love the experience so much that you’ll join us each month. If you have questions about circle or need a ride to Bertuccis or to church for a circle meeting, please see me at church or call me. My home number is 410-620-9173 and my cell is 443-722-3990.

We hope to see you in September!!

Kay DiStefano

Esther Circle Leader

841<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting of New Castle Presbytery  
July 17, 2018

This was a first-time electronic meeting with three viewing locations. Zoom technology was used to allow those at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE and Wicomico Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, MD to connect with Dover Presbyterian Church in Dover, DE via Zoom technology for a virtual presbytery meeting.

I attended the meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Although we all gathered there were a few technical glitches and we were not connected for the Opening Prayer, Quorum call, Docket approval and Stated Clerk's report. There were about 15 people present at Westminster.

This meeting focused mainly on reports of the Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 223<sup>RD</sup> General Assembly: Rev. Laurie Hiller, Gary Patterson and Caroline Hutchison gave their reports:

It was reported that sometimes there are unintended consequences that occur when we try to do stuff to help others. The MS13 gang did not come from out of the country, but began in LA. There were other indications of this sort of thing happening. It was difficult to hear and sometimes to understand what the commissioners were saying. It appears that the way New Castle Presbytery is trying new things has gained interest from others. Our Balcony 2 approach of reforming from the local church to the top is gaining approval by others!

In addition to our commissioners, we had Rev. Holly Clark-Porter, Rev. Kaci Clark-Porter, Emma Horn and Bob Schminkey spoke on behalf of the following overtures:

#049: "Affirming the celebrating the Full Dignity and Humanity of People of All Gender Identities: Passed.

#050: Celebrating the Gifts of People of Diverse Sexual orientations and Gender Identities in the Life of the Church: Passed

\$006: On Directing the Board of Pensions and the Foundation to Divest from Fossil Fuel and Actively Invest in Securities that focus in Renewable Energy. Did not pass.

#051: On Praying for a Movement of the Spirit to Engage Presbyterian Congregations in Nation-Wide Action to Prevent Gun Violence.

Following these reports, the mike was open for questions from the floor and each of the virtual sites. None were received. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Laurie Hiller. This was a record 1-hour meeting!

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Wagner  
Commissioner for St. Andrew's PC

Some dates and items to consider.

The 842<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be held on September 18, 2018 at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. This meeting will be preceded by a Pastors' Retreat on September 17, 2018. It will begin at Noon and conclude at the start of the Presbytery meeting. More information on the retreat may be found in the July 25, 2018 Midweek Musings.

Because of the technical glitches with the recent meeting, a call has gone out for and "tekkies" who would like to help facilitate future virtual reality meetings. August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM via Zoom has been set up. See the latest Midweek Musings for details.

## • **FOOD PANTRY IS VERY LOW ON ITEMS!!!**

The Deacons filled food baskets for 8 families for Easter which pretty much wiped out the food pantry. Please help us restock it. Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. *Remember we cannot use outdated foods.* Thank you.

Cake mixes	Cereal	Fruit (applesauce, etc.)
Jelly	Mac and cheese	Meats (canned tuna, etc.)
Pasta	Peanut Butter	Rice
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce	Vegetables (canned)

## **SAVE THE DATE! IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

The Seventh Annual St. Andrew's Open Charity Golf Outing and Silent Auction will be held at Back Creek Golf Club in Middletown on Monday, September 17 starting at noon. Once again, we will be getting together to raise money for local ministries. Through the first six years of our event, we have raised over \$19,000. All the proceeds from the event are donated to organizations in our area to help our neighbors in need. Some of the ministries benefiting from your generosity have been Meeting Ground, Urban Promise, A Door of Hope, My Sister's Keeper, Family Promise and the Newark Empowerment Center of Friendship House.

How can you help? I am glad you asked!

- 1) If you're a golfer, grab a friend or two or three and register. The deadline to register is Friday, September 7, so there's still time. Instructions are on the attached flyer.
- 2) If you're not a golfer, there are plenty of ways to participate.
- 3) Volunteer to help the day of the event.
- 4) Get your favorite restaurant, hair salon or other vendor to donate a gift card to be auctioned off at the Silent Auction.
- 5) Bid on items at the Silent Auction.
- 6) Attend the dinner after golf that day and bid on auction items. The cost for the dinner and auction only is \$25. Deadline for dinner reservations is Friday, September 7.
- 7) Give the gift of grace on the golf course. Mulligans for Mission will be sold after church on September 9 and 16 for \$5 each. Give an extra shot to the golfer of your choice.
- 8) Pray for good weather on Monday, September 17.

If you have any questions, see Danielle or Cliff Wood or Darrell DiStefano. We hope to see you in September at Back Creek.

# Seventh Annual St. Andrew's Open

(Not THAT St. Andrews!)

## Sponsored by

St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian  
Church

200 Marrows Rd.  
Newark, DE  
19713

Phone:

302-738-4331

When:

Monday  
September 17<sup>th</sup>,  
2018

Where:

Back Creek  
Golf Course  
Middletown, DE

Format:

4-person scramble

Time:

12:00 noon  
check-in  
range open  
1:00 p.m.  
shotgun start

Cost:

\$99/golfer

Package

Includes:

- chick-fil-a sandwich
- Range balls
- Round of golf with cart
- Free on course beverages
- goody bags
- Dinner
- Silent Auction

• Prizes for:

- Closest to Pin
- Longest Drive
- Straightest Drive
- Putting Contest

EVERY GOLFER  
RECEIVES A  
REDUCED RATE  
FOR A SECOND  
ROUND AT BACK  
CREEK GOOD TIL  
MARCH 31, 2019!

Not a golfer?

Just Dinner and  
Silent Auction  
for only \$25.

REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
FRIDAY, 9/7/18

**ALL  
PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT  
LOCAL  
CHARITABLE  
MINISTRIES**



To register, go to [standrewsnewark.org](http://standrewsnewark.org) or complete the registration form below. Entry fee due with registration.

Any questions, contact:

Cliff Wood at [cwood@saladworks.com](mailto:cwood@saladworks.com) or Darrell DiStefano at [darrelldistefano@comcast.net](mailto:darrelldistefano@comcast.net)

## REGISTRATION FORM

GOLFER #1 \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE/EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

GOLFER #2 \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE/EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

GOLFER #3 \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE/EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

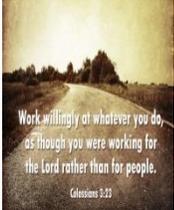
GOLFER #4 \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE/EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST ANDREW'S. MAIL TO 200 MARROWS RD NEWARK DE 19713  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, 9/7/18**



3- Harry & Doris Davidson  
 6- Bill & Wendy Furry  
 11- Kevin & Diane Bart  
 21- Mike & Julie Guns  
 29- Ron & Carol Jamison  
 30- Jim & Joyce Sparks

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<p>2 Blended Service 10:00 AM</p> <p>Youth Sunday        Food Collection Sunday        Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM        Church of Service Worship        12:30 PM</p>	<p>3 LABOR DAY</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>6 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM        Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Blended Service 10:00 AM        Lums' Pond Pavilion 4</p>  <p>Church of Service Worship        12:30 PM</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>13 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM        Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Blended Service 10:00 AM</p> <p>Church of Service Worship        12:30 PM</p> <p>Session Meeting 4:00 PM</p>	<p>17 7th Annual Charity Golf Outing &amp; Silent Auction</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Esther circle dinner at Bertucci's 6pm</p> <p>KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>20 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM        Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Blended Service 10:00 AM</p> <p>Church of Service Worship        12:30 PM</p> <p>FALL BEGINS</p> 	<p>24 BEACON DEADLINE</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM</p> <p>KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>27 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM        Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Blended Service 10:00 AM</p> <p>Church of Service Worship        12:30 PM</p>	 <p>1 Betty Winter        3 Mary Anne Colbert        5 Cindy Stonebraker        7 Julie Avenarius        8 Ruth Burkins        9 Jean Hoffecker</p> <p>10 Mary Alice Hopper        11 Ben Kuykendall        13 Julie Guns        20 Deena &amp; Dottie Ndifor        22 Dusty Robinson        23 Ann Hardy        27 Joe Furry</p>					

## FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

2 Sunday	Blended Service Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday Coffee hour Deacon Meeting Church of Service Worship	10:00 a.m.   11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
3 Monday	Labor Day	
5 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
6 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
9 Sunday	Grandparent's Day Blended Service Church Picnic Church of Service Worship	10:00 a.m.   12:30 p.m.
12 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
13 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
16 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee hour Church of Service Worship Session Meeting	10:00 a.m.  12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
17 Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Event & Silent Auction	12:00 p.m.
19 Wednesday	Esther Circle dinner at Bertucci's Church of Service	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
20 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
23 Sunday	First Day of Fall Blended Service Coffee hour Church of Service Worship	10:00 a.m.   12:30 p.m.
24 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
26 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
28 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
30 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee hour Church of Service Worship	10:00 a.m.  12:30 p.m.





## *Meeting of Minds*

*This is a guided group experience for adults in the early stages of dementia, Alzheimer's or any other cognitive impairment. Through our diverse social, mental, creative & physical activities; participants will gain improved self-esteem, socialization & a sense of belonging.*

Meeting of Minds is best suited for individuals who still have a *moderate level of independence*. Please call or email Laura to discuss eligibility & to visit the program.

Meeting of Minds is held every week Monday-Friday from 10am to 2pm at the Newark Senior Center. Sessions are \$32 e/a & participants must register for a min of 2 days. Lunch & transportation are included in the cost (must live within the NSC bus range to use our bus system)

Laura Greene, EML Program Coordinator  
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200 White Chapel Drive Newark, Dc 19713