



# *The Beacon*

## *April 2017*

---



### 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 APRIL

**There's No Doubt About It**

*"He (Jesus) is not here; he has risen, as he said"*

**Matthew 28:6**

## The Passion of Christ

I enjoy seeing how words change over time. Sometimes a word in contemporary usage bears no apparent relation to the original meaning. One of the most celebrated examples is the word “nice.” The source of this word was the Latin *nescius*, which means “ignorant”, formed from the negative particle *ne-* and the base of the verb *scire*, “know” (from which we derive “science”). “This passed into English via Old French *nice* with minimal change of meaning, but from then on a slow but sure semantic transformation took place, from ‘foolish’ via ‘shy,’ ‘fastidious,’ and ‘refined’ to on the one hand ‘minutely accurate or discriminating’ (as in a ‘nice distinction’) and on the other ‘pleasant, agreeable’ (first recorded in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century)” (John Ayto, *Dictionary of Word Origins*, 1990, 364). I trust we all seek to be *nice* in the modern sense of the term!

Another word that has changed remarkably from its original meaning is the word “passion.” It comes from the Latin *pati*, meaning *to suffer*, which is also the basis of our word “patient.” A stem of the word, *pass*, became the noun *passio*, which denoted specifically *the suffering of Christ on the cross*. This was, of course, the use of the word in the 2004 Mel Gibson film, “The Passion of the Christ.” The “familiar modern senses, in which ‘strength of feeling’ has been transferred from ‘pain’ to ‘sexual attraction’ and ‘anger’, did not emerge until the 16<sup>th</sup> century” (Ayto, 385). It is a marvel of the human use of terms that a word originally having to do with *suffering* should come to be associated with *sexuality* and *anger*, as if even the latter two uses of the word had any inherent relation?!

We may not be able to explain how “passion” came to be associated with *love* from an original sense of *suffering*, but certainly we can see that link between love and suffering in the plan of God for our salvation! “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:10). “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (John 3:16). “But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). There are many, many more passages from the Bible we could adduce to demonstrate the link God has made between his suffering and love for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Indeed, it is the theme of the entire Bible. God loves us so much that he was willing to undergo the sacrifice of his only Son for us and our salvation. Love involves sacrifice, suffering, for the well-being of others.

We are called to love one another in this same way, to suffer for one another and to sacrifice ourselves for others. We are to be “compassionate” (from the Latin *cum*, “with,” and *passio*, “suffer”), to be “sympathetic” (the Greek form of the same words). “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7). True love suffers and sacrifices for another. God has shown us that love. May his Spirit shed that love abroad in our hearts!



Peter Rind

Pastor's Report for February, 2017  
Prepared for Session Meeting of Mar. 19, 2017  
Rev. Randall Otto

- A. Service of the Lord's Day
  - a. Prepared and led worship on 4 Sundays
  - b. Administered sacrament of Lord's Supper on Feb. 5
  - c. Sunday night activities-- teaching on world religions, youth blanket making
- B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)
  - a. Home visits: 7
  - b. Hospital visits: 0
- C. Administration
  - a. wrote the pastor's page, other items for Beacon
  - b. moderated session Feb. 12
  - c. did updating of church website
- D. Community outreach/church connections
  - a. Wed. morning Bible study
  - b. Met with Rev. Bill Lane of St. Nicholas Episcopal on Feb. 2
  - c. Visited Strano-Feeley Funeral Home at their request for info Feb. 2
  - d. Met with Rev. Son of KCOS on Feb. 7
  - e. Did graveside service for Clark Woodring at Gracelawn Cemetery on Feb. 17
  - f. Met with Christian Ed team on Feb. 26
  - g. Did overview of mission study process with Mission Study Comm on Feb. 26

---

**FROM THE DEACONS**

**APRIL 2017**

**Pantry Needs**

We'll soon be filling Easter food baskets for eight local families. Please help us stock the pantry with foods on the list below. We especially need the starred\* items. Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. *Remember we cannot use outdated foods.*

We will also need turkeys or hams by April 2. If you can bring a turkey or ham, label it "for deacons," place it in the freezer and notify Sue, Sandy or Debbie. Thank you.

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

**Laundry for the Lord**

Thank you to all who donated money to Laundry for the Lord. This ministry provides Laundromat vouchers for local people who can't afford to use the laundry.

**Next deacons meeting: April 2, 2017**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Stated Session Meeting**  
**February 12, 2017**

Meeting opened with prayer by moderator, Rev. Randy Otto at 4:08 pm.

Quorum present and docket approved.

**Elders present:** Florence Fonjweng, Darrell DiStefano, Myron Hardesty, Mary Anne Colbert, Dave DiMartine, Jane Wright and Flora Atangcho.

**Elders not in attendance:** Cindy Arnold, Julie Guns and Cliff Wood.

Minutes from Session Meeting of January 8, 2017 and the Annual Congregational Meeting of January 22, 2017 were approved with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report** was approved pending audit. Total revenue for Jan. 2017 was \$13,235.76. Total expenses for Jan. were \$13,603.46. Total revenue over expenses was -\$367.70.

**Clerk's Report:** A unanimous e-mail vote was approved to appoint the following people to be on the Mission Study Committee: Brenda Saulsbury, Bea Fairchild, Mary Beth Schweitzer, Tracy Hardy and Mary Anne Colbert, Jim Sparks, Rob Johnson, Jake Wood and Julie Avenarius (voice without vote).

A choice of books purchased from FAMILY CHRISTIAN STORE was shown for a possible gift to be given to children baptized at St. Andrew's.

**Pastor's Report** was reviewed and approved. It will be published in the next issue of the BEACON.

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

- Authorize Myron Hardesty to purchase a fireproof safe to protect records of St. Andrew's for the cost of \$524.
- To give URBAN PROMISE and KCOS each \$1,250 approved by the Mission Commission from funds raised from the St. Andrew's Golf Outing.
- The choice for the book for a child baptized at St. Andrew's is Bible Promises for Baby's Christening.
- The 2017 St. Andrew's Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, Sept.18, 2017
- The St. Andrew's Church Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2017 at Lum's State Park.
- Meeting was closed with prayer at 5:15 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

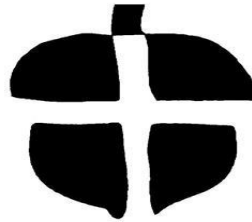
Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session



## Youth Group

Wow, Spring has sprung and Easter's just around corner. We did a joint Sunday Night activity this month that went well. I think the adults enjoyed game time more than the youth. Don't tell them I said that. We're going to start ramping up the social media for the youth group and the church so be on the lookout.

PS Start planning for the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast in May.



## Camp Donegal

Come and be restored

Camp Donegal Registration is now open. Any youth interested in scholarships for camp must have their registration completed and turned in to Cliff Wood or any Deacon by April 2nd. There is no paper registration like before so just turn in your confirmation print out after registering on line. Here is a link to the website.

<https://campdonegal.campbrainregistration.com/>

Anyone wishing to obtain a scholarship from New Castle Presbytery must apply on their own and show proof of application with their registration by April 2nd. Here is a link to the Presbytery website to apply.

<http://www.ncpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION-Youth-FILL1.pdf>

Camp registration and Presbytery scholarship application must be completed and turned in by April 2nd. No exceptions. By accepting the scholarship from Presbytery, you are agreeing to their following terms:

***By accepting this scholarship you are agreeing to share a note, report, pictures, drawings or anything that you think would tell us about your time at a camp or conference. It doesn't have to be very long - just a couple of sentences about what you learned or experienced***

These MUST be turned in to Danielle by September 1st. Danielle will ensure all letters get to Presbytery.

If you have any questions, please see Cliff Wood or any Deacon.

**Pam Crowe  
Sandra Miller  
Gary Strickland**

**Katie Hardy  
Mackenzie Connors  
Debbie Stowell**

**Brenda Saulsbury  
Jean Pasapane  
Sue Staudt**



### Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 6th at 10 AM.

### Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 18th at 7 PM.

### Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 17th at 7 PM.

The PW May dinner will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at Bertucci's. All women are invited to attend. Please see Jane Wright for more information.

**I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their cards and prayers. It means a lot to know that you are thinking of me. Jean Pasapane**

---

- **WANTED: CROCHETERS AND PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS.** Karen Johnson is making 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic shopping bags. If you know how to crochet, she would love some help with this project! If you have any shopping bags to donate, she would love to have them. Please contact Karen for more information. 302-442-3362
- 



### DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

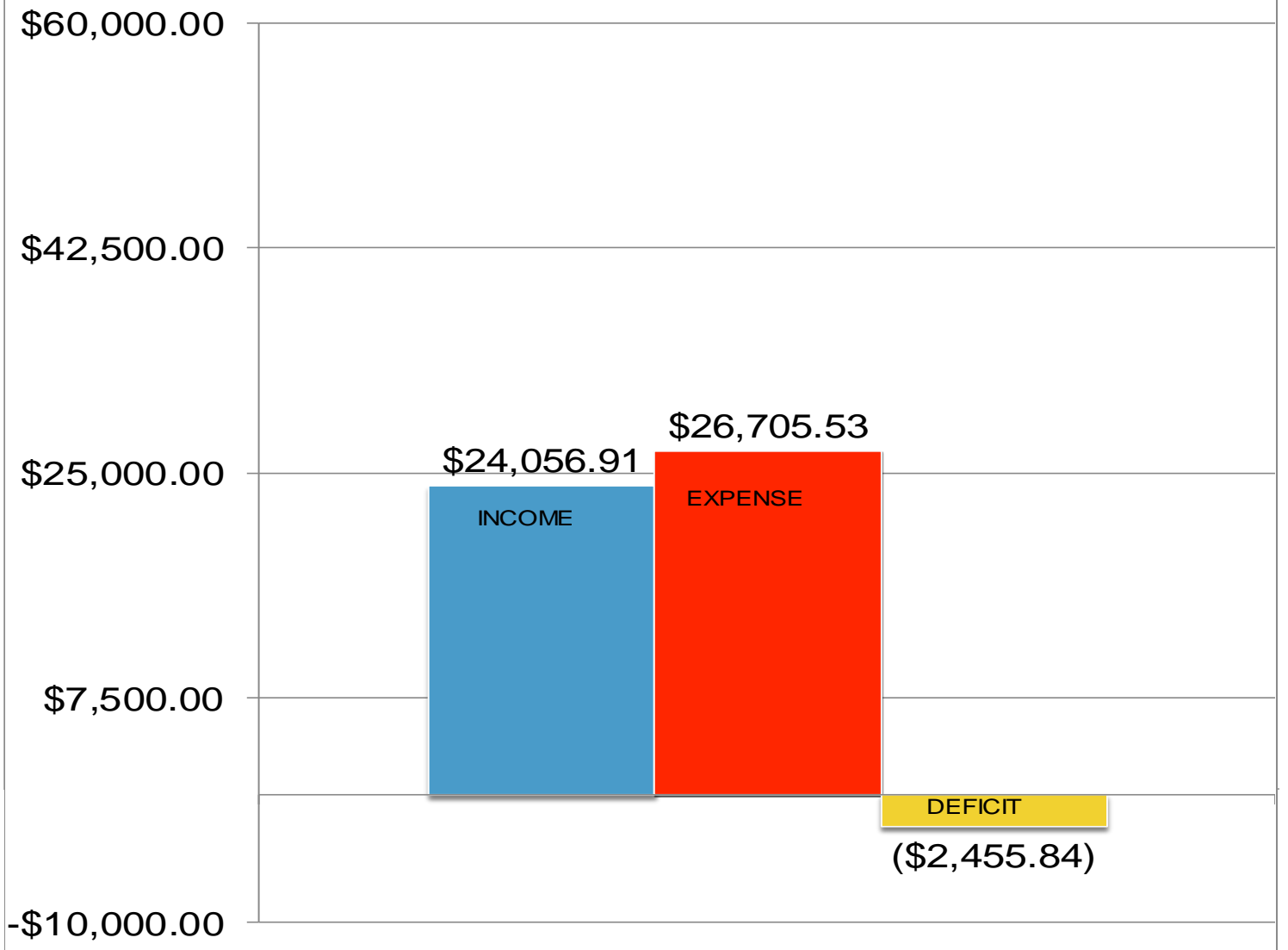
In February, St. Andrew's received \$10,821.15. That amount is \$2,286.85 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2017 is \$13,108. We spent \$13,276.99 in February, which is \$920.36 less than the budgeted expenses of \$14,197.35. The deficit for the month was \$2,455.84. The deficit for the year is \$2,823.54

In 2016 St. Andrew's received \$157,364.56 and spent \$160,339.08 resulting in a deficit of \$2,974.52.

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

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	\$10,821.15	\$13,108.00	-\$2,286.85	\$24,056.91	\$26,216.00	-\$2,159.09
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>PASTOR</b>	\$6,825.00	\$7,249.99	-\$424.99	\$13,988.17	\$14,499.98	-\$511.81
<b>STAFF</b>	\$3,883.60	\$3,983.57	-\$99.97	\$7,767.20	\$7,697.14	\$70.06
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$33.40	\$312.48	-\$279.08	\$612.18	\$624.96	-\$12.78
<b>BLDG GRDS</b>	\$2,360.07	\$2,269.98	\$90.09	\$4,337.98	\$4,539.96	-\$201.98
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$0.00	\$298.00	-\$298.00	\$0.00	\$3,861.00	-\$3,861.00
<b>MISSIONS</b>	\$174.92	\$83.33	\$91.59	\$174.92	\$166.66	\$8.26
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$13,276.99	\$14,197.35	-\$1,011.95	\$26,705.53	\$14,197.35	\$12,508.18
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	(\$2,455.84)	(\$1,089.35)		(\$2,648.62)	\$12,018.65	

YEAR TO DATE INCOME-EXPENSE (FEBRUARY)







**3 – Morgan Guns**  
**6 – Pete Stiltz**  
**7 – John Paderson**  
**9 – Tracy Hardy**  
**11 – Denzel Osang**  
**26 – Carol Stiltz**  
**28 – Ellen Stiltz**



**2**  
 Blended Service 10:00 AM  
 Communion/Youth Sunday  
 Food Collection Sunday  
 Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM  
 Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM  
 Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM

**3**

**4**

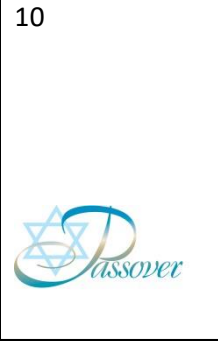
**5**  
 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM  
 KCOS 7:30PM

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

**7**  
 KCOS Youth 6PM

**8**  
**STRESSED?**  
 Jeremiah 29:11  
 Proverbs 29:11  
 Proverbs 3:5-6  
 Ephesians 4:26  
 Ephesians 4:31-32  
 Matthew 6:19-21  
 Hebrews 12:6

**9**  
 Blended Service 10:00 AM  
 Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM  
 Session Meeting 4:00 PM  
 Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM


**11**

**12**  
 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM  
 KCOS 7:30PM

**13**  
 Praise Band Rehearsal 7PM  
 Maundy Thursday Service 6PM



**14**  
 KCOS Youth 6PM  
 Good Friday Service at Kingswood 7PM





**15**  
**DEPRESSED?**  
 PSALM 37:23-24  
 JOHN 16:33  
 NEHEMIAH 8:10  
 PSALM 42:5  
 HOSEA 6:1  
 2 TIMOTHY 1:7  
 PHILIPPIANS 4:13

**16**  
 Sunrise Service on the lawn with Kingswood 6:30 AM  
 Blended Service 10:00 AM (One Great Hour of Sharing)  
 Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM



**17**  
 Beacon Deadline  
 Ruth Circle 7PM

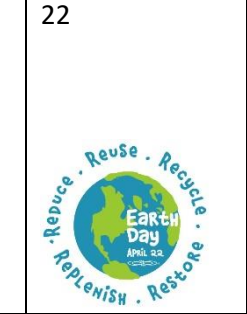
**18**  
 Naomi Circle 7PM

**19**  
 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM  
 KCOS 7:30PM

**20**  
 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM  
 Choir Rehearsal 7PM

**21**  
 KCOS Youth 6PM



**23**  
 Blended Service 10:00 AM  
 Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM  
 Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM

**24**

**25**

**26**  
 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10AM  
 KCOS 7:30PM

**27**  
 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM  
 Choir Rehearsal 7PM

**28**  
 KCOS Youth 6PM



**29**  
**WORRIED?**  
 PSALM 46:10  
 PSALM 37:5  
 PHILIPPIANS 4:6  
 1 PETER 4:7  
 MATTHEW 6:25-27  
 PROVERBS 3:5-6  
 MATTHEW 6:34

**30**  
 Blended Service 10:00 AM  
 Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins  
 Cameroonian Pastor's Retreat  
 Special Offering  
 Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM  
 Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM



*25-Rick & Ann Hardy*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2017

2 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Deacon's Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
5 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
6 Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
7 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
9 Sunday	Palm Sunday Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	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	5:00 p.m.
10 Monday	Passover begins	
12 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
13 Thursday	Maundy Thursday worship, agape meal and communion Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. 6:30/7:00 p.m.
14 Friday	Good Friday Service at Kingswood Church of Service Youth	7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
16 Sunday	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on the lawn Blended Service (One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)	6:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
17 Monday	Beacon Deadline Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
18 Tuesday	Naomi Circle Passover Ends	7:00 p.m.
19 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
20 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
21 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
22 Saturday	Earth Day	
23 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
26 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
27 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
28 Friday	Arbor Day Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
30 Sunday	Blended Service (Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins) Cameroonian Pastor's Retreat Special Offering Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship	10:00 a.m.   12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:00 p.m.

# MENTORS NEEDED

## FOR TEEN MENTORING PROGRAM



**Help a teen discover his/her potential, expand interests, build confidence & explore career goals**

**Contact: Donna Johnson at Child Inc.**

**302-832-5451**

**[djohnson@childinc.com](mailto:djohnson@childinc.com)**

**child<sup>INC.</sup>**

***The Leadership Development through Community Mentoring Program* is supported by funding through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council**

---



**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT THROUGH  
COMMUNITY MENTORING PROGRAM**

“Mentoring is a proven intervention that works to help youth deal with today’s challenges”

**MENTOR REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Ages 20 and up**
- **Able to engage with mentee for a minimum of 4 hours a month**
- **Provide consistent and positive guidance**
- **Be a thoughtful, caring and responsible role model**
- **Ability to pass background check**
- **Participation in orientation and training**
- **Commitment to one year participation**

**MENTEE REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Selected youth between the ages of 14 and 17**
- **Youth residing along the route 40 corridor –Bear/Newark**
- **Residing in single parent household**
- **Interested in participating in a mentor-mentee relationship**
- **Able to engage with mentor for a minimum of 4 hours a month**
- **Commitment to one year participation**
- **Program youth cannot be involved with the juvenile justice system**

**PROGRAM STAFF OFFER:**

- **Orientation and training**
- **Ongoing support provided to mentors/mentees**
- **Planned activities for groups or individual matches**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Donna Johnson, Child Inc. – 302-832-5451 or [djohnson@childinc.com](mailto:djohnson@childinc.com)**

---

*Special services for Holy Week*

*Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10 AM*

*Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 6 PM*

*Maundy Thursday worship, agape meal, and  
communion*

*Good Friday, April 14 at 7 PM*

*Community service at Kingswood Methodist Church, 7  
PM*

*Easter Sunday, April 16*

*Sunrise service at 6:30 AM with Kingswood on lawn  
between churches, followed by breakfast at Kingswood*

*Joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection at St. Andrew's  
at 10 AM*

*Please join us for these services celebrating the central events  
of our Christian faith!*

