



The Beacon

November 2016

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



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 NOVEMBER

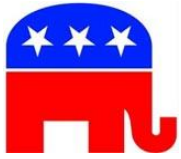
Why Thanksgiving?

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Psalm 100:4

The Most Important Election

All eyes are looking to Tuesday, Nov. 8, when the presidential election and other voting could signal a further shift in the political landscape in Washington, as well as numerous state and local offices.



Most pundits are utterly confounded by this year's presidential election, since both major party candidates have such high unfavorability ratings. Most of us are probably very tired of campaigning, all the media coverage and the phone surveys and just want it all to be over!



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Whatever the results of the upcoming election, it is remarkable how much money and effort are being expended on behalf of particular candidates. Judging by the almost unimaginable amounts of money being spent on behalf of candidates and in some cases by the candidates themselves, one would think that many view the election of these individuals as making all of the difference in the course of the history of our country or a particular state. While it is surely the case that policy perspectives can make a big difference, it is also often that case that much remains as it has been.

There is another election that has a much greater impact on us and on our world. It is God's election of a people unto himself in Christ from before the foundation of the world. "He chose us in him [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will" (Eph. 1:4-5). The idea of election in the Reformed, and we believe biblical, tradition is that God has chosen a people to save according to his sovereign will and grace, loving and choosing them as Israel of old not based on anything done by them or foreseen in them, but simply because he loved them (Deut. 7:6-7; Rom. 9:16; 11:6, e.g.). In other words, election in Christ is all of God's grace. He loves us not because of who we are or what positions we may have taken or things we have done or ever will do; rather, he loves us in spite of who we are, what positions we may have taken, or things we have done!

What difference does this make? It should make all of the difference in our lives and in the lives of those with whom we come into contact. Peter urges his readers to "make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:10-11). What things does Peter have in mind? Preceding those verses, Peter has spoken about how in Christ we become partakers of the divine nature and have all that is needed for "life and godliness". He encourages his readers to "make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brother kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love" (2 Pet. 1:5-7). What an amazing set of virtues! We are to "make every effort" to ensure we truly know God through Christ and are part of his elect people by demonstrating the power of God in our lives in these ways. Think of what a difference it would make in our lives, in the church, and in the world if people sought to develop these qualities through faith in Jesus. Our world would be so much better! The greatest election of all is God's election of a people unto himself in Jesus. It is the election that makes the greatest difference in the world. Let us make that election sure in our own lives by seeking the virtues of Christ and sharing them with others.

Peter Panz

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
September 11, 2016

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

Elders present: Cindy Arnold, Flora Atangcho, Mary Anne Colbert, Darrell Distefano, Florence Fonjweng, Julie Guns, and Brenda Saulsbury.

Elders not in attendance: Emmanuel Ndifor

Quorum present

Motion made to elect Brenda Saulsbury temporary Clerk of Session for this meeting.

Motion approved.

Guest speaker Virginia Jones from C.O.M. to explain procedure for selecting Permanent Pastor. Covered process and information available to the PNC. Her presentation ended at 5:15 with the thanks of Session.

Treasurer's Report was received, reviewed and approved pending audit. Last week, we received \$3,223.25. Since it was the first week of September, that is also the total for the month. The budgeted income each month in 2016 is \$14,013.33. In August we received \$11,296.25. We spent \$10,394.76. The surplus for August was \$901.49. So far this year, we have received \$101,745.28 and spent \$103,652.52. Our deficit for the year is \$1,907.24.

Clerk's Report: Eileen Hunt was absent at 9/11/16 session meeting.

Pastor's Report: Reviewed multiple items for upcoming months which session is voting on today.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

Reset Session Meeting time to 3:30 – 5:30 on Sundays.

Amended Motion – Reset Session Meeting time to 4:00 – 5:00pm starting October 2.

Allow Lion's Club use of Building Saturday November 5 for Italian Dinner Fundraiser with no room charge.

Approve following dates for activities

September 18 Rally Day, commissioning of Sunday School Teachers
October 9 Session meeting at new time
October 16 Youth Activities start – Pot luck dinner and adult study
October 22 Youth All You Can Eat Italian Dinner
October 30 Youth Bon-Fire
November 5 Lion's Club Fundraising Dinner

November 18 Pot Luck

November 20 Last Sunday activities before Thanksgiving Holiday

December 31 Youth Lock In

Accept offer from Cliff Wood, Dave DiMartini and Brenda Saulsbury to cater hot lunch for Presbytery installation of Winnie Wagner as Moderator Saturday, December 3. Presbyterian Women will make up difference between cost and monies received for luncheon.

Approved Veteran's Day service with Methodist Church November 11, at 7pm

Accept August 7th minutes.

Request for all budget requests to be presented to Treasurer by October Session meeting for approval.

Deacon's report stating that the 2015 list of events will continue into 2016.

Accepted resignation of Neil Fairchild from Session effective September 11, 2016.

Approved expenditure of \$1,080 from Memorials Budget line starting with Gloria Johnson, for replacement of signage for front of church from Fast Signs, adding address and Website. Church will install.

Meeting ended 5:40 pm. Motion to adjourn approved

Next Session Meeting October 9 starting new time of 4 p.m. to 5:30 pm.

Meeting closed with prayer from Rev. Otto.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Saulsbury, Temporary Clerk.

FROM THE DEACONS: November 2016

Coats for Hope

The deacons are collecting winter clothing and blankets through November to distribute at Hope Dining Room. Please bag your donations and label the bags "Coats for Hope." Leave the bags in the narthex.

Red Kettle Ringers

The Salvation Army has saved Nov. 25 and Dec. 3, 9 am to 9 pm, at the College Square Acme for St. Andrews' bell ringers. If you would like to participate, reserve a time slot on the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Thanksgiving Pantry Needs

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

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

We also need about 12 turkeys. If you bring a turkey, put it in the freezer and notify a deacon. Place other foods in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods.

Thank you for your ongoing support for this ministry.

Next Deacon's Meeting: November 6 after worship.



Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday November 3rd at 10 AM.

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 15th at 7 PM.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday November 14th at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall.

The 28th Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Friday December 9, 2016. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Please bake extra cookies as we ran out the past two years.



Youth Group

We kicked off the Sunday night activities on Sunday October 2nd. The following week on Sunday October 9th we held our first movie night. What a great turnout of 38 to enjoy pizza, popcorn and watch GOD'S NOT DEAD 2. What a great movie. GOD is Good All the Time and All the Time GOD is Good. Amen. If you haven't seen the movie it's a must see.

On Saturday October 22nd the Youth held another Italian Buffet. The youth would like to thank everyone who supported the youth by attending the Italian Dinner.

Interested in joining the Sunday night program? Know someone that could benefit by attending Sunday night activities? We have the perfect event. We'll be holding a Bon Fire at the Furry's house on Sunday October 30th. What a great time to check out the Sunday night program. As you can see we're doing a lot of exciting things with the Youth Program. Don't miss out. You can now follow the Youth Group on Instagram and Facebook.

One last thing, on Sunday November 6th the adult bible study group has challenged the youth group to a kick ball game. Winner take all. Just kidding only bragging rights. What a great event it would be for other adults to come and participate or just watch the youth take down the adults.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

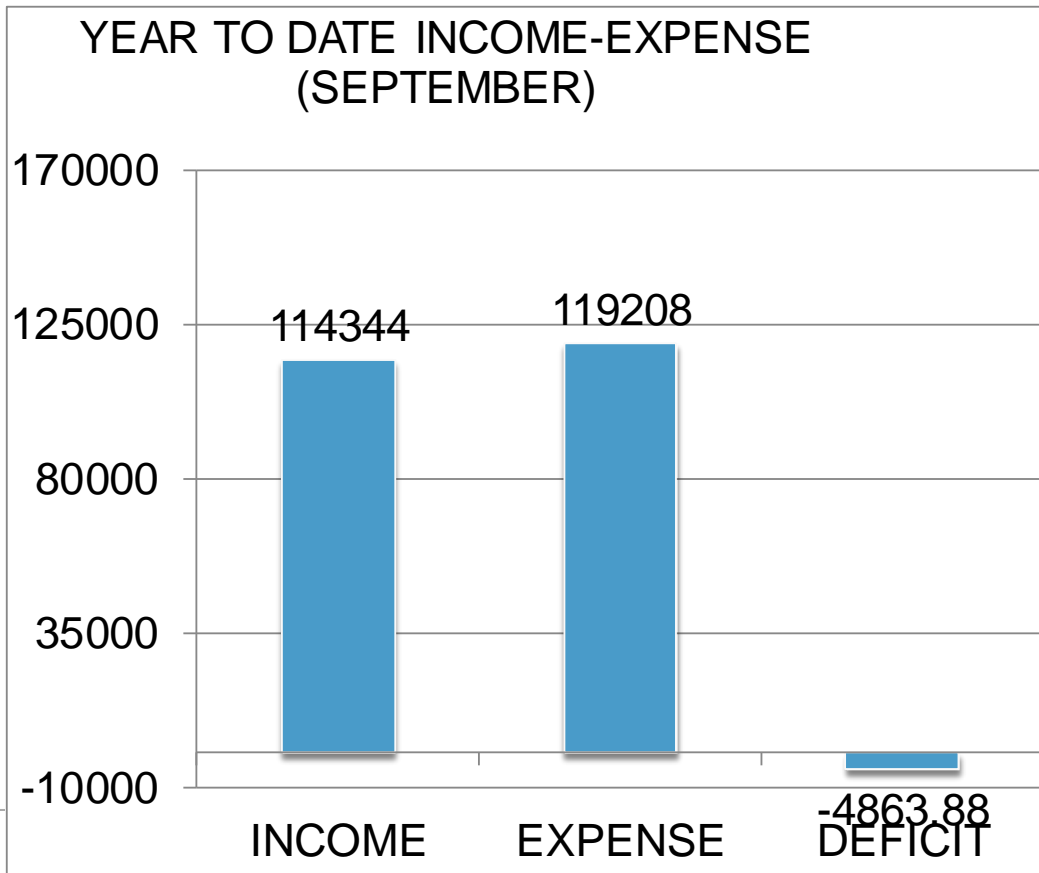
Blessings,
Cliff Wood, Youth Director

DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In September, St. Andrew's received \$12,630.90. That amount is \$1,382.43 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 is \$14,013.33. We spent \$15,555.54 in September, which is \$1,559.43 more than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a deficit for the month of \$2,924.64.

Year to date, through September, St. Andrew's has received \$114,344.18 and spent \$119,208.06 resulting in a deficit of \$4,863.88.

ST. ANDREW'S SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET						
MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
SEPTEMBER	\$12,630.90	\$14,013.33	-\$1,382.43	\$114,344.18	\$126,119.88	-\$11,775.70
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$8,555.09	\$7,266.64	\$1,288.45	\$58,012.74	\$65,399.76	-\$7,387.02
STAFF	\$3,955.83	\$3,966.90	-\$11.07	\$36,246.11	\$35,702.10	\$544.01
PROGRAM	\$19.44	\$220.83	-\$201.39	\$1,255.67	\$1,987.38	-\$731.71
BLDG GRDS	\$2,059.93	\$2,219.99	-\$160.06	\$20,797.79	\$19,979.91	\$817.88
PER CAPITA	\$965.25	\$321.75	\$643.50	\$2,895.75	\$2,895.75	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$15,555.54	\$13,996.11	\$1,559.43	\$119,208.06	\$125,964.90	-\$6,756.84
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$2,924.64)	\$17.22		(\$4,863.88)	\$154.98	





THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

On Sunday, Nov. 6, St. Andrew's church will observe the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church by remembering and praying for our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer for the sake of Christ. Please join us for this moving time of worship as we see some of the faces of God's persecuted people and hear their stories of heroic courage and undaunted faith.



Veterans' Day Worship Service

On Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 pm, St. Andrew's church will host a joint Veterans' Day service of thanks to all those who have served our country. Rev. Asher Tunik of Kingswood Methodist Church will preach. Please come and give thanks to God for the sacrifices our veterans have made for our freedom.

Church Work Day

With St. Andrew's hosting of the December 3 presbytery meeting, there is a special need to tidy up around the church. The church will hold a work day on Sat., Nov. 12 from 9 am to 4 pm and lunch will be provided. Come for whatever period of time you can to help straighten up and do some of the work that needs to be done, like painting in places, so that St. Andrew's can present itself well to those who gather for that meeting and the installation that day of Winnie Wagner as the moderator of the presbytery.



Congregational Meeting Nov. 20



St. Andrew's will hold its annual congregational meeting for the election of new officers and nominating committee after worship on Sunday, Nov. 20. Rev. Otto will also go over the interim process with the congregation and the next steps in the church's pastoral transition. Please plan to attend.

Community Thanksgiving Service


This year's Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Kingswood United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7 pm, with Pastor Otto bringing the message. Let this time of worship be a focal point of your Thanksgiving celebration this year!



<h1>November 2016</h1>		1	2 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM KCOS 7:30PM	3 Morning Circle 10 AM Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	4 KCOS Youth 6PM	5 Lion's Club Italian Buffet  TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR Daylight Savings time ends
6 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 ADULT vs. YOUTH KICKBALL GAME	7	8 Election Day	9 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM KCOS 7:30PM	10 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	11 KCOS Youth 6PM Joint Veteran's Day Service 7 PM  Honoring All Who Served Veterans Day	12 CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY 9 AM – 4 PM
13 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 4:00PM Sunday Night Activities 5-7 PM Stewardship Sunday	14 Ruth Circle 6 PM	15 Naomi Circle 7 PM	16 Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM KCOS 7:30PM	17 Praise Band Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	18 KCOS Youth 6PM	19
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

2 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	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.
5 Saturday	Lion's Club Italian Buffet	5:30 p.m.
	Daylight savings time ends	
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 ADULT vs. YOUTH KICKBALL	5:00 p.m.
8 Tuesday	Election Day	
9 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
10 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
11 Friday	Joint Veteran's Day Service	7:00 p.m.
12 Saturday	Church Clean Up Day	9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.
13 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.
14 Monday	Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
15 Tuesday	Naomi Circle	7:00 p.m.
16 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
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20 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study THANKSGIVING MEAL	5:00 p.m.
21 Monday	Beacon Deadline	
22 Tuesday	Community Thanksgiving Service @ Kingswood	7:00 p.m.
23 Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
24 Thursday	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	
25 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
27 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	5:00 p.m.



*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
28th Annual Cookie Walk
Friday December 9, 2016
11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.*

*Homemade cookies! \$6 and \$12
Vegetable Beef and Chicken Corn Soup
\$8/Quart
Lunch - soup, sandwich, chips & drink \$10*

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