



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 MARCH

He did it for me

"The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20



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I woke up early one morning recently wondering what to write for my March message totally forgetting that Easter is in March this year. It is surprisingly early this year. I felt like it sort of snuck up on me. That fits right in with Easter. Easter came surprisingly and unexpectedly for the disciples. It sort of snuck up on them too.

They were despondent, discouraged and afraid after the Crucifixion. Their whole world had come crashing down around them. Then when they were at their lowest, something surprising and unexpected happened. The Resurrection happened! Jesus rose from the grave and joy replaced despondency, courage replaced fear, and hope replaced despair. His Resurrection, His triumph over the grave meant that He was who they thought He was and that they would be able to follow him not just to the grave but also through it.

Friends, Easter is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar because it opens the door to an astounding future. It opens the door onto a future of a totally different world, a world restored to what it was created to be, a world in which bodies don't age, arteries don't clog, and life is lived fully and abundantly forevermore.

It is easy to miss the importance of Easter. In popular culture, it has become the poor cousin of Christmas. Christmas seems to get all the hoopla. It deserves a lot of that hoopla. It just doesn't deserve all of it. Easter deserves as much, if not more because Easter confirms everything that we believe about Jesus and gives a foretaste of everything that we hope for in Jesus.

This Easter, I want to encourage you to celebrate the Easter Holiday with the same intensity and the same joy with which you celebrated Christmas. Use your celebration to witness to the world that there is a way out of despondency, despair, and discouragement. His name is Jesus Christ and invite people to put their faith and trust for their future in Him. They will not be disappointed and neither will you.

He is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Halleluiah!

Yours at the empty tomb,

John

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

From: The Rev. John G. Paderson

Subject: Report for January 2016

Date: February 14, 2016

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

- Prepared and led worship three of the four Sundays in January. Worship services were cancelled on January 24th due to a snowstorm.
- Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on January 3rd.

B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)

- **Home Visits:** 3
- **Other:** Attended the Morning Circle's Christmas Luncheon on January 21st. It was postponed in December due to illness.

C. Administration

- Wrote a message for the February Beacon
- Moderated the January 10th regularly scheduled session meeting.
- Moderated a special session meeting on January 30th.

D. Christian Education

- Participated in the Sunday Night program two Sundays in January.

E. Ecumenical Activities

- Met for breakfast on January 19th with Bill Lane, Pastor of St. Nicholas and Asher Tunik, pastor of Kingswood United Methodist to plan joint Ash Wednesday service.
- Attended a meeting of the Lunch Bunch pastors group at Del Pez on January 20th.

F. Denominational Activities

- None this month.

G. Things to Think About

March 6th

I will be away from March 4th till March 11th for study leave. I will be in Charlotte, NC on the 7th to defend my doctoral thesis. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated. You will need to find a substitute preacher for Sunday March 6th. It is a Communion Sunday. I usually find the substitute but given that I will be retiring at the end of June, I think it might be helpful if you take on this task in the future.

Yours at the foot of the Cross,

John

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
January 10, 2016

Elders present: Cindy Arnold, Flora Atangcho, Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild, Florence Fonjweng, Julie Guns, Emmanuel Ndifor, Brenda Saulsbury and Jane Wright.

Elders absent: none

Moderator Rev. John Paderson opened the meeting with a reflection and prayer at 4:35 pm.

Minutes from the December 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved (as corrected).

Clerk's Report for December 2015 was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Pastor's Report for December 2015 was reviewed and approved. There were 2 home visits. His report included his participation in worship leadership, Christian education, ecumenical/denominational activities, administrative duties and "Things to Think About. A detailed report will be included in the next issue of the Beacon.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted pending audit. Total revenue for Dec. 2015 was \$16,830.20. Total expenses for Dec. 2015 were \$12,870.17. Net revenue over expenses was \$3,960.03. For the **YTD** total revenue was \$151,988.74. For the **YTD** total expenses were \$162,883.03. Net revenue for the **YTD** was **-\$10,894.29**.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- To accept the Challenge Budget for 2016 and the Pledge/Giving Analysis for 2015.
- To accept Darrell DiStefano as treasurer for 2016 and Winnie Wagner as Assistant Treasurer for 2016.
- To appoint Eileen B. Hunt as Clerk of Session for 2016.
- Session will make up any shortfall of the difference paid by members of our church with the total per capita owed by St. Andrew's. This amount will be paid quarterly during the year 2016.

Session assignments for the following committees for 2016 are as follows:

- Christian Education ~ Jane Wright
- Bldg and Grounds ~ Neil Fairchild
- Fellowship/Hospitality ~ Brenda Saulsbury
- Membership ~ Flora Atangcho
- Insurance/Workman's Comp ~ Jim Sparks and Darrell DiStefano
- Mission ~ Florence Fonjweng
- Nominations ~ Emmanuel Ndifor
- Worship ~ Mary Anne Colbert and Julie Guns
- Stewardship/Fundraising ~ Julie Guns
- Memorials ~ Cindy Arnold
- Pastor and Personnel ~ Mary Anne Colbert

Meeting was closed with prayer at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

Session meeting 1/30/2016

Opened with prayer 9:10am

In attendance Emmanuel Ndifor, Mary Anne Colbert, Jane Wright, Darryl DiStefano, Neil Fairchild, Julie Guns, Florence Fonjweng, Cindy Arnold and John Paderson

Motioned Items-

Jane made a motion, there was a seconded motion, that Mary Anne and Darryl appointed to meet with COM to discuss process of hiring an interim pastor motion carried unanimous vote

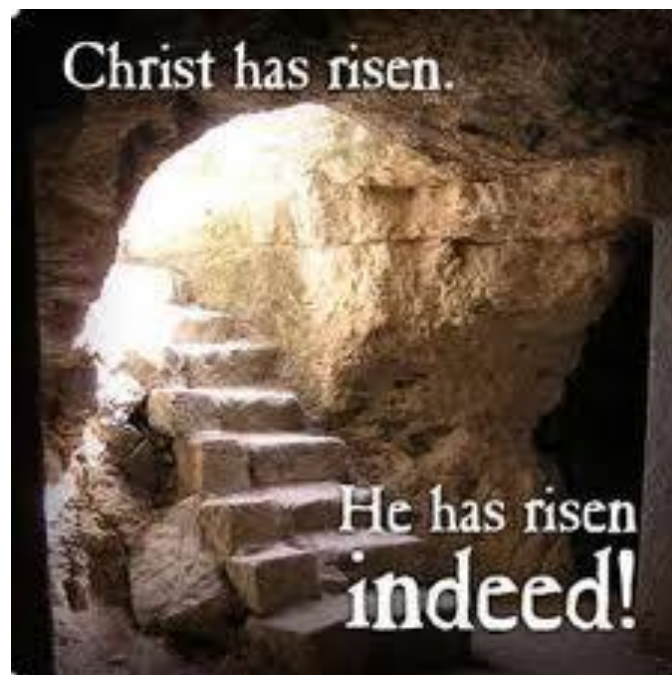
Jane motioned to approve the draft of Job Description for Interim Pastor, Cindy seconded the motion, motion carried unanimous.

Jane motioned to approve qualifications list for potential pastoral candidate, Darryl seconded motion, motion approved unanimously.

11am Closed meeting

Respectfully submitted

Julie Guns



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
Fellowship Hall
February 14, 2016

Rev. John Paderson called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer at 11:50 am.

The Clerk of Session attested that **a quorum was present and proper notice was given for this meeting.**

There was a moment of prayer in memory of members, friends and relatives who passed away during 2015.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the docket for today's meeting.

The clerk stated that the minutes from all of the Congregational Meetings held in 2015 were included in the Annual Reports Packet handed to all attendees and were approved at regular Session Meetings held in 2015.

The **Statistical Report for 2015** was also included in this packet

The **Financial Report** was reviewed and explained by Treasurer, Darrell DiStefano.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept all the reports as written for the following committees:

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| • Financial Report | Building and Grounds Report |
| • 2015 Fiscal Audit Report | Pastor and Personnel Committee Report |
| • Board of Deacons Annual Report | Mission Team Report |
| • Presbyterian Women's Report | Christian Education Report |
| • Youth Report | |

A motion was made, seconded and approved on behalf of the Session and the Congregation to honor Rev. John Paderson's request for an Honorable Retirement. It will be effective on June 30th, 2016.

A motion was made, seconded and approved:

- To elect Katie Hardy as a Deacon for a 3 year term (2016-2019)
- To appoint Danielle Wood to the Audit Committee for a 3 year term (2016-2019)
- To appoint Kay DiStefano, Mary Anne Colbert and Cliff Wood as At large members of the Nominating Committee for 1 year terms (2016)

Ms. Ginny Jones from the NCC Presbytery spoke about her role on the Liaison Committee concerning the process of choosing an interim pastor for St. Andrew's due to John's upcoming retirement. Many men/women are trained as interim pastors and interviews will take place to learn their visions. Once a suitable candidate is found, a contract good for 1 year will be developed. The Committee on Ministry will then 'Bless the Contract'. After that our Session will vote on their choice.

A motion to adjourn was made at 1:15 pm and the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Tom Stout.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested: _____

Date: _____

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

From the Deacons for March

Easter's on its way

In addition to the usual food items, we will need about 12 hams and/or turkeys for the Easter food baskets. If you plan to donate a ham or turkey, please tell a deacon and bring it to church by March 20. Put hams or turkeys in the refrigerator or freezer. Thank you.

Other items we need for the food baskets:

- Cake mixes
- Cereal
- Fruit (applesauce, etc.)
- Jelly
- Mac and cheese
- Meats (canned tuna, etc.)
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Potatoes (boxes or cans)
- Rice
- Soups
- Spaghetti sauce
- Vegetables (cans)

Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods. Thank you for your ongoing support for this ministry.

Hope Totes

Sunday Breakfast Mission's annual Hope Tote drive begins in March. In the narthex on March 6 you will find envelopes containing a Hope Tote bag and list of items to put in it. Please fill a Hope Tote for a homeless person and return it to church by March 20 for Easter distribution. See list below; travel-size items are best. Thank you.

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap
- Shaving cream
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lip balm
- Socks
- Brush & comb
- Tissues
- Shoelaces
- Hand or body lotion
- Disposable razors

Laundry for the Lord

Heads-up: On April 10, 17, and 24 we will be collecting money in any amount for purchasing Laundromat vouchers to give to people in need. A voucher costs about \$7.00. Save your change.

Meals on Wheels

Once a week during February the deacons delivered desserts to the Senior Center for Meals on Wheels.

Next Deacons meeting: March 6

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Here are a few highlights of what our special offering did last year. Through *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*, 15 countries received aid and support after catastrophic natural events and for refugees from ISIL and displaced people in Syria. 25 states received help after severe winter storms, wildfires, and flooding. Through the *Presbyterian Hunger Program*, over 308,000 people, who were living in extreme poverty, now have increased food security and livelihoods. \$1.6 million was leveraged for local, national, and international hunger work. The *Self-Development of People* partners with self-help projects in the U.S. and abroad that focus on literacy, human rights, rehabilitation and skill development.

Our 2015 Annual Report says we contributed \$350. Let's try to beat that amount this year. Typically we receive the offering on Easter but this year we'll have envelopes in the pews each Sunday until then for your convenience. Please give generously. Thank you.



PW NEWS

Please note the Annual PW retreat in Ocean City in April posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. We have scholarship money available. Registration forms are available; please share within your circles. Follow this link for registration form

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXwd2lubmNwfGd4OjFkMDAwMjg0NDVhNmNmNmNzY>

Follow this link for meals and workshops

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Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday March 3rd at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 15th at 7 PM in the home of Jean Pasapane.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday March 21st at 7 PM in the home of Jere Ebert.



Youth News

During the month of February, the youth group talked about whether or not it is good to lie? We concluded that it isn't good to lie, especially to God, since he always knows the truth. We talked about why it is not good to lie and what are the possible outcomes and consequences from doing so. Not many activities were held due to the weather we have had throughout the month. However, the Youth group made Valentine's treats to sell as a fundraiser and did very well in doing so. We are looking into having Tom Parkins from the Newark Empowerment Center and Code Purple come talk to us about the homeless. We would like to use the proceeds from our Valentine fundraiser to purchase supplies to make Go Bags and possibly fleece no sew blankets for the homeless in our area. Keep an eye on the Announcements for more details and consider coming out to join us in these service projects. Another upcoming activity is that the youth group is planning on making Irish Potatoes for St. Patrick's Day and candy for Easter as another fundraiser.

Isaiah 54:13 *All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.*

NOTE: Harry Davidson would like to offer his sincere appreciation for the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits from friends at St. Andrews during his recent bout with pneumonia.

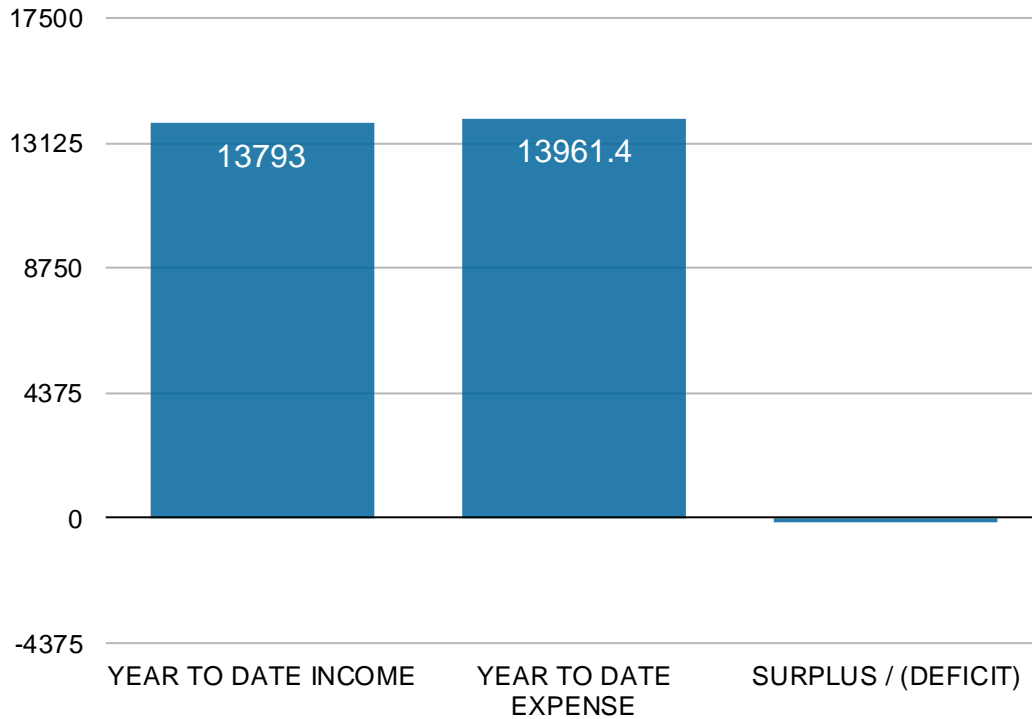
DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In January, St. Andrew's received \$13,792.95. That amount is \$220.38 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 is \$14,013.33. We spent \$13,961.39 in January, which is \$34.78 less than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a deficit for the month of \$168.44. Since January is the first month of the year, the year to date figures are the same as the monthly figures.

For 2015, St. Andrew's received \$151,988.74 compared to a budgeted income of \$160,200.00. This is a shortfall of \$8,211.26. On the expense side, in 2015, we spent \$162,883.03. Budgeted expenses were \$169,775.00, which means we spent \$6,891.97 less than we thought we might. The bottom line is, in 2015, we spent \$162,883.03 and received \$151,988.74 for a deficit of \$10,894.29.

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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
JANUARY	\$13,792.95	\$14,013.33	-\$220.38	\$13,792.95	\$14,013.33	-\$220.38
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$6,842.55	\$7,266.67	-\$424.12	\$6,842.55	\$7,266.67	-\$424.12
STAFF	\$4,187.15	\$3,966.92	\$220.23	\$4,187.15	\$3,966.92	\$220.23
PROGRAM	\$437.01	\$220.83	\$216.18	\$437.01	\$220.83	\$216.18
BLDG GRDS	\$2,494.68	\$2,220.00	\$274.68	\$2,494.68	\$2,220.00	\$274.68
PER CAPITA	\$0.00	\$321.75	-\$321.75	\$0.00	\$321.75	-\$321.75
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$13,961.39	\$13,996.17	-\$34.78	\$13,961.39	\$13,996.17	-\$34.78
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$168.44)	\$17.16		(\$168.44)	\$17.16	



[2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#) ESV

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>2 - Joshua Wood 6 - Jason Avenarius 6 - Imere Miller 6 - Kathy Paderson 11- Myron Hardesty 12- Winnie Wagner 16 – Elaine Foster 18 – Chet Pasapane 25 – Al Crowe 31 – Ruth Hostettler</p>		1	2	3 Morning Circle 10:00 a.m.	4 Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.	5
6 Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Communion/Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday Deacon Meeting 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10 Praise Band /Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00	11 Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.	12 Church of Service Prayer Service 7:00-9:30 p.m.
13 Daylight Saving time begins Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Session Meeting 4:30 p.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.	14	15 Naomi Circle 7:00 p.m.	16	17  Happy St.Patrick's Day ! Praise Band /Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00	18 Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.	19
20 Spring begins  Palm Sunday Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday Night Activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.	21 Beacon Deadline Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Church of Service Youth 7:30 p.m.	24  Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m.	25  Good Friday Service St. Nicholas 12:00 Kingswood 7:00 Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.	26
27 Easter  HE IS RISEN!! Sunrise Service on the lawn. Easter breakfast at Kingswood Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Communion	28	29	30 Church of Service Youth 7:30 p.m.	31 Praise Band /Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00	 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 9 - Scott & Leah Kuykendall 15 - Wayne & Jane Wright 16 - John & Shirley McDaniel	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2016

2 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
3 Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
4 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
6 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.
9 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
10 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
11 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
12 Saturday	Church of Service Prayer Service	7:00-9:30 p.m.
13 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	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.
15 Tuesday	Naomi Circle	7:00 p.m.
16 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
17 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
18 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
20 Sunday	Palm 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.
21 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
	Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
23 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
24 Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
25 Friday	Good Friday Service at Kingswood	7:00 p.m.
	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
27 Sunday	<i>HAPPY EASTER</i>	
	Sunrise Service on the lawn	
	Easter Breakfast at Kingswood	
	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
30 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
31 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.



- 2 - Joshua Wood
- 6 - Jason Avenarius
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- 11- Myron Hardesty
- 12- Winnie Wagner
- 16 – Elaine Foster
- 18 – Chet Pasapane
- 25 – Al Crowe
- 31 – Ruth Hostettler

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Kuykendall

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Wright

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McDaniel

