



The Beacon

February 2019



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 FEBRUARY

How are we to love one another?

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:2-3

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 11, 2018**

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Jim Herrington at 11:15 pm.

Quorum present

Kay DiStefano presented the slate of officers for the coming year 2019. They were

- **Elders 2021** **Darrell DiStefano**
 Julie Guns
 Cliff Wood
 Dusty Robinson

- **Deacons 2021** **Jane Wright** **Deacons 2020** **Rob Johnson**
 Danielle Wood.
 Debbie Stowell

There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers for the class of 2021 and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rob Johnson to complete an unfulfilled term for 2020.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Re. Jim Herrington.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

SESSION DID NOT MEET IN JANUARY DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.

Deacon February Beacon Article:

- The Deacons Food Pantry was busy during the holidays and is in need of all kinds of staples such as peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, boxed or canned potatoes, spaghetti and sauce, applesauce, soups, canned meats, rice, cake mixes and icing. Please make sure that items are not due to expire shortly.
- We are still collecting Box Tops for Education for Brookside Elementary School. On February 25th we will be taking our box tops to the school so they can be added to their spring submittal. The school receives 10 cents for each "box top". You can help by cutting out any of the small labels that you see on items you purchase and dropping them in the box that is in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. These "box tops" can be found on General Mills cereals and some items from Old El Paso, Betty Crocker, Scott and Kleenex brands, Fiber One, Nature Valley bars, Chex Mix, Hefty, Lysol and Papermate pens.
- During February, the Deacons support the Meals on Wheels program by supplying four dozen desserts each week in February. The Meals on Wheels program is run out of the Newark Senior Center and supports homebound seniors in our community by providing meals and social interaction.



It's party time! Come join the Sole Hope Party!

On Sunday, March 3 during Sunday evening activities at St. Andrew's, Esther Circle is sponsoring a Sole Hope party. This is a way for you to be included in the shoe making process and you don't need any special skills to accomplish the task. We will be prepping denim fabric, tracing and cutting out shoe pieces using templates. We'll send our denim cutouts to Uganda to be made into shoes by shoe makers. The finished shoes will be given to children to aid them in living a life free from jiggers. We'll have dinner at 5:30 and will be finished by 7:30. Please come join the party. It will help us to get to know each other better and help someone far away to have a healthier life.

Thank you to anyone who has already donated worn out or outgrown denim jeans. We'll continue to take donations until we have the shoe party. Also, if you have a pair or two of sewing shears we'd love to borrow them. Please make sure they're labeled with your name. See Marianne Hardesty or Kay DiStefano if you have any questions.

Esther Circle News

Esther Circle's next meeting is Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm at church. We're on our fifth lesson in this year's Horizon Bible Study, God with Us When We're Powerless. This lesson focuses on God's promise of presence when we are powerless and invites us to lay down our weapons of worry and keep our eyes on God.

By this time next month we'll be able to report on the success of our Esther Circle beef barbecue luncheon which was held prior to our congregational meeting in January. Circle members work hard to make delicious beef barbecue for sandwiches and also provide chips, pickles, a drink, and dessert - all for just \$6.00. If you missed out on tasting the barbecue this year you'll have to wait until January 2020.

We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, March 3 from 5:30-7:30 for a Sole Hope party. This mission project will provide shoes for children in Uganda to protect their feet from jiggers which prevents infection and keeps them able to attend school. We'll be cutting out shoe pieces and no shoe making experience is necessary. All you need is a helping spirit and a pair of sewing shears.

If you'd like to join Esther Circle, please come to any of our meetings or contact Kay DiStefano at 443-722-3990. If you have concerns about driving to a night meeting, we'll provide a ride for you.

Presbyterian Women News - this event is for ALL women of the church

The PW Spring retreat is fast approaching. Please watch for the registration forms to be out in early February. The retreat is April 5-7 at the Dunes Manor in Ocean City, MD. If you've never attended, it's a wonderful opportunity to meet and be in fellowship with Presbyterian Women from all over the Presbytery. There are wonderful worship and mission opportunities, delicious food, and time to relax and enjoy the beautiful ocean views too! Scholarships are available to help with the cost of this exciting opportunity!

Youth Report



1 Peter 4:10

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

I can't believe January is almost over already. I'd like to start by thanking all the youth that participated in Hope Dining Room on New Year's Eve. What a wonderful job they did serving the community but more importantly serving GOD.

I will say they did get to celebrate their efforts with another successful Lock In. I'd like to give a shout out to the past youth members that continue to come and spend time at the Lock-In. Oh, by the way also for the pizza this year.

We plan to work with women of the church on March 3rd on a service project. We will be cut shoe patterns out of jean material. Why don't you come out and join us? The adult and youth projects are always fun.

If you know anyone new to the area with youth, please invite them to Sunday Nights or pass along their information and I'll reach out to them and invite.

Blessings, Cliff Wood

Per Capita

The New Castle Presbytery Trustees & Financial Resources set the per capita rate for 2019 at \$29.80.

The breakdown is as follows: Synod of the Mid-Atlantic:	\$.85
General Assembly	\$ 8.53
New Castle Presbytery	\$20.42
TOTAL 2019 Per Capita	\$29.80

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes on the table in the narthex. If you do not currently use offering envelopes and would like them for 2019, please see Darrell DiStefano.

DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In December, St. Andrew's received \$12,987. That amount is \$2,993.77 more than the \$11,993.23 budgeted for the month. We spent \$7,623.37 in December. That is \$6,376.23 less than the budgeted expenses.

All expenses were the normal amounts, except I forgot to pay the fourth quarter per capita payment of \$804.75. I paid it in the first week of January.

The surplus for the month was \$5,363.63. Had I paid the per capita payment, the surplus would have been \$4,558.88. The surplus for the year was \$318.56. We should have had a deficit of \$486.19. With a budgeted deficit of \$25,077, to have a deficit of only \$486.19 is truly amazing! God has worked it out in His own perfect way.

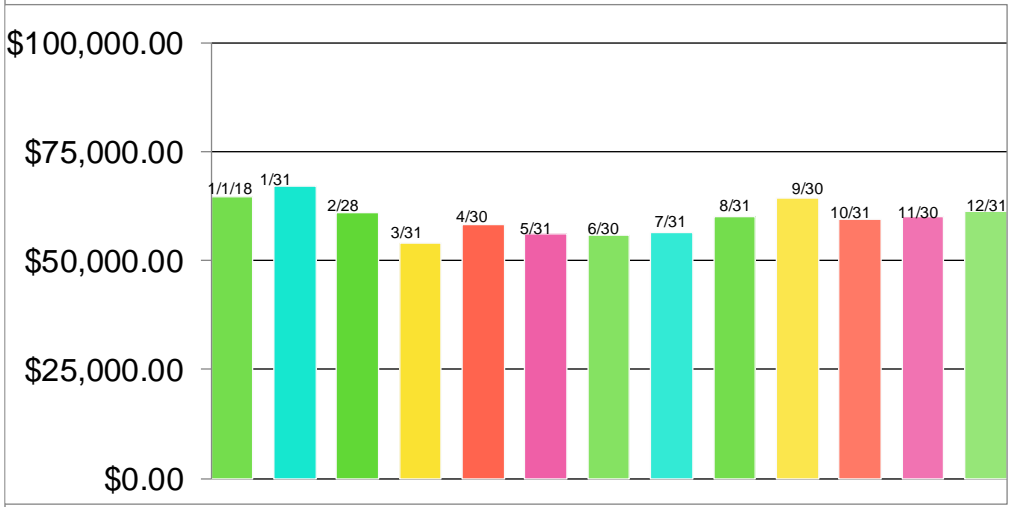
Our reserves at the end of December were \$61,164.58. They were up \$1,120.87 for the month. Since January 1, our reserves are down \$3,487.73.

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

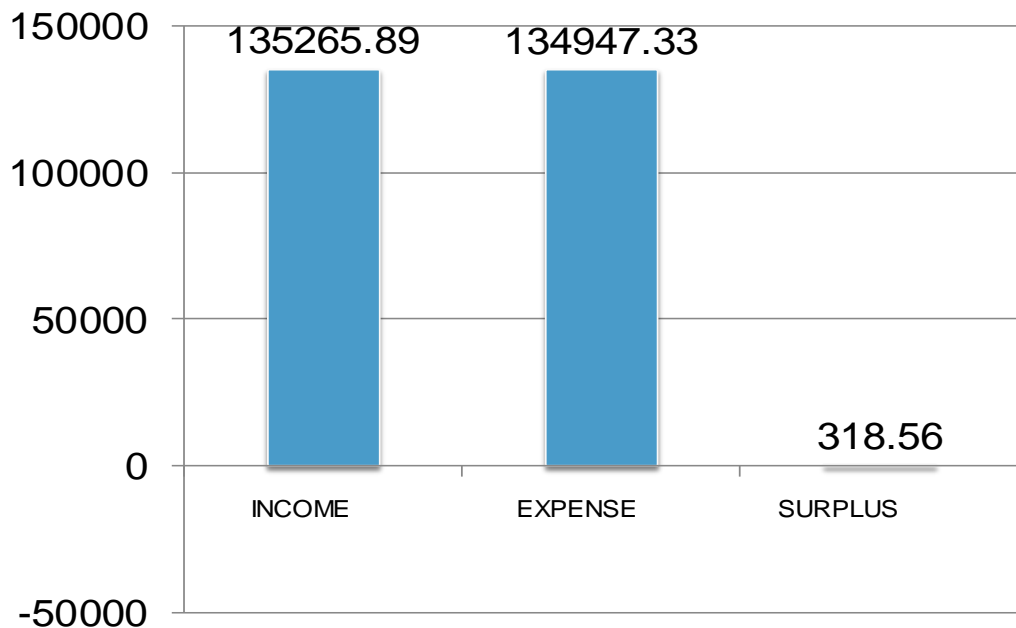
FUNDS IN RESERVE 2018

	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	\$60,029.10	\$64,267.39	\$59,364.31	\$60,043.71	\$61,164.58
+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH	N/A	\$2,454.80	(\$6,250.41)	(\$6,855.71)	\$4,182.97	(\$2,012.11)	(\$364.04)	\$552.43	\$3,668.86	\$4,238.29	(\$4,903.08)	\$679.40	\$1,120.87
+ / (-) 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)	(\$4,623.21)	(\$384.92)	(\$5,288.00)	(\$4,608.60)	(\$3,487.73)



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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
DECEMBER	\$12,987.00	\$11,993.23	\$993.77	\$135,265.89	\$143,919.00	-\$8,653.11
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$1,069.95	\$7,274.99	-\$6,205.04	\$53,219.58	\$87,300.00	-\$34,080.42
STAFF	\$5,083.60	\$3,983.57	\$1,100.03	\$51,598.20	\$47,803.00	\$3,795.20
PROGRAM	\$259.16	\$291.65	-\$32.49	\$1,724.92	\$3,500.00	-\$1,775.08
BLDG GRDS	\$1,210.66	\$2,181.14	-\$970.48	\$25,990.38	\$26,174.00	-\$183.62
PER CAPITA	\$0.00	\$268.25	-\$268.25	\$2,414.25	\$3,219.00	-\$804.75
MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$7,623.37	\$14,082.93	-\$6,376.23	\$134,947.33	\$168,996.00	-\$34,048.67
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$5,363.63	(\$2,089.70)		\$318.56	(\$25,077.00)	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

2 Saturday	Groundhog Day	
3 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Rev. Jim Herrington	
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Deacon Meeting	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	SUPER BOWL LII - NO SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	
6 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
7 Thursday	Morning Circle	
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
10 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Licentiate Debra Trevino	
	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	5:30 p.m.
13 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
14 Thursday	Valentine's Day	
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
17 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	TBA	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
18 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
	President's Day	
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	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Licentiate Debra Trevino	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
27 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
28 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

2/3 – Rev. Jim Herrington	2/10 - Licentiate Debra Trevino
2/17 – TBA	2/24 - Licentiate Debra Trevino

FEBRUARY 2019



2 Debbie Stowell
 4 Michelle Lombardi
 6 Jane Wright
 9 Norman Jackson

18 Willem Avenarius
 18 Leah Kuykendall
 27 Charlotte Walker
 29 Celestine Atangcho



2- Herb & Alice Hoeflinger
 25- Rob & Karen Johnson

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3
 Blended Service w/ Communion
 Youth /Food Collection Sunday 10 AM
 Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM
 Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM
 NO SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES



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KCOS 7:30PM

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Morning Circle
 10AM
 Praise Band
 Rehearsal 6PM
 Choir Rehearsal
 7PM

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 Blended Service 10:00 AM
 Church of Service Worship
 12:30 PM
 Session Meeting 4:00 PM
 Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth
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 Church of Service Worship
 12:30 PM
 Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth
 Group and Adult Bible Study
 5:30 PM

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 Beacon Deadline



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 Esther Circle
 7PM

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 KCOS 7:30PM

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 Praise Band
 Rehearsal 6PM
 Choir Rehearsal
 7PM

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