



# *The Beacon*

## *March 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 MARCH

#### **Where is your treasure?**

As we come into March and celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the beginning of one of the most important seasons of the Christian calendar: Lent, let us ask ourselves: Where is your treasure?

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Matthew 6:19-21

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Stated Session Meeting**  
**December 9, 2018**

Meeting opened with prayer at 4:00 pm by Rev. Jim Herrington.

Quorum present and docket approved.

**Members in attendance:** Julie Guns, Florence Fonjweng, Darrell DiStefano, Dave DiMartine, Myron Hardesty, Grant Hardy, Dusty Robinson and Cliff Wood.

**Members not in attendance:** MaryAnn Colbert, Flora Atangcho

**November 2018 Stated Session Meeting Notes** were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was reviewed and accepted pending audit. The income for November 2018 was \$9,873. The expenses for November were \$9,932.55. The deficit for this month was \$59.35. The net revenue over deficit for the year to date is \$5,045.07.

**Clerk's Report:** read a thank you letter from Danielle Wood pertaining to this year's Golf Outing/Silent Auction. The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success! Report written by Winnie Wagner pertaining to the 842<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the New Castle Presbytery was read. The Clerk's Annual Questionnaire was presented to Session and will be included in the Annual Congregational Meeting Booklet. Rev. Herbert Hoeflinger passed away on 11/10/18.

**Committee/ Team Reports**

- Deacons Report was submitted by Marianne Hardesty.
- 2 new coffee makers were purchased.
- Luncheons were held in Fellowship Hall for the families of Carl Weeden and Rev. Herbert Hoeflinger.
- Elevator was inspected.
- Starter gear was purchased for snow blower.
- New security cameras will be installed by the end of the year.
- Church chimes not working and repairing them will be researched

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

- To accept all Reports above.
- To remove the following active members from our rolls who are known to be active in other churches —**Scott P. Hunt** (#1170), **Delphine Ndifor** (#1352), **Emmanuel Ndifor** (#1351), **Joshua Wood** (#1388), **Olivia Fombi** (#1354) and **Melitte Tendongim** (#1340).
- Rev. Jim Herrington will moderate the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27, 2019.
- Communion will be on the first Sunday of every month. Rev. Jim Herrington will conduct service with communion on January 6, 2019.
- The next regularly scheduled Session Meeting will be held on January 13, 2019 at 4 pm.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Herrington at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

**ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL MEETING  
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Jim Herrington at 11:40 am.

Proper notice was given, and a quorum is present.

Docket was approved.

**Motion was made, seconded and approved** to receive all reports.

- ❖ All team reports were reviewed.
- ❖ PNC Report was discussed by Kay DiStefano. Members of the team are Mike Guns, Tracy Hardy, Jake Wood, Kay DiStefano, Brenda Saulsbury and Mary Beth Schweitzer. So far, they have held over 30 meetings since February 2018 and the search for a new pastor is still ongoing.

A motion was made from the floor for **Myron Hardesty** to become a member of the **Nominating Committee** for a one-year term. Nominations from the floor were closed and **Myron Hardesty, Marianne Hardesty, and Kay DiStefano** were approved to make up the Nominating Committee.

**A motion was made, seconded and approved** to adjourn this meeting at 12:20 pm.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Jim Herrington.

**Corporation Meeting**

**Cliff Wood** opened this meeting at 12:20 pm. He explained the financial position of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He stated that this church is in good standing and financially stable. All insurances are paid. This meeting was closed at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

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**Deacon March Beacon Article:**

- Easter is April 21st this year. The Deacons will be supplying food baskets for the holiday to needy families with children that attend Brookside Elementary School. We are in need of hams or turkeys. We supplement those with some fresh food plus staples from our church Food Pantry. All kinds of staples such as peanut butter & jelly, soups, fruit (applesauce, etc.), cake or brownie mixes, jello, gravy, meats (canned tuna, etc.), spaghetti sauce, peas & carrots (canned), boxed and/or canned potatoes. Please make sure that items are not due to expire shortly.
- In March, the Deacons will be collecting money to support the "Laundry for the Lord". The funds for this are coordinated by Kingswood United Methodist Church to purchase vouchers from Brookside Laundromat that the Newark Empowerment Center distributes to homeless that are in transitional housing, students, and those that are applying for jobs. The cost is \$6.75 per voucher for one large washer and one dryer. Each Sunday in March, a deacon will be up in Fellowship Hall after the service to take donations. Large or small amounts, even the change in your pocket, will let us help our neighbors.



## **PW: All women of the church**

There will be a PW meeting in the balcony immediately following worship of April 14, 2019. ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the missions we want to support with our cookie walk funds. Please email Danielle (secstandrews@aol.com) in advance with any ideas or recommendations for what missions you suggest we support.

## **Esther Circle and Sole Hope**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a barbecue lunch or pints of barbecue to go at the congregational meeting. This fundraiser raised \$363. for Esther Circle. We appreciate your support of this annual luncheon.

Our next circle meeting is Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm at church. We're continuing with our bible study led by Winnie Wagner. We'll be studying lesson 6 which focuses on God saying "I will be with you." That promise of presence conveys the depth of God's love for us. After the bible study we'll have a short business meeting and then delicious refreshments. If you need a ride to the meeting, please contact Kay DiStefano at 443-722-3990.

By the time this Beacon reaches your in box, we will have had our Sole Hope party. This is a mission project completed by both the youth and adults here at St. Andrew's during Sunday evening activities. We traced shoe templates onto denim fabric and cut out the pieces. All the pieces of each pair were pinned together and will be sent to Uganda and made into shoes by a shoe maker. These shoes will be given to children to protect their feet from jiggers. Jiggers can cause pain and infection which keep children from school. Thank you to everyone who helped with the worthwhile project.

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## **Pastor Nominating Committee Update:**

Your PNC is working hard and trying our best to find the pastor who is the best fit for St. Andrew's. We're continuing to meet on a regular basis (as of 2/17 we've had 33 meetings). At this point we're on our third round of interviews and are praying that each day brings us closer to finding the minister that God has in mind for our church. We thank you for all of your support and prayers and ask that you continue to keep our search in your prayers. Kay DiStefano, Mike Guns, Tracy Hardy, Ginny Jones (COMC liaison), Brenda Saulsbury, MaryBeth Schweitzer, Jake Wood

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

In January, St. Andrew's received \$9,488.05. That amount is \$2,079.20 less than the \$11,567.25 budgeted for the month. We spent \$7,210.33 in January. That is \$6,013.42 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 \$2,277.72. Had I paid the per capita payment in December, the surplus would have been \$3,082.47.

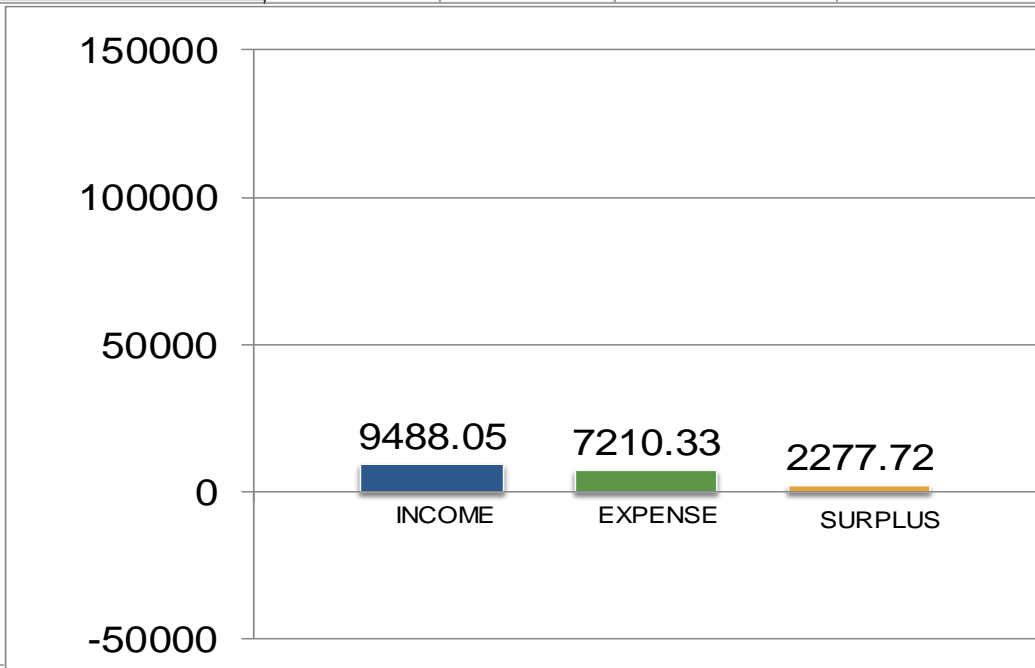
Our reserves at the end of December were \$61,164.58. On January 31, our reserves were \$68,554.84. Our reserves increased \$7,390.26 in January. That is also the increase year to date.

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

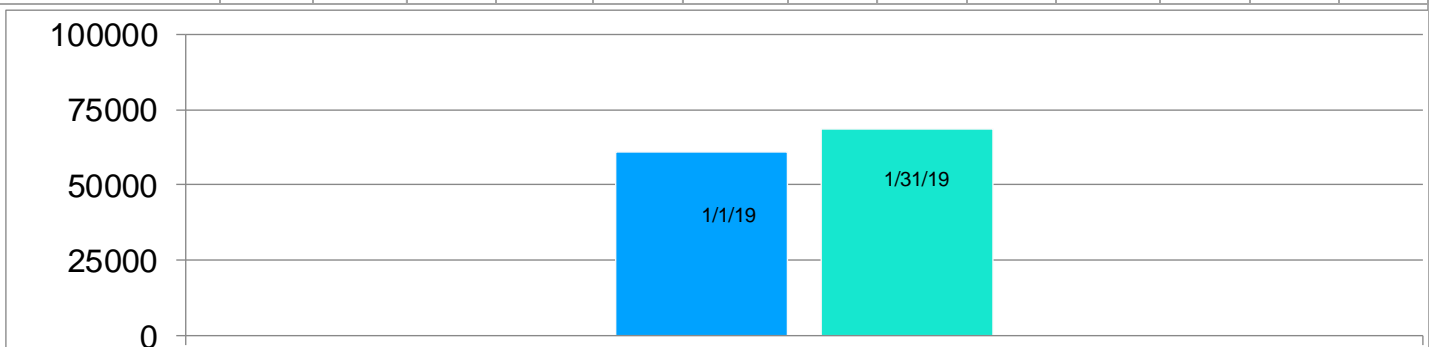
**ST. ANDREW'S JANUARY FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET**

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>JANUARY</b>	\$9,488.05	\$11,567.25	-\$2,079.20	\$9,488.05	\$11,567.25	-\$2,079.20
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>PASTOR</b>	\$0.00	\$6,388.01	-\$6,388.01	\$0.00	\$6,388.01	-\$6,388.01
<b>STAFF</b>	\$4,683.60	\$3,983.57	\$700.03	\$4,683.60	\$3,983.57	\$700.03
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$131.88	\$312.50	-\$180.62	\$131.88	\$312.50	-\$180.62
<b>BLDG GRDS</b>	\$1,590.10	\$2,168.26	-\$578.16	\$1,590.10	\$2,168.26	-\$578.16
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$804.75	\$288.08	\$516.67	\$804.75	\$288.08	\$516.67
<b>MISSIONS</b>	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$7,210.33	\$13,223.75	-\$5,930.09	\$7,210.33	\$13,223.75	-\$6,013.42
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	\$2,277.72	(\$1,656.50)		\$2,277.72	(\$1,656.50)	



**FUNDS IN RESERVE 2019**

	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	10/31/19	11/30/19	12/31/19
<b>FUNDS IN RESERVE</b>	\$61,164.58	\$68,554.84											
<b>+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH</b>	N/A	\$7,390.26											
<b>+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/19</b>	N/A	\$7,390.26											



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2019

3 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion <b>Rev. Jim Herrington</b> Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Deacon Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Activities, SOLE HOPE PARTY	5:30 p.m.
6 Wednesday	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Community Ash Wednesday Service at St. Nicholas Church of Service	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
7 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
8 Friday	<b>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY</b>	
9 Saturday	Turn your clocks forward!	
10 Sunday	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</b> Blended Service <b>Licentiate Debra Trevino</b> Church of Service Worship Session Meeting Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.  12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.  5:30 p.m.
12 Tuesday	Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.
13 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
14 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
17 Sunday	<b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> Blended Service <b>Cliff Wood</b> Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.  12:30 p.m.  5:30 p.m.
18 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
20 Wednesday	<b>SPRING BEGINS</b> Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
21 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
24 Sunday	Blended Service <b>Licentiate Debra Trevino</b> Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.  12:30 p.m.  5:30 p.m.
27 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
28 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
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### PREACHING SCHEDULE

3/3 – Rev. Jim Herrington	3/10 - Licentiate Debra Trevino
3/17 – Cliff Wood	3/24 - Licentiate Debra Trevino
3/31 - Licentiate Debra Trevino	

**MARCH 2019**



- 1 Reuben Tabali
- 2 Joshua Wood
- 6 Kathy Paderson
- 6 Jason Avenarius
- 6 Imere Miller
- 11 Myron Hardesty
- 12 Winnie Wagner
- 18 Chet Pasapane
- 25 Al Crowe
- 31 Ruth Hostettler

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