



# *The Beacon*

## *November 2019*

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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 NOVEMBER

**“Random Acts of Kindness”**, when you hear this what do you think of? What are your random acts of kindness? Who have you blessed with them? Who has blessed you with them? In this time of Thanksgiving when we hold our loved ones close, let us reflect on how we can bless those around us with Random Acts of Kindness. Hold the door for someone at the convenience store, pay someone’s coffee forward, smile at someone, (it may be the only one they get in a day) and it could make all the difference. Most of these acts may be small, and may be insignificant to the giver, but the recipient may think otherwise. They will be blessed beyond measure. Ask God where you can be a blessing in your everyday walk. He will put people in our paths to bless us, as well as those who need a blessing from us. They cost little to nothing, they are not much to think about, they are always available to do. What will yours be?

**Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38**

## THANK YOU!

I'm told there is an old Jewish custom created to express gratitude to the Creator, which involves stopping every ten minutes or so each day during waking hours to thank God for whatever or whoever is in front of us. It might look like this: "Thank you God for the birdsong coming from the tree outside my window this morning. Thank you, God, for scrambled eggs and the smell of bacon. Thank you for a nice, hot shower. Thank you for my spouse's smile. Thank you, God, the car started. Thank you, God, for the old man walking down the sidewalk. Thank you, God, for the red maple tree. Thank you, God, for this beautiful person I just met. Thank you for the children getting off the school bus—how energetic they are! Thank you, God, for chili and cornbread. Thank you for my dear friend who called me just now from California to wish me Happy Birthday. Thank you, God, for the setting sun. Thank you, God, for the silver moon. Thank you, God, for my comfortable bed, warm blanket, and a time of quiet rest. Thank you, thank you, thank you!" If done as described, one can end up saying "thank you" almost one hundred times a day!

That is how I feel right now, as I say "thank you" to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for your warm welcome to me. The first picture I hung on my wall in my new home here was a plaque that reads "In ALL Things, Give Thanks," and I am finding this very easy to do. From people stopping by my study to introduce themselves and offer help in settling in, to the dedicated people who plan and run craft and bake sales, quilting groups, golf fundraisers; to the talented musicians and choir members who add so much to our worship, to the techies who run the sound board in worship, to the friendly, smiling faces sitting in the pews, to those who visit our homebound members and make phone calls, to those who provide food and drink during fellowship time, to busy Session members—to ALL of you, I say thank you!

I am also thankful to have the opportunity to participate in the work of St. Andrew's Unglued Church group. Since September, I have been meeting with this group and their coaches as they explore new ways of being church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and new ways to reach out to the larger Newark community with the love of God. On Saturday, October 26, I joined with the St. Andrew's group to do a Neighborhood Walk. We spent about an hour exploring the area near St. Andrew's, becoming better acquainted with the people who live and work in the neighborhoods and businesses surrounding the church. I am thankful for this wonderful way to learn more about St. Andrew's, the Brookside area, and the city of Newark.

Speaking of cities, most of you know that I spent the last two years in the city of Richmond, Virginia, at Richmond Hill, an ecumenical retreat center and Christian residential community located in an old monastery that overlooks the city. Above the arched doorway leading from the paved courtyard into the building, are the words from Jeremiah 29: 7, "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you." The entire verse of this scripture continues "and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." One of the ways Richmond Hill residents fulfill this mission is by praying for the welfare of metropolitan Richmond in the chapel on the grounds: three times a day, morning, noon, and evening, 365 days a year. That's a lot of praying, and it is foundational to all of the other ways this center and its inhabitants seek to provide prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation, and spiritual formation in the city of Richmond.

That's a lot of prayer, and I find myself wanting to continue this practice. I have changed cities, but my intent is the same: to seek the welfare of the city where God has sent me. So, beginning on Wednesday, November 6, I will make my way to St. Andrew's sanctuary at noon for a short period of rest, reflection, and midday prayer for the city of Newark and the surrounding counties. I will do this at midday on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, barring occasional days when there may be meeting conflicts, holidays, or when I'm out of town for continuing education or vacation. This is part of my own personal prayer practice, but if you happen to be in the area around noon on those days, I would love to have you join me. "Stop-Rest-Pray"—very simple, but prayer for the city of Newark is foundational to all we at St. Andrew's are and do as the body of Christ in this particular place, at this particular time.

During these weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, I find myself blessed beyond measure. In ALL things give thanks!

Peace,  
Pastor Victoria

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Stated Session Meeting**  
**September 8, 2019**

**Meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Ginny Jones at 4:05 pm.**

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

**Invited Guest:** Rev. Victoria Bethel

**Members not in attendance:** Florence Fonjweng

**Quorum was present and docket was approved.**

**Treasurer's Report** was reviewed and approved pending audit. August 2019 income was \$9,612.00. August expenses were \$6,313.46. August surplus was \$3,298.54. Surplus for YTD is \$17,910.98.

**Clerk's Report:**

- E-mail vote was approved to make changes in the Terms of Call for the new candidate for pastor. Dental coverage (\$443.30 per year) and vision coverage (\$46.68 per year) were added to the benefits of the Effective Salary Form-Year 2019.
- Gideons to speak during worship on September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Presbytery Commissioner for September Meeting in Easton, Md is Winnie Wagner.
- Worship for the 4 Sundays in August was 193 people.
- Membership to date is 104 (43 men and 61women).

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

- To approve all reports on the docket
- To approve the hiring of Tracy Hardy as our church's Office Manager.
- Move communion from October 6<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- To purchase audio upgrades not to exceed \$1,500 (taken from available Memorial Funds as much as possible).
- Thanks to Ginny Jones for moderating many of our session meetings since Randy Otto's leaving until today's acceptance of Call by Pastor Victoria Bethel.
- To adjourn this meeting

Meeting was closed with prayer by Ginny Jones at 5:21 pm.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

## FROM THE DEACONS November 2019

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the Deacons have a list of families with children that attend Brookside Elementary School. These families are in need of some food assistance. Will you help us fill up food baskets to be delivered before Thanksgiving?

Turkeys and the following pantry items are needed by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Turkeys can be placed in the church kitchen freezer (please acknowledge your donation on the sheet on the freezer door). Pantry items needed are: Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Cake Mix and Icing, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti and Sauce, canned Peas and Carrots.



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

- We collected \$235.80 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 38 vouchers.
- The Quilts for Comfort Bee was a great success. The lunch was a treat and even with all the talking going on 12 fabulous quilts were made. The quilts are distributed to local cancer centers for patients undergoing treatments, the NICU, low-income pediatric clinics, visiting nurses and children entering the foster care system in Delaware.
- Thank you to all that contributed "Box Tops". These were delivered to Brookside Elementary School and for each "top" they receive back 10 cents to use in their school to purchase items that the budget just won't stretch to cover.

### Upcoming Deacons' Meeting: November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Esther Circle News



Esther Circle had an excellent turn out for our October meeting. We joyfully welcomed 3 new members: Regina Keefer, Brenda Saulsbury, and Julia Short. We're hoping that a few others who expressed interest in circle will be able to join us in November. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at 7 pm at church. We're moving onto the second lesson in our bible study about the ten commandments. The lesson is entitled Words of Love: Don't Trivialize My Name. This lesson helps us to understand the power of

God's name and our call to use it wisely. If you need a ride to circle 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 on November 19.

Kay DiStefano

Sunday, Nov. 3, is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP).



Isn't it a blessing to worship God together as a family both at church and in your home? In many countries all around the world, Christians are forced to hide their beliefs for fear of persecution. Following Jesus means risking violence, arrest, or even death. Please keep these families in your daily prayers. Pray they will stay safe and continue

serving God even when they face pressure from the government, neighbors, and friends.

### Congregational Meeting on Nov. 10 after worship

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 10 after worship for the purpose of electing new officers and making a change in the standing rules.



### Community Thanksgiving Service

Our community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Kingswood Methodist church on Tues., Nov. 26 at 7 pm. Please join us in giving thanks to God for his many blessings to us all.

## SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: OVERCOMER

### God designed you for victory.

In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author Dr. David Jeremiah uses Paul's instructions in Ephesians 6:10–18—his command for us to overcome the forces of evil by putting on the armor of God—to lay out a pathway for spiritual victory.

We all know it's hard out there. Sometimes it feels like the world is ripping apart at the seams. *Overcomer* Sometimes it feels like our hearts can't take any more hurt. But no matter what the world throws at us each day—*anxiety, fear, confusion, temptation*—we have a choice on how to respond. We can either concede defeat or live in the victory God has promised.

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). As disciples of Christ, we have also "overcome the world." As we daily put on each piece of armor—*belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit*—we receive God's power to face life's challenges and be assured of success.

Sessions include:

- Overcoming Falsehood with Truth (16 min)
- Overcoming Evil with Good (16 min)
- Overcoming Anxiety with Peace (16 min)
- Overcoming Fear with Faith (15 min)
- Overcoming Confusion with Wisdom (15 min)
- Overcoming Temptation with Scripture (16 min)





## Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.  
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,  
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.  
During those times, you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,  
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,  
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.  
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,  
because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.  
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.  
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

~Unknown

It's Cookie Walk time! Save the date!

There is a chill in the air which means we've already started to plan our annual Cookie Walk. St. Andrew's 31st Cookie Walk is set for **Friday, December 13 from 11:00-1:00**. Please mark this date on your calendar. We're counting on many of you to bake dozens and dozens of cookies, help us to prepare soup the week of the Cookie Walk and help with the event. If you're unable to attend or help we'll gratefully accept monetary donations to help pay for the soup and sandwich ingredients.

You're invited to join in a cookie baking event at church on the evening of Sunday, December 8 from 5:00-8:30. We'll have pizza for dinner and then begins the fun of mixing and baking cookies. We hope everyone, our youth and adults, will join together to bake cookies. If you're unable to help with this, consider donating ingredients for our baking event. We'll have a sheet listing our ingredient needs in fellowship hall a few weeks prior to the event.

Once again, we're asking that you bake smaller cookies and store them in hard sided containers. We have several cookie tins available at church if you need them for storage. Please sign up in fellowship hall to bake cookies and to volunteer your time and talents during Cookie Walk week.

We need help on:

Monday, December 9 - Chopping vegetables and dividing for pots of soup

Tuesday, December 10 - Making vegetable beef soup

Wednesday, December 11 - Making chicken corn soup

Thursday, December 12 - Setting up and decorating

Friday, December 13 - let us know if you're available and we'll find a way for you to serve

We hope you'll be able to attend this joy filled event for a delicious lunch of soup, sandwich, chips and a drink for \$10. You'll also have the opportunity to fill a container with yummy homemade cookies - small (\$6.) and large (\$15.) Please see Linda DiMartine or Kay DiStefano if you have questions. See you at the Cookie Walk!





POSITIVE. ENCOURAGING.  
**KLOVE**

**DARE  
TO 20  
BE 20**

**JOIN OUR GROUP!**



**NATALIE  
GRANT**



**CHARLOTTE  
GAMBILL**

**JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
PHILADELPHIA**

**THE BOB CARPENTER CENTER  
631 S COLLEGE AVE,  
NEWARK, DE 19716**



LADIES, LADIES, LADIES, I AM GETTING TICKETS FOR THIS AWESOME EVENT!  
Please let me know if you are interested in going! Tracy Hardy

When: January 25, 2020

Time: 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Where: Bob Carpenter Center

What: All Day Women's Conference packed into 3 hours of fun, friends, music and worship with 2 fantastic leaders

Why: Did I mention fun, uplifting, singing, worshipping our Savior, Moving Beyond!

# DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E - THE BOTTOM LINE

In September, St. Andrew's received \$9,652.00. That amount is \$1,897.85 less than the \$11,549.85 budgeted for the month. We spent \$8,525.17 in September. That is \$4,600.33 less than the budgeted expenses of \$13,208.84.

There were two large expenditures. We paid \$1,495.99 for Pastor Travel - \$120.99 for a motel room when Victoria preached at St. Andrew's on 9/8 and \$1,375 for the deposit on her move to Newark from Richmond, VA. We also paid the third quarter per capita of \$819.50. All other expenses were normal.

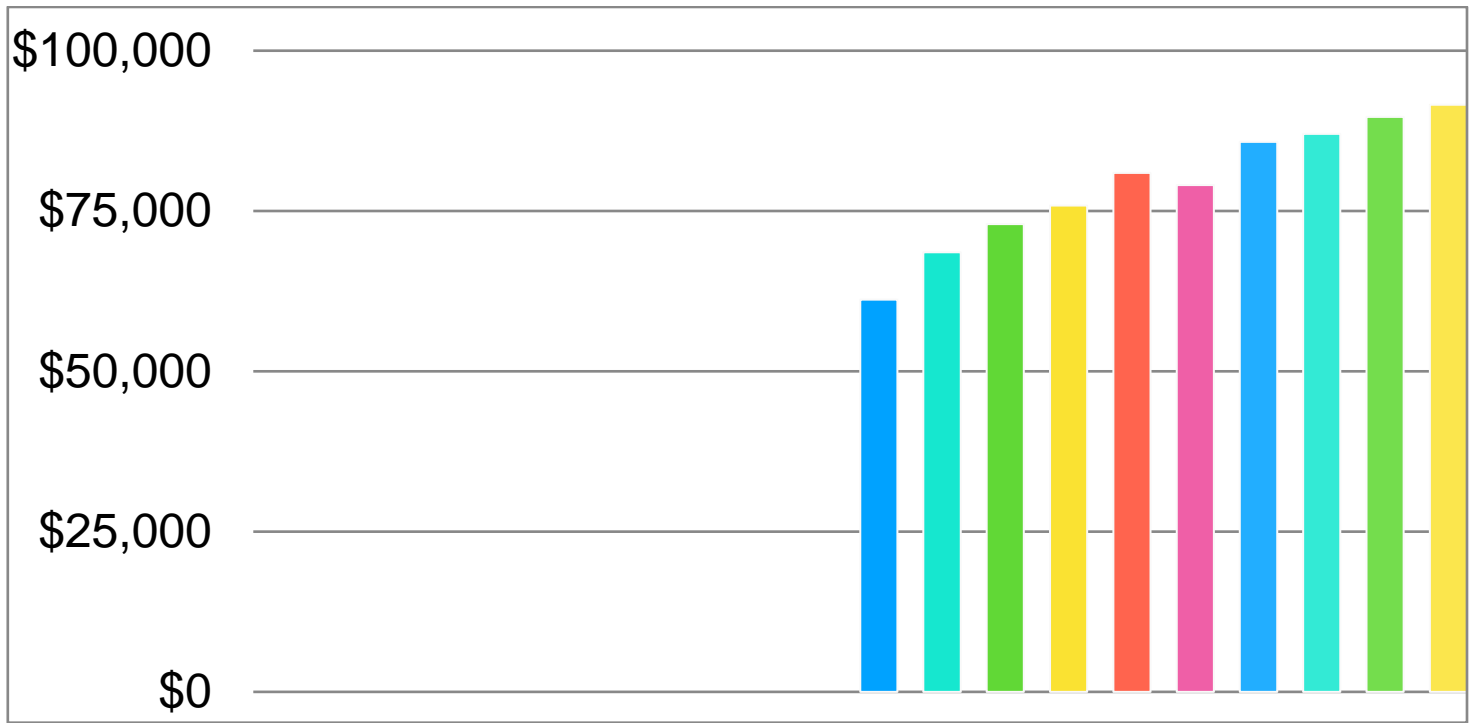
The surplus for the month was \$1,126.83. The surplus for 2019 year to date is \$19,033.18.

Our reserves at the end of September were \$91,588.86, an increase of \$1,930.48 for the month. Our reserves have increased \$30,424.28 since January 1, 2019.

Now that we will have Victoria Bethel as our new pastor beginning Tuesday, October 8, our financial situation will change. We will have to monitor that carefully.

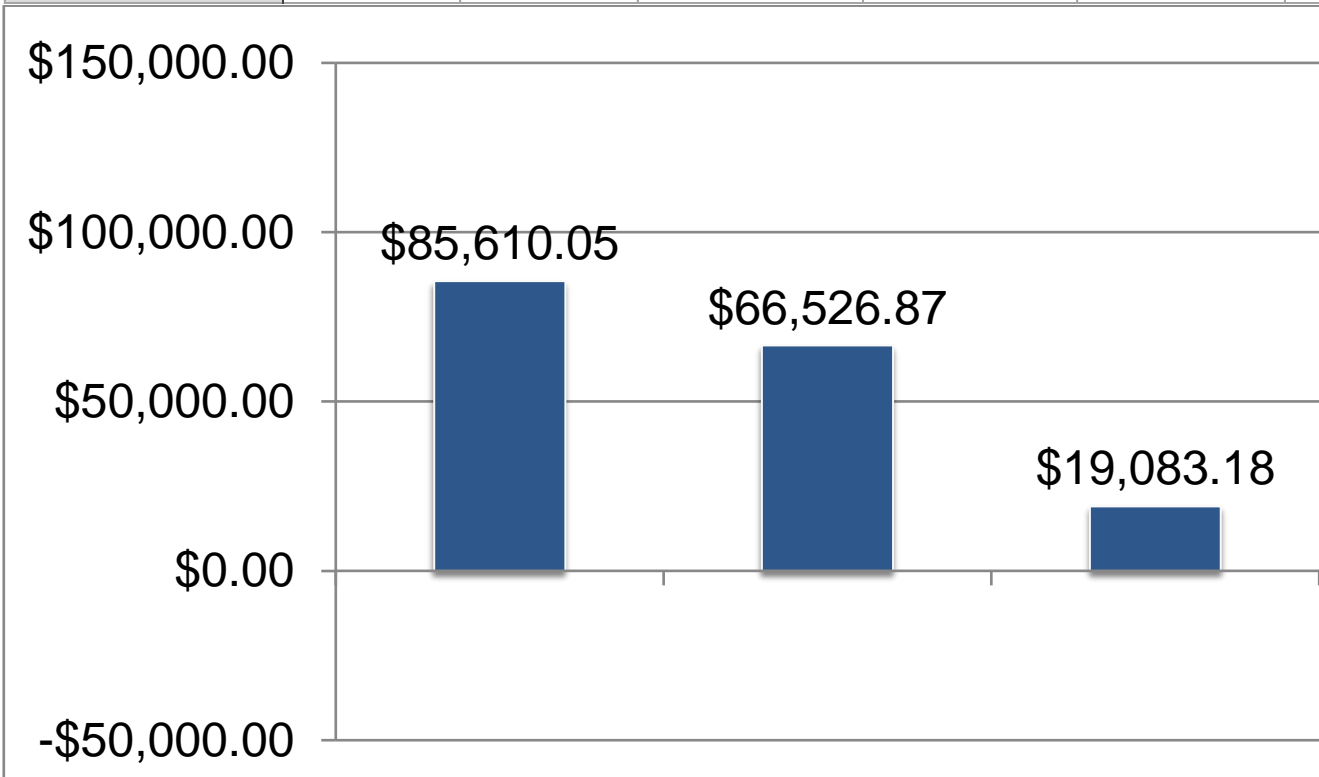
Darrell DiStefano  
Co-Treasurer

	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
<b>FUNDS IN RESERVE</b>	\$61,164.58	\$68,554.84	\$72,952.63	\$75,834.21	\$80,956.86	\$79,044.41	\$85,767.15	\$87,004.73	\$89,658.38	\$91,588.86
<b>+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH</b>	N/A	\$7,390.26	\$4,397.79	\$2,881.58	\$5,122.65	(\$1,912.45)	\$6,722.74	\$1,237.58	\$2,653.65	\$1,930.48
<b>+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/19</b>	N/A	\$7,390.26	\$11,788.05	\$14,669.63	\$19,792.28	\$17,879.83	\$24,602.57	\$25,840.15	\$28,493.80	\$30,424.28



**ST. ANDREW'S SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET**

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	\$9,652.00	\$11,549.85	-\$1,897.85	\$85,610.05	\$92,398.80	-\$6,788.75
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>PASTOR</b>	\$1,757.71	\$6,388.01	-\$4,630.30	\$1,916.12	\$51,104.08	-\$49,187.96
<b>STAFF</b>	\$4,545.88	\$3,983.57	\$562.31	\$42,445.82	\$31,868.56	\$10,577.26
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$235.16	\$312.50	-\$77.34	\$883.85	\$2,500.00	-\$1,616.15
<b>BLDG GRDS</b>	\$1,166.92	\$2,168.26	-\$1,001.34	\$17,467.83	\$17,346.08	\$121.75
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$819.50	\$273.16	\$546.34	\$3,263.25	\$2,185.28	\$1,077.97
<b>MISSIONS</b>	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$550.00	\$666.64	-\$116.64
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$8,525.17	\$13,208.83	-\$4,600.33	\$66,526.87	\$105,670.64	-\$39,143.77
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	\$1,126.83	(\$1,658.98)		\$19,083.18	(\$13,271.84)	



**8TH ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S OPEN CHARITY GOLF OUTING AND SILENT AUCTION**

"Thanks to everyone who supported in any way the 8th Annual St. Andrew's Open Charity Golf Outing and Silent Auction. Through everyone's efforts we were able to raise \$2,822.73 for local ministries. Session will decide which ministries at our next meeting on November 3. By the grace of God, our event has generated a total of \$25,905.86 for local Christian charities over the past eight years. Thanks be to God!"

St. Andrew's Session has accepted the resignation of Eileen Hunt as the coordinator for **Hope Dining Room** effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. She is asking for someone in our congregation to prayerfully consider replacing her and accept this position. It only involves about 4 days a year (the fifth Monday of a month). She will help the new volunteer with any procedures with the operation of **Hope Dining Room**. It has been her pleasure working with the volunteers in this capacity over the last few years. She hopes to help serve lunches on St. Andrew's designated days.



*The Delaware Blue Coats are excited for the upcoming season. We would love to invite St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for faith and fellowship at our Faith & Family Night on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The night will feature a Q&A session with faith based Blue Coats players, an exciting game vs. the Windy City Bulls, and a post-game concert. All of this fun and excitement is available for just \$12 per person.*

*The Blue Coats would love to have St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in attendance for Faith & Family Night.*

*The Delaware Blue Coats now play at the state of the art, 76ers Fieldhouse in Wilmington, Delaware. Not only do we offer great prices for family fun, but there is no bad seat in the house. See for yourself.*









- 2 – Darrell DiStefano
- 4 – Helen Rose Atangcho
- 4 – Britney Tabali
- 4 – Pastor Victoria Bethel
- 6 – David Strickland
- 6 – Alayna Coates
- 14 – Joyce Sparks
- 15 – Gary Strickland
- 16 – Anna Carr
- 20 – Mackenzie Conners
- 22 – Pam Crowe
- 22 – Brooklynn Coleman
- 25 – Jere Ebert
- 27 – CC Wood, Sr. (Woody)
- 27 – Jacob Wood
- 29 – Nancy Mann
- 29 – Wendy Furry



22 – Pete and Ellen Stiltz

1  
All Saints Day  
Service –  
Kingswood  
12PM



<p>3 Worship Service/Rally Day w/ Communion 10:00 AM Youth Sunday Food Collection Sunday Deacon Meeting 11:00 AM Session Meeting 11:15 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM. Sunday Night Activities 5:30 PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>7 Praise Band 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Worship Service 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>14 Praise Band 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Worship Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM</p>	<p>18 Beacon Deadline</p> 	<p>19 Esther Circle 7PM</p>	<p>20 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>21 Praise Band 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Worship Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7PM</p>	<p>27 KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

## FOR NOVEMBER 2019

1 Friday	All Saints Service at Kingswood UMC	12:00 p.m.
2 Saturday	Turn your clocks back before bed! Daylight Savings ends!	
3 Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Rally Day	
	Coffee hour	
	Deacon Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Session Meeting	11:15 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday night activities: Faith Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
6 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
7 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
10 Sunday	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Coffee hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
11 Monday	Happy Veteran's Day!	
13 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
14 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
17 Sunday	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
18 Monday	Beacon Deadline	
19 Tuesday	Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.
20 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
21 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
24 Sunday	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
26 Tuesday	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	7:00 p.m.
27 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
28 Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving!	



Dear NCP Friends,

This message is being shared from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic:



*May God  
Grant you Comfort  
and Peace*

“Dear Siblings in Christ,

We sadly share the passing of Mr. Randolph Taylor, father of Jackie Taylor (Baltimore Presbytery). Jackie serves as General Presbyter in Baltimore and has also served as Moderator and Vice Moderator to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. Mr. Taylor, of Washington D.C. had been in declining health for some time and was called Home Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

If you care to send Jackie and family your condolences, cards or letters, please send to:

Baltimore Presbytery  
5400 Loch Raven Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21239-2998  
[jtaylor@baltimorepresbytery.org](mailto:jtaylor@baltimorepresbytery.org)”

## Christians Helping Lions?! That’s a Switch!

Unlike the days of the Roman Empire, when Christians were regularly thrown to the lions as a form of entertainment, we, the Christians at St. Andrew’s, will be helping the local “Lions” of the Brookside Lions Club with their annual Christmas Tree Sale. In return for our help staffing the lot, St. Andrew’s will receive half of the profits from the sale. Last year, half the proceeds amounted to around \$2,000. Our church will not have to put any money up front to buy the trees or set up the area where the trees are sold on Chestnut Hill Rd.

What do we have to do? It all starts with a Fence Party on Saturday, November 23 to set up the fence surrounding the Christmas tree lot. That starts at 9 am until the job is finished. All are invited to help. Then on Sat., November 30, the trees will be delivered. Again, all are invited to help unload and set up the trees – tbd.

Starting Sunday, December 1, St. Andrew’s will man the Christmas tree lot every other day. Weekdays the shift will be from 4 pm to 9 pm. On Saturdays, we will be there from either 9 am to 3 pm or from 3 pm to 9 pm. On Sundays, St. Andrew’s will always have the 3 pm to 9 pm shift so we can go to church Sunday morning. When St. Andrew’s isn’t selling trees, the Lions Club will be selling trees and vice versa. At least 2 adults will need to work each shift. At least one member of the youth group will also be there to help load trees.

Look for a sign-up sheet. It will be a large calendar with space to sign up for each day St. Andrew’s is scheduled to sell Christmas trees from December 1 until the trees are gone, no later than December 23.

For as long as I can remember, the Lions Club has sold trees in the same location in Brookside. They can no longer do this by themselves. Without our help, it won’t happen. So, get together with friends and / or family members and sign up to make folks’ Christmas a little merrier by selling them a beautiful, fresh Christmas tree from the Brookside Lions, and in the process make some extra income for St. Andrew’s. If you have any questions, please see Cliff Wood or Darrell DiStefano.

# This is your official notice of the Stated Meeting of New Castle Presbytery



*Come Worship with Us*  
*During the 848th Stated Meeting of Presbytery*  
Saturday, November 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

First & Central Presbyterian Church  
1101 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE

## **Worship Service begins at approximately 10:15 a.m.**

*Service will be led by PC(USA) Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann*  
*Offering designee: Presbyterian Mission Agency's "Christmas Joy Fund"*

### **The business meeting commences at 10:00 a.m.**

- Approval of 848<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting Minutes
- Presentation of Synod of the Mid-Atlantic grant funds to Community PC
- CPMM Examination to move Candidate Lisa Chase to Certified Ready to Receive a Call as Minister of Word & Sacrament
- Committee on Leadership: Announcement on Interim Connectional Presbyter
- Committee on Ministers & Congregations Report
  - Welcomes new ministers from Concord and St. Andrews
  - Recognizes the retirement of Rev. Katherine Simons
- Committee on Representation & Nominations Report
  - Election of committee members and G.A. Commissioners
- IGNITE Report
- Becoming a Matthew 25 Presbytery
- Board of Trustees
  - Approval of the 2020 budget
  - Meeting of the Corporation and election of Trustees
- Congo Mission Co-Workers, Jeff and Christie Boyd and Guatemala Partnership Agreement presentation
- VISIT WITH THE CO-MODERATOR OF PC(USA)!

**DOCKET and MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE 11/8/19:**  
<https://www.ncpresbytery.org/resources/docket/>

### **New Commissioner Orientation** 9:30 a.m.

*NEW start time in the  
Library*

**Pre-registration for the  
meal is now open online  
and is required no later  
than Tues., Nov. 12. The  
church is providing a  
complimentary meal for  
all guests, however  
registration is required  
for count at:**

[https://forms.gle/aKzY9r  
R4eeGhSmrh8](https://forms.gle/aKzY9rR4eeGhSmrh8)

**Request childcare no  
later than Nov. 11:  
302-366-0595**

**or**  
[adminoffice@ncpresbytery.org](mailto:adminoffice@ncpresbytery.org)



*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church*  
*31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cookie Walk*  
*Friday December 13, 2019*  
*11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.*

*Homemade cookies! \$6 and \$15*  
*Vegetable Beef and Chicken Corn Soup*  
*\$8/Quart or \$15/2-Quart*  
*(2-quart containers available for pre-order only)*  
*Lunch - soup, sandwich, chips & drink \$10*  
*Preorders/takeout available*  
*Contact 302-738-4331*

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