

Happy Halloween 

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 OCTOBER

Thank God for the Reformed Faith

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1



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October 2015

I have just completed writing a chapter for my doctoral work on unity and holiness in the Reformed Tradition. In the process of researching that chapter I read what a number of Reformed confessions have to say on the topics. For my research I used a four-volume compilation of 127 confessions entitled *Reformed Confessions of the 16th and 17th Centuries in English Translation*.

It got me to thinking about how much dust has accumulated on our *Book of Confessions*, which is part one of the constitution of the PCUSA. Even though it only contains 2 creeds, 6 confessions and 3 catechisms, it remains one of the least opened books in the denomination.

All ordained officers are asked at their ordination or installation the following question:

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

We all answer that question with a resounding yes, yet we (me included) too often forget to open the *Book of Confessions* and consult it when faced with challenging issues. The responsibility for that not happening at St. Andrew's squarely falls on me. I have only led one study that involved the confessions and have only intermittently used them in our worship and with our session.

I hope to redress that situation in the coming year. The *Book of Confessions* is a vital resource to help us grow in our faith and understand what makes our faith catholic (universal) and Reformed.

Starting on October 4th, I will have printed in the bulletin on a weekly basis one or more questions and answers from the *Heidelberg Catechism*, which is in the *Book of Confessions*. The *Heidelberg Catechism* is designed for that very purpose. Its one hundred and twenty nine questions and answers are organized into 52 groupings, one for each Sunday in the year.

Please read them and reflect on them. I will be more than happy to discuss them with you. Hopefully the questions and the answers will spark some conversation about the nature of the Reformed faith.

Yours at the foot of the Cross,

John

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

From: The Rev. John G. Paderson

Subject: Report for August 2015

Date: September 8, 2015

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

- Prepared and led worship four of the five Sundays in August. I was on study leave on the fifth Sunday. The Rev. John Groth ably led worship and preached in my absence.
- Administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday August 2nd.

B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)

- **Home Visits:** 2
- **Hospital and Rehab Facility Visits:** none
- **Other:** Attended the funeral service for Ron Jamison's mother in Oxford, PA on August 11th.
- **Counseling:** One counseling office visit on August 4th.

C. Administration

- Wrote a message for September Beacon
- Moderated August 2nd session meeting.

D. Christian Education

- Bible studies and other classes were in recess until September

E. Ecumenical Activities

- Attended a Pastor's Support Group meeting in Baltimore on August 20th.
- Attended a ministeriums meeting at Kingswood UMC on August 18th.

F. Denominational Activities

- Provided emergency pastoral coverage for Greenhill while Randy Otto was away and also for First Newark while Steve Brundage was away.

G. Things to Think About

Vacation: I have two weeks of vacation left for the year. I plan to use one September 29th through October 5th. That means we will need somebody to preach on October 4th. I plan to use my second week November 16th through the 23rd. That means we will need a substitute preacher November 22nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

John

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
August 2, 2015

Elders present: Allen Crowe, Mary Anne Colbert, Chet Pasapane, Brenda Saulsbury,
Winnie Wagner, Jane Wright

Elders absent: Flora Atangcho, Emmanuel Ndifor, Cliff Wood

Moderator: Rev. John Paderson opened the meeting with prayer at 4:37 pm.

Minutes from June 7, 2015 meeting approved with any edits completed.

Treasurer's Report reviewed and approved pending audit.

Pastor's Report for June/July 2015 reviewed and approved.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- **Motion to allow office manager to have access to Logos software pending ability to partition access capabilities.**
- **Motion to use Undesignated Memorial Funds to apply to A/C repair.**
- **Motion to use funds as needed to balance existing budget through 2015.**
- **Motion to allow PNC money market account to be used for any approved expenses.**
- **Motion to form committee to determine costs and design for Brick Fundraiser.**
Brenda Saulsbury, Chet Pasapane and Myron Hardesty to meet, discuss, design and plan Serenity Circle with plantings, bench and brick placement. Meet with Hardy and Johnson families about how to spend money in named Memorials Fund. Ask for suggestions from families.
- **John Groth to substitute for Pastor John for upcoming vacation/study leave. (No motion required).**
- **Motion to reinvest Mutual Funds to earn more income tabled.**
- **Motion to close with prayer (Mary Anne Colbert) and adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Saulsbury, Clerk of Session

From the Deacons for October

Quilts for Comfort

Everyone is welcome to join the quilting bee on October 24 in Fellowship Hall. We start at 9:00 and end around 3:00. Bring a dish to pass and stay for lunch if you can, but we're grateful for any amount of time you can give. Sewing skills are not required; we will find a job for you. The colorful completed quilts are given to neighboring hospitals and clinics.

See <http://www.quiltsforcomfort.com> or talk to Charlotte Walker for more information.

Laundry for the Lord

This ministry, run by Kingswood Methodist, provides vouchers for homeless people to use at the Laundromat opposite our church. The deacons will collect money for vouchers on October 18 and 25 during fellowship hour. Please consider giving.

Coats for Hope

Help the homeless and others in need keep warm by freeing up some closet space. During October and November, the deacons will be collecting decent, used cold-weather clothing—men's, women's, and children's coats, hats, mittens, sweaters, jackets, shirts, trousers and shoes. Blankets and new socks are especially welcomed.

Please bag your donations and label the bags "Coats for Hope." Leave the bags in the church foyer. The deacons will collect and distribute your donations at Hope Dining Room.

If you need a pickup, call Pam Crowe, 302-738-4794, or Charlotte Walker, 302-547-5706.

Red Kettle Ringers

The Salvation Army has reserved the dates of November 27 and December 5 for St. Andrews' bell ringers. Information on location and time slots will follow.

Keep Our Pantry Stocked

The deacons will soon be filling Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Please watch for sales!

Food Pantry Needs for November and December

Our needs:

- Potatoes (boxed or canned)
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed desserts (cake mixes, etc.)
- Gravy
- Stuffing

Items we're low on that are nice to include:

- Canned peas
- Applesauce
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Cereal

And, of course, we'd love donations of turkeys closer to the holidays

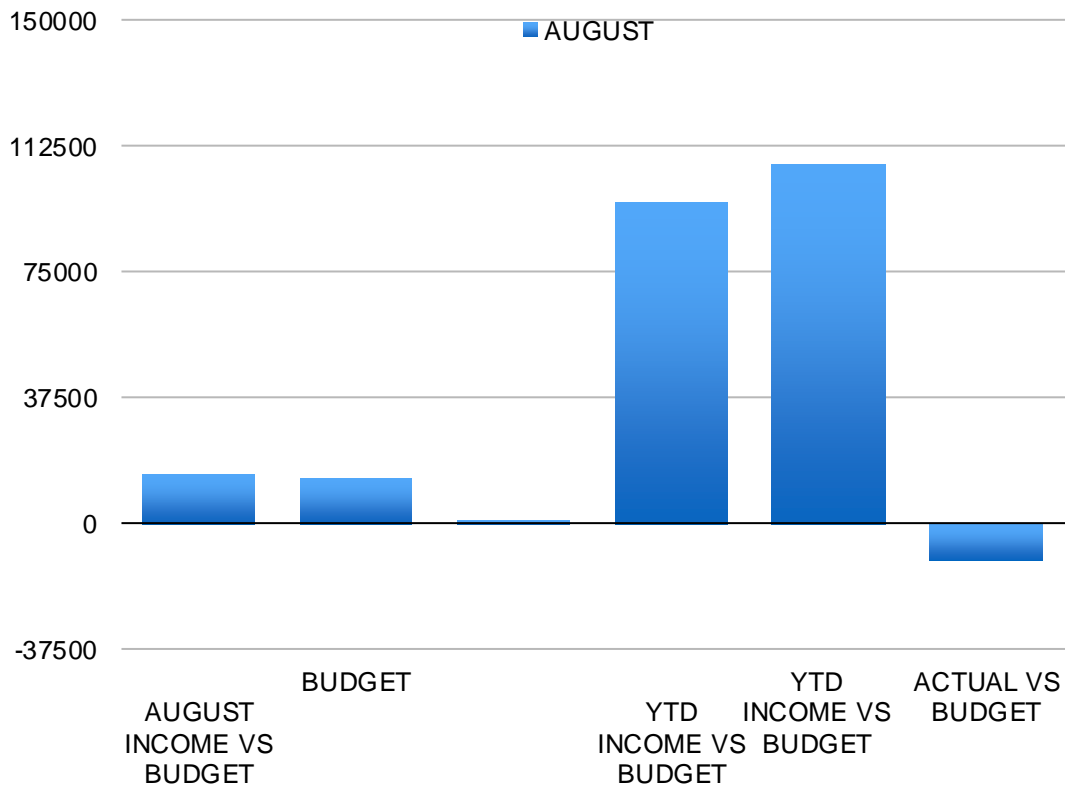
Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support for this ministry. Thank you.

Next Deacon's Meeting: October 11 after worship.

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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
AUGUST	\$14,557.48	\$13,349.99	\$1,207.49	\$95,913.24	\$106,799.92	-\$10,886.68
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$7,244.62	\$7,177.64	\$66.98	\$58,825.21	\$57,421.12	\$1,404.09
STAFF	\$3,597.05	\$3,966.90	-\$369.85	\$30,856.44	\$31,735.20	-\$878.76
PROGRAM	\$0.00	\$733.31	-\$733.31	\$2,998.93	\$5,866.48	-\$2,867.55
BLDG GRDS	\$1,082.77	\$2,269.98	-\$1,187.21	\$17,251.16	\$18,159.84	-\$908.68
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$11,924.44	\$14,147.83	-\$2,223.39	\$109,931.74	\$113,182.64	-\$3,250.90
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$2,633.04	(\$797.84)		(\$14,018.50)	(\$6,382.72)	



DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In August, St. Andrew's received \$14,557.48. That amount is \$1,207.49 more than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted income for the month was \$13,349.99. We spent \$11,924.44 in August, which is \$2,223.39 less than was budgeted for the same period, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$2,633.04.

For 2015, through the end of August, St. Andrew's received \$95,913.24 compared to a budgeted income of \$106,799.92. This is a shortfall of \$10,885.88. On the expense side, through August, we have spent \$109,931.74. Budgeted expenses year to date are \$113,182.64, which means we have spent \$3,250.90 less than we thought we might. The bottom line is, so far this year; we have spent \$109,931.74 and received \$95,913.24 for a deficit of \$14,018.50.

DID YOU MISS THIS LAST MONTH?

We have an opportunity for a local, hands-on mission project. It consists of preparing, serving and cleaning up dinner for about 15 people one night every three months. We would prepare it at home and take it to White Clay Presbyterian Church to serve Family Promise when they are staying there. Do you want to be part of a team to do this? If so, contact Kathy Paderson at 738-0840.



St. Andrew's PW Fall Meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday October 13th at 6:30PM. The meeting will begin with a potluck dinner. All ladies of the church are Presbyterian Women, and are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

MORNING CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be Thursday Oct 1 at Betty Winter's home. Betty has made many crochet items which will be offered for sale this fall. Our ladies also plan to sell Claxton fruit cakes for sale, coming soon. Tell your friends! See you all at the PW Pot Luck dinner.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi circle will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday October 20th at 7PM. Joanne Rager will be hosting. The Circle is still selling Rada Cutlery. Contact Joanne Rager if you are interested in purchasing.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth circle will meet in Fellowship Hall on Monday October 19th at 7PM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2015

1 Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
2 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
4 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Deacon's Meeting	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
7 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
8 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
9 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
10 Saturday	Church of Service Prayer Service	7:00-9:30 p.m.
11 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
13 Tuesday	St. Andrew's PW Fall Meeting	6:30 p.m.
14 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
15 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
16 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
17 Saturday	Italian Buffet	6:00 p.m.
18 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
19 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
	Ruth Circle Meeting	
20 Tuesday	Naomi Circle Meeting	
21 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
22 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
23 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
24 Saturday	Quilts for Comfort	9:00 a.m.
	Presbyterian Women in New Castle Presbytery Fall Gathering	
25 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
28 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
29 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
30 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
31 Saturday	HAPPY HALLOWEEN	

Wouldn't it be great if we treated our Bibles like our cellphones?



- 3 Cindy Arnold
- 4 Kascha Coleman
- 5 Mikey Guns,III
- 10 Myrtle Arnold
- 11 Wayne Wright
- 13 Grant Hardy, Jr.
- 16 Delphine Ndifor
- 18 Joanne Rager
- 22 Caleb Coleman
- 24 H. Ronald Mann
- 24 Cliff Wood, Sr.
- 25 Jasyah Cooper

- 5 *Grant and Tracy Hardy 25th*
- 6 *Sherman and MaryAnne Colbert*
- 10 *Norman and Nancy Jackson*
- 25 *Herb and Doris Hoeflinger*





All you can eat Italian Buffet

Saturday October 17, 2015 6PM-8PM

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

200 Marrows Road

Newark, DE 19713

\$10 Adults \$ 5 children

St. Andrew's Youth Group will be holding an All You Can Eat Italian Buffet. Come on out and show your support!

Malachi 3:10 *"Bring the full amount of your tithes to the Temple, so that there will be plenty of food there. Put me to the test and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things."*



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in
NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY



Fall Gathering



October 24, 2015

Telling Your Story for God

Featuring! Rev. Laurie Hiller, Seaford Presbyterian
Rev. Edwin Estevez, Riverfront Church

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dover Presbyterian Church
(54 S. State Street)



Upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends



November 6-8, 2015

Comfort Inn in Easton, MD
Experience the warm hospitality of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Open to both Lay and Clergy couples. Located on US-50, 40 miles southeast of Annapolis. The weekend will be coordinated by the United Methodist Expression of M.E.

January 21-23, 2016

The Vandiver Inn, Havre de Grace, MD is host to a Thurs – Sat. “weekend” designed for Clergy Couples only. The session is interdenominational and costs are reduced by an Endowment grant.

February 19-21, 2016

A beautiful location & open to both Lay & Clergy couples – the Vandiver Inn in Havre de Grace, MD. The weekend will be coordinated by the Presbyterian Expression of M.E.

All faith expressions are welcome!

Weekends run Friday 7pm to Sunday 5pm (except January Clergy Weekend).

November and January weekends, contact:

Clay & Georgeanna Holland 302-540-0106 or clay@agapefarm.com

Brent & Carole Burdge 302-529-9261 or bctandem@aol.com

For more information or to complete an application visit: www.encounter.org

February weekend, contact:

Greg & Shirley Hills at solchvary@hotmail.com or 302-453-9538

For more information or to complete an application visit: www.presby-me.org