



The Beacon

October 2016



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 OCTOBER

The Harvest Needs You

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Matthew 9:37

Rebuilding the Walls

We survived the fifteenth anniversary of September 11 without any major disruptions or attacks, though there are always things being planned and thwarted by intelligence agencies that we are not privy to. We here at St. Andrew's and many other churches reflected on the significance of 9/11 on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016. We remembered and prayed and sought the Lord's healing for our country and world. So now we can relax, right? Hardly! We must remain vigilant against the evil all around us.

A few years ago I read a book entitled *The World Turned Upside Down: The Global Battle over God, Truth, and Power* by journalist Melanie Phillips (New York, 2010). Ms. Phillips describes herself as "an agnostic although traditionally minded Jew" who has "a deep concern for the security and survival of the Jewish people and for the security and survival of Western civilization, which I happen to believe are symbiotically connected" (p. xi). She believes that "power has now hijacked truth and made it subservient to its own ends. The result is a world turned upside down." While she deals with many elements in the current basket of social concerns (including materialism, environmentalism, scientism, jihadism) her overriding interest (keep in mind that she is an agnostic, hardly a fundamentalist zealot!) is that "the core values of Western civilization are grounded in religion," with a resulting concern that "the erosion of religious observance therefore undermines those values and the 'secular ideals' they reflect."

I share her deep concern. Religion, specifically Christianity, is, I believe, the basis for freedom and the structure on which the norms that have guided the West through most of its history rest. The irrational way in which religion and those foundations it has provided are being ignored or neglected is seen almost every day, particularly in society, but also in the church. Reason is not opposed to religion, but is indeed based on it. In the words of Cornelius Van Til, now deceased professor of apologetics at Westminster Theological Seminary, the entire edifice of Western civilization, whether it acknowledges God or not, is built on the borrowed capital of Christian theism. However, as that foundation erodes, so also does reason and all of what we have thought normative in Western civilization. The walls are crumbling all around us.

What should the church do? It should do as Nehemiah did after the return of the Jews from captivity in Babylon to the Jerusalem that had been razed to the ground: rebuild the walls, building on the promise that if God's people are unfaithful, they will be scattered and exiled, but if they return to the Lord he will gather them and bring them to the place he has chosen for his dwelling.

It is time now to rebuild. The church needs to rebuild the walls of the spiritual Jerusalem and temple that are the people of God. The church is the only hope for this world, regardless of what the world may say or do to the church. Gather for worship. Honor the Lord.

Study his Word. Pray for this church, the church, and the world. Now is the time to rebuild and all of God's people are the "living stones" that "are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5).



Peter Panz

Wednesday Morning Bible Study



Pastor Otto will begin a Wednesday morning Bible study on Oct. 5 at 9:30 AM. Those who are there the first Wednesday will be able to let the pastor know what biblical book they would like to study, so come and give your input! This study is open to all who are available. Come as often as you can; there is no ongoing commitment required. It's a great time of fellowship, sharing, growing and praying together, all in just about an hour. We look forward to seeing you!



Website Updates

Pastor Otto has been making updates to the St. Andrew's church website, including the church calendar there, so please take a look if you haven't done so recently. There is still more to be done in terms of updating photos and some information, but progress is being made! As this is one of the major ways in which people learn about any organization these days, it is

imperative that we have an up-to-date and interesting site. Encourage others to check us out!

Faith Comes By Hearing

A ministry entitled Faith Comes By Hearing (<https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com>) is seeking donations for its outreach to the military by way of audio Bibles. These are small pocket-sized audio versions of Scripture that our soldiers can listen to in private via headphones. For more on the ministry and its other outreach efforts and partnerships, see its website.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
August 7, 2016

Rev. Dr. Randy Otto opened the meeting with prayer at 4:35 pm.

Elders present: Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell DiStefano, Julie Guns, Cindy Arnold, Brenda Saulsbury, Jane Wright and Emmanuel Ndifor

Elders not in attendance: Flora Atangcho and Florence Fonjweng

Quorum present

Treasurer's Report was received, reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for July, 2016 was \$12,090. Total expenses for July 2016 were \$7,937.21. Net revenue over expenses was \$4,063.69. For YTD total revenue was \$90,449.03. For YTD total expenses were \$93,257.76. Net revenue over expenses for YTD was – \$2,808.73.

Clerk's Report: Guest preachers for July were Jill Getty on July 3rd, John Groth on July 10th, Ginny Jones on July 17th, Gene Stiltz on July 24th and Cliff Wood on July 31st. Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18th.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Rev. Dr. Randy Otto's vacation the week of August 14th
- Women's Day tentatively scheduled for Sat. October 22nd in Fellowship Hall. Details to follow in the near future.
- Rev. Son's request to read, pray and spend the night one night a week in the Sanctuary. This request will be reevaluated in a few months.
- Tabled action on Neil Fairchild's resignation until next month's Session Meeting.
- Locks on doors of church will be changed on Sept. 6th.
- Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 5:55 pm.

Next scheduled Session Meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

FROM THE DEACONS **For October 2016**

Quilts for Comfort, October 8, 9:00–3:00, Fellowship Hall

Note the *Saturday October 8* date, which is correct—not October 10 as appeared in the September Beacon.

Anyone with a desire to help is welcome at this cooperative event, where we assemble colorful quilts for patients in neighboring hospitals and clinics. Sewing skills are not necessary; we'll find a job for you. Stay as long as you wish, and bring a side dish to share if you can stay for lunch.

Laundry for the Lord

This ministry provides vouchers for homeless people to use at the Laundromat opposite our church. Watch the bulletin for October collection dates.

Coats for Hope

During October and November, the deacons will be collecting good, used, cold-weather clothing—coats, hats, mittens, sweaters, jackets, shirts, trousers and shoes—to distribute at Hope Dining Room. Blankets and new socks are especially welcomed.

Please bag your donations and label the bags “Coats for Hope.” Leave the bags in the church foyer.

Red Kettle Ringers

The Salvation Army has reserved the dates of November 25 and December 3 for St. Andrews' bell ringers. Watch for more information in the church bulletin and a signup sheet in fellowship hall.

Keep Our Pantry Stocked

You've been such faithful givers to this ongoing ministry. We thank you and thank you again!

Here's a list of the items we'll need to fill the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

- Potatoes (boxed or canned)
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed desserts (cake mixes, etc.)
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Canned vegetables
- Applesauce
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Cereal

Please place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods.

Church Picnic

About 50 people and two dogs attended the picnic at Lums Pond on Sunday, September 18. We ate hotdogs, hamburgers, deviled eggs, salads, watermelon and a variety of desserts. Some played cornhole toss and Can Jam, a few fished and others strolled. Everyone relaxed, laughed and conversed. The picnic ended with a short vespers service. Thank you to all who helped and all who came.

Next Deacon's Meeting: October 2 after worship.



Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday October 6th at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday October 18th at 7 PM in the home of Jean Pasapane.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday October 17th at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a Women's Day on October 22nd from 10am-2pm for ALL women of the church. Please come out and join us for food fun and fellowship.

The 28th Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Friday December 9, 2016.



Youth Group Resumes!

Now that summer has ended and school is back in session, it's also time for youth group to resume on Sunday evenings from 5-7 pm. Over the summer, the youth did do a local mission project in conjunction with the Brookside Lion's Club. We built a deck and steps for a handicapped woman in Bear to enjoy her flower garden. The youth and

other members of the congregation also attended the Newsboys concert on Sept. 25 at the Bob Carpenter Center, enjoying again another night of music, fellowship, and the praise of God!

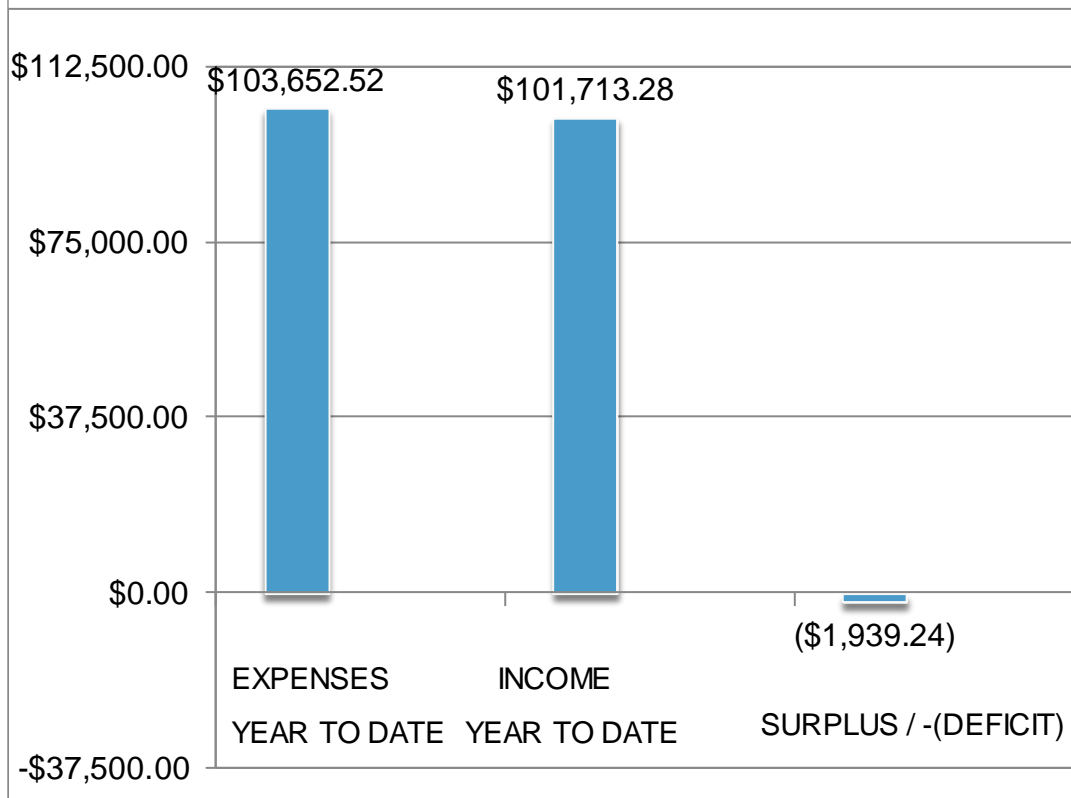
Sunday evening youth activities begin again on Oct. 2, with the potluck dinner from 5-5:30 pm, followed by the youth group meeting till 7. There will be a movie night with pizza and popcorn on Sunday, Oct. 9, featuring "God's Not Dead 2." The youth will sponsor an Italian Buffett on Saturday, Oct. 22. On Oct. 30 everyone will gather at the Furry's for a bon fire. All of this and more is on the church website, so check it out for info and photos! We look forward to seeing you and your friends at youth group!

DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In August, St. Andrew's received \$14,191.25. That amount is \$177.93 more than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 is \$14,013.33. We spent \$10,394.76 in August, which is \$3,601.34 less than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a surplus for the month of \$3,796.49.

Year to date, through August, St. Andrew's has received \$101,713.28 and spent \$103,652.52 resulting in a deficit of \$1,939.24.

ST. ANDREW'S AUGUST FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET						
MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
AUGUST	\$14,191.25	\$14,013.33	\$177.92	\$101,713.28	\$112,106.56	-\$10,393.28
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$5,594.91	\$7,266.64	-\$1,671.73	\$49,457.65	\$58,133.12	-\$8,675.47
STAFF	\$3,511.77	\$3,966.90	-\$455.13	\$32,290.28	\$31,735.20	\$555.08
PROGRAM	\$0.00	\$220.83	-\$220.83	\$1,236.23	\$1,766.56	-\$530.33
BLDG GRDS	\$1,288.08	\$2,219.99	-\$931.91	\$18,737.86	\$17,759.92	\$977.94
PER CAPITA	\$0.00	\$321.75	-\$321.75	\$1,930.50	\$2,574.00	-\$643.50
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,394.76	\$13,996.11	-\$3,601.35	\$103,652.52	\$111,968.80	-\$8,316.28
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$3,796.49	\$17.22		(\$1,939.24)	\$137.76	





1 - Brenda Saulsbury
 3 - Cindy Arnold
 4 - Kascha Coleman
 5 - Mikey Guns, III
 10 - Myrtle Arnold
 11 - Wayne Wright
 13 - Grant Hardy
 15 - Bowen Atangcho

16 - Delphine Ndifor
 17 - Julia Short
 18 - Joanne Rager
 22 - Caleb Coleman
 24 - H. Ronald Mann
 24 - Cliff Wood, Sr.
 25 - Jasyah Cooper

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<p>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</p>	<p>3 Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>6 Morning Circle 10 AM Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>7 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>8 Quilts For Comfort 9AM</p>
<p>9 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 4:00PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM MOVIE NIGHT</p>	<p>10 Columbus Day</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM KCOS 7:30PM Yom Kippur</p>	<p>13 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>14 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM National Boss Day</p>	<p>17 Ruth Circle 6 PM Beacon Deadline</p>	<p>18 Naomi Circle 7 PM</p>	<p>19 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>20 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>21 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>22 Women's Day 10 AM Italian Buffett 6-8 PM</p>
<p>23 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM</p>	<p>24 United Nations Day</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM KCOS 7:30PM</p>	<p>27 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>28 KCOS Youth 6PM</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM BON FIRE AT THE FURRY'S</p>	<p>31 Hope Dining Room 11 AM Halloween</p>		<p>5 - Grant & Tracy Hardy 5 - Sherman & MaryAnne Colbert 10 - Norman & Nancy Jackson 25 - Rev. Herb & Doris Hoeflinger</p>			

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2016

2 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday Coffee/juice hour Deacon's Meeting Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
5 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Church of Service	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
6 Thursday	Morning Circle Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 6:30/7:00 p.m.
7 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
8 Saturday	Quilts for Comfort	9:00 a.m.
9 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship Session Meeting Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study MOVIE NIGHT	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
12 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Church of Service	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
13 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
14 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
16 Sunday	Blended Service Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
17 Monday	Ruth Circle BEACON DEADLINE	7:00 p.m.
18 Tuesday	Naomi Circle Meeting	7:00 p.m.
19 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Church of Service	9:30 a.m. 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	Women's Day Italian Buffett	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
23 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
26 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Church of Service	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
27 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
28 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
30 Sunday	Blended Service Coffee/juice hour Church of Service Worship Sunday Night Field Trip Bon Fire at the Furry's	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
31 Monday	Hope Dining Room	11:00 a.m.



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Fields of Faith is a peer-to-peer movement where thousands of students from across the nation and world gather on their school's athletic field to share stories and challenge each other to apply the Bible as their "game plan for life."

**Where: Newark High School
Hoffman Stadium**

**When: October 12, 2016
7pm**

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All you can eat Italian Buffet

Saturday October 22, 2016 6PM-8PM

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

200 Marrows Road

Newark, DE 19713

\$12 Adults \$ 6 children

St. Andrew's Youth Group will be holding an All You Can Eat Italian Buffet. Come on out and show your support!

Malachi 3:10 *Bring the full amount of your tithes to the Temple, so that there will be plenty of food there. Put me to the test and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things.*

In the Footsteps of the Reformers

A 500th Anniversary Reformation Tour

led by

The Rev. Dr. John Paderson and the Rev. Barry Gray.

August 26th to September 6th 2017



Join us for a 500th anniversary tour of the major cities of the Reformation in Germany, France, and Switzerland. The tour combines the old with the new. It begins in Berlin and ends in Geneva. It combines Reformation history with a taste of local culture. Local guides provide the history at each stop while the Rev. Gray and the Rev. Dr. Paderson provide additional background to enhance the experience. Each day we will have devotional time and on the Lord's Day we will worship with a local congregation. The tour includes visits to Reformation sites in Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Worms, Mainz, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, Basel and Geneva. It also includes twentieth century historical sites in Berlin, a wine and music reception at the Bach House, a mini-cruise on the most scenic part of the Rhine, folk music, an optional tour of the European Parliament, and an optional dinner at a winery overlooking the Rhine. Its unique combination of the historical, the spiritual, and the cultural make for an unforgettable experience.

For More Information: <http://reformationtours.com/package/in-the-footsteps-of-the-reformers/>

Informational Event: August 27th at 6:30 pm at White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 15 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711