





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

As we approach the holiday season, we begin with the most overlooked holiday in today's society, as far as shopping goes, Thanksgiving. So, let's take some time to reflect on what we are truly thankful for. And we have much to be thankful for! Food for thought: Top 10 reasons to be thankful/Passages to read and study

Genesis 9:12-17
He's the ultimate promise keeper
Deuteronomy 8:10
He takes care of our needs
1 Chronicles 16:8-9
His wonderful acts
Psalm 7:17
His righteousness
Psalm 107:1
He's just plain good

Luke 2:10-11 For the gift of Jesus

John 14:26

For the gift of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 2:8-9
For the gift of salvation

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

For victory over death
Colossians 1:3
For Christian friends

Sunday, Nov. 4, is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). Almighty God,

You have warned us through your Son Jesus Christ that those who follow Him may be oppressed and abused because of their faith.

We ask that you comfort and give courage to all your children who fall victims to unjust

imprisonment, physical harm and intimidation at the hands of their oppressors.

For those who have given their lives in the fight for freedom to openly share and live out their faith, may they be welcomed into your warm embrace.

For those who persecute our brothers and sisters, may their spirits be touched by the incredible faith of those who they attack. And may they turn away from sin and open their hearts to your love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Congregational Meeting on Nov. 11 after worship

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 11 after worship for the purpose of electing new officers.





Community Thanksgiving Service

Our community Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Andrew's church on Tues., Nov. 20 at 7 pm along with Kingswood Methodist church. Please join us in giving thanks to God for his many blessings to us all.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting June 3,2018

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Randy Otto opened the meeting with prayer at 4:00 pm.

Members in attendance: Cliff Wood, Dave DiMartine, Mary Anne Colbert, Grant Hardy, Julie Guns, Darrell DiStefano, Dusty Robinson, Myron Hardesty.

Members not in attendance: Florence Fonjweng and Flora Atangcho. **Quorum** was present. **Docket** was approved.

Minutes from the May Stated Session Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved pending audit. May's income for the 4 services in May was \$9,957.52. May's expenses were \$13,645.26. May's deficit was -\$3,687.74. Deficit for YTD is -\$10,457.17.

Pastor's Report was reviewed and will be published in the next issue of the Beacon.

Clerk's Report: NCC Presbytery Meeting of May 15, 2018 was emailed to all Session member. Attendance for the 4 weeks in May was 237.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Received all reports
- Authorize Danielle Wood to organize a clothing drive to benefit **The Friendship House Clothing Bank** (formally Clothing Bank of Delaware) which provides free good quality clothing to NEC and Code Purple clients.
- Table discussion of employees' salaries until we have a new minister. Session will begin to discuss the 2019 budget in September.
- Al Crowe was authorized to organize "Pastoral Care" during the transition from our Interim pastor until we have a new pastor.
- Mary Beth Schweitzer was authorized to use Fellowship Hall on a Thursday once a month, starting on June 14th for a "Game Night".
- St. Andrew's and the Brookside Lion's Club will partner in the Lion's Club Annual "Christmas Tree Sale" from November 24th December 23rd. All proceeds will be split equally between the Brookside Lion's Club and St. Andrew's.
- Adjourned and closed with prayer by Darrell DiStefano at 5:33 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Session Meeting will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting Sunday, September 16, 2018

Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator Ginny Jones at 4:08 pm.

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

Members not in attendance: Mary Anne Colbert, Dave DiMartine, Flora Atangcho. **Quorum present**

Treasurer's Report: The income for August was \$9.423.49. The expenses for August were \$7,347.95. The surplus was \$2, 075.54.

Clerk's Report

- The August Session Meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.
- The e-mail motion made in August was approved. It stated that "if the way be clear the U of D Alternative Breaks should be allowed to use St. Andrew's for a leadership retreat on August 31st and September 1st ".
- An e-mail motion made by Cliff Wood about worship service for Labor Day Sunday, September 2nd was approved. It stated "hold worship service at 11:00 am so that Rev. Asher Tunik can perform service with communion. Coffee Hour will be held prior to the service ".
- Rev. Dr. Randy Otto's Covenant of Closure has been signed by all parties and was received by the COM at their September 13th meeting. It will be included in the official Session Meetings Binder for 2018.
- Guest preachers for August/September were Jake Wood (8/12), Mary Beth Schweitzer (8/19), Gene Stiltz (8/26), Rev, Asher Tunik (9/2), Jake Wood (9/9), Cliff Wood (9/16), Gene Stiltz (9/23), Deb Trevino (9/30) and Rev. Jim Herrington (10/7).
- Session Minutes for the year 2017 were approved, stamped and bound at the Session Minutes Review on July 17,2018.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

- Docket approved
- Acting Clerk for this meeting Julie Guns
- June's Session Minutes, Pastors Report for July, Treasurer's Report and Deacons' Report
- Darrell DiStefano will ask Deb Trevino to fill in as guest preacher for the remainder of the year, depending on her availability.
- 2018 Golf Outing funds to be distributed as follows: Love Inc., Friendship House Clothing Bank and a third organization to be determined by Missions Committee and voted on at October's Session Meeting.
- Session highly recommends that COMC approve allowing Rev. Dr. John Paderson to officiate at Rev. Herb Hoefflinger's Memorial Service when the time comes.
- Financial updates in bulletin to be reduced to once a month instead of weekly
- Meeting was closed with prayer by Ginny Jones at 5:19 pm.

The next regularly Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 14th at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Guns, Acting Clerk

Deacon November Beacon Articles:

Saturday, October 13th was our annual Quilts for Comfort event. Thank you to everyone that turned out to stitch together the beautiful quilt tops and knot the finished quilts. Twelve quilts were completed. These beautiful quilts will go to at-risk babies and young children in DE, NJ, PA and MD plus adults at the Helen F Graham Cancer Center and dialysis patients at Christiana Hospital.



The Deacons are joining Brookside Elementary School in their effort to collect "Box Tops for Education". We will be delivering our first collection to the school on 10/29. The school will receive 10 cents for each "box top" that they submit. You can help by cutting out any of the small labels that you see on items you purchase and dropping them in the box that is in the Narthex. These "box tops" can be found on General Mills cereals and some items from Old El Paso, Betty Crocker, Scott and Kleenex

brands, Fiber One, Nature Valley bars, Chex Mix, Hefty, Lysol and Papermate pens. Please join us in this easy way to help schools buy the items they need.

The Deacons will be collecting new socks for "Just Socks". These socks will go to our neighbors that attend meals at Hope Dining Room. We will be collecting them throughout November. Donations can be placed in the "Just Socks" basket in the narthex.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and the Deacons will be providing food baskets to 12 needy local families identified by the church and Brookside Elementary School. If you would like to contribute to the baskets, we are in need of a turkey for each family and our Pantry shelves are short the following items:

Stuffing Mix	Jello
Instant Potatoes	Salad Dressing
Cranberry Sauce	lcing
Gravy	Jelly



Esther Circle

What are you doing the third Tuesday of the month? We'd love to see you at our Esther Circle meeting. We meet in the lounge downstairs for devotions, bible study and a brief business meeting and afterward head upstairs to fellowship hall for delicious refreshments. Circle is a great way to get to know other women in our church. Winnie Wagner leads our bible study. This year

we're studying God's Promise: I am with You. The study is a journey through scripture showing God's promise of comfort and commitment to be present with us. Our meetings start at 7:00 and are over before 9:00 pm. If you're in need of a ride please see Kay DiStefano or call me at 443-722-3990. Take note: In November we will be meeting the second Tuesday, November 13, due to our Thanksgiving Eve service being on the third Tuesday, November 20.

Women of St. Andrew's, we hope to see you at circle!

PNC Update:

We're continuing to move forward one step at a time. We're still reading PIF's, interviewing, listening to sermons, meeting, discussing, and praying. We know that God is working with us and leading us to that pastor who best fits our congregation. Thank you for your prayers.

Kay DiStefano, Mike Guns, Tracy Hardy, Ginny Jones (COMC liaison), Brenda Saulsbury, MaryBeth Schweitzer, Jake Wood

Attention all cookie bakers and sandwich makers!

If you don't fall into either of these categories we still need your help. St. Andrew's 30th annual cookie walk will soon be here. The cookie walk is Friday, December 7, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There are lots of tasks to be completed before the cookie walk begins. We need volunteers to help prepare the soup the week of the walk, volunteers to help set up, volunteers to make sandwiches and serve lunch on the 7th, volunteers to man the cookie table, and volunteers to help clean up. Sign-up sheets are in our fellowship hall and we're praying the slots for volunteers will fill up quickly. One fun opportunity for you to complete at home is cookie baking. We need dozens upon dozens of different kinds of cookies. Small cookies pack better than large ones, but we'll accept any size. To prevent having lots of broken cookies, please transport your cookies in hard sided containers rather than plastic bags. A final way for every member and friend to help in this annual fundraising event is to spread the word about our cookie walk and join us for lunch on December 7th. Check out the flyer in this Beacon for more details. Listen for announcements in church for more information or see Linda DiMartine or Kay DiStefano.



BRAVO!

Bravo! We collected 188 bras for Free the Girls. Thank you to everyone who helped by donating and collecting bras. This organization helps survivors of human trafficking and exploitation to have a safe and sustainable income. Each month over 18,000 gently used and new bras are donated, boxed and sent to Duneland Community Church (lovingly known as "The Bra Church") in Chesterton, Indiana. Every 6 weeks, volunteers open the boxes and count, sort and repackage the bras. Free the Girls currently operates in Mozambique, El Salvador and Costa Rica. The program empowers the women by providing education, job skills, trauma management, access to health care, economic stability, and the opportunity to dream. FTG partners with organizations who incorporate these areas in their work with the women. The women run their own business selling bras in the second hand market. Survivors begin to thrive. Women who have children are able to pay for their schooling, and some have even bought land or a home for their family. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Women also sent a \$350 donation along to help with shipping costs and program support. We encourage you to learn more about Free the Girls by checking out their website at freethegirls.org.

Youth Report



I think about **Psalms 119:105** "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" as we started back Sunday Night activities. The group made over 120 Go bags to help provide a meal for the less fortunate. I'd like to thank everyone that donated supplies and helped to build the bags. I'd like to give a shout out to Joyce Sparks for delivering the GO bags the following day.

We kicked off the second week of Sunday night activities with Movie night. We showed the movie God's Not Dead. What a powerful movie. I ask myself would I have been strong enough like Josh to stand up to the College Professor

and all my classmates. What I will say is God is Good All the Time and All the Time God is Good. We will be showing God's Not Dead 2 soon. Come out and join us for that movie night. I will provide further details.

The annual hayride is back. The youth and adults went to Schmidt's Christmas Tree farm for a bon fire, hot dogs, smores, reindeer and of course the hayride. Thanks to Tracy for setting up the event.

The youth is going to see Mercy Me on Thursday November 1st at the Bob. The last time we went to Mercy Me it was amazing. I Can Only Imagine this show will be as great as well.

Please come out and Support Sunday Night Activities. We have something for all ages. We are also looking for volunteers to help with Sunday Night's. Please see Cliff Wood if your interested.

Proverbs 22:6"*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 "And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us."

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the next few weeks, you will hear me talk about Stewardship during the worship services. I ask you to prayerfully consider during these next several weeks up to Commitment Sunday, December 9th, what God is calling you to pledge. Please remember that it's not always about the monetary commitment but also the commitment of your spiritual gifts.

As you know we currently do not have a Pastor at St. Andrew's and should end the year right around breakeven for 2018. This will be a first year in a couple years that we didn't end in a deficit. The major reason is that since August 1st, there's no salary Pastor on staff. The PNC committee is diligently working on hiring the next Pastor. I believe 2019 is looking to be an exciting year for us at St. Andrews. Let's make the commitment to do our part in helping St. Andrews be a prosperous growing church in 2019.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge commitment for 2019 by remembering the acronym EAGLES. Everlasting Almighty GOD Loves Enthusiastic Stewards

Please remember at this time to prayerfully consider your commitments for 2019. God is looking for people who're willing to stand up for his name in today's secular world.

May GOD continue to bless St. Andrews and its members in 2019 as we continue to become more Joyous Stewards. Give God all the Glory

Cliff Wood Chairperson of the Stewardship Team

Christians Helping Lions?! That's a Switch!

Unlike the days of the Roman Empire, when Christians were regularly thrown to the lions as a form of entertainment, we, the Christians at St. Andrew's, will be helping the local "Lions" of the Brookside Lions Club with their annual Christmas Tree Sale. In return for our help staffing the lot, St. Andrew's will receive half of the profits from the sale. Last year, half the proceeds amounted to around \$2,000. Our church will not have to put any money up front to buy the trees or set up the area where the trees are sold on Chestnut Hill Rd.

What do we have to do? It all starts with a Fence Party on Saturday, November 17 to set up the fence surrounding the Christmas tree lot. That starts at 8 am until the job is finished. All are invited to help. Then on Saturday, November 24, the trees will be delivered. Again, all are invited to help unload and set up the trees from 8 am until the task is completed.

Starting Sunday, November 25, St. Andrew's will man the Christmas tree lot every other day. Weekdays the shift will be from 4 pm to 9 pm. On Saturdays, we will be there from either 9 am to 3 pm or from 3 pm to 9 pm. On Sundays, St. Andrew's will always have the 3 pm to 9 pm shift so we can go to church Sunday morning. When St. Andrew's isn't selling trees, the Lions Club will be selling trees and vice versa. At least 2 adults will need to work each shift. At least one member of the youth group will also be there to help load trees.

Look for a sign-up sheet. It will be a large calendar with space to sign up for each day St. Andrew's is scheduled to sell Christmas trees from November 25 until the trees are gone, no later than December 23.

For as long as I can remember, the Lions Club has sold trees in the same location in Brookside. They can no longer do this by themselves. Without our help, it won't happen. So, get together with friends and / or family members and sign up to make folks' Christmas a little merrier by selling them a beautiful, fresh Christmas tree from the Brookside Lions, and in the process make some extra income for St. Andrew's. If you have any questions, please see Dave DiMartine or Darrell DiStefano.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 10/14/18

- September income (5 Sundays) \$11,006.48
- September expenses \$6,652.36. There was one large expenditure. The third quarterly payment for per capita, \$804.75, was paid. All other expenses were the usual amounts. We did not have pastor's salary and benefits to pay. We will have to pay \$594.91per month to Board of Pensions for a vacant pulpit. BOP has billed us \$1,784.73 for August, September and October. It will be paid in October. Then we will pay \$594.91 per month until a new pastor is installed.
- September surplus \$4,354.12
- Deficit for the year \$6,338.17 (\$8,450.89 annualized)
- Reserves at the end of September \$64,627.39, an increase of \$4,598.29 for the month. At the end of December, 2017, our reserves were \$64,652.31. For the year, our reserves are down \$24.92.
- The net proceeds from the 7th Annual St. Andrew's Open Golf Outing and Silent Auction were \$3,206.37. Love, INC and Newark Empowerment Center will each receive half of the proceeds.
- God willing, we can expect monthly surpluses until a new pastor is called. Once a new pastor is called, we will have to re-evaluate our situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell DiStefano



What if you woke UP TODAY with only the thinger that you thanked God for yesterday?		HAPP niverse		1 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	2	3 TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR Daylight Savings time ends
4 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Blended Service W/ communion Rev. Nona Holy 10 AM Youth Sunday Food Collection Sunday Deacon Meeting 11 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 4 PM Sunday Night Activities 5:30 PM	5	6 Election Day	7 KCOS 7:30PM	8 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	9	10
11 Blended Service 10 AM Candidate Deb Trevino Congregational Meeting Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Activities 5:30 PM VETERANS DAY	12	13 Esther Circle Meeting 7 PM	14 KCOS 7:30PM	15 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	16	17
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The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. $$\mathsf{PSALM}$$ 147:11

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

1 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:00/7:00 p.m.
4 Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
	International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church	
	Blended Service w/ Communion (Rev. Nona Holy)	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Deacon Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT	5:30 p.m.
6 Tuesday	Election Day	-
7 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
8 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
11 Sunday	Veteran's Day	-
·	Blended Service (Candidate Deb Trevino)	10:00 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
	And Adult Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
13 Tuesday	Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.
14 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
15 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
18 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 THANKSGIVING MEAL	6:00 p.m.
19 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	_
20 Tuesday	Community Thanksgiving Service	7:00 p.m.
21 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
22 Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving	
25 Sunday	Blended Service (Candidate Deb Trevino)	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
28 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
29 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.

Preaching Schedule

11/4 Rev. Nona Holy

- 11/11 Candidate Deb Trevino
- 11/18 Candidate Deb Trevino
- 11/20 Rev. Asher Tunik
- 11/25 Candidate Deb Trevino

- 12/2 Rev.Jim Herrington
 12/9 Candidate Deb Trevino (Cantata)
 12/16 Candidate Deb Trevino
 12/23 Candidate Deb Trevino
 12/24 7PM Candidate Deb Trevino
- 12/24 11PM Rev. Jim Herrington
- 12/30 Candidate Deb Trevino

St. Andrew's Presbyterían Church 30th Annual Cookíe Walk Fríday December 7, 2018 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

Homemade cookies! \$6 and \$15 Vegetable Beef and Chicken Corn Soup \$8/Quart or \$15/2-Quart (2-quart containers available for pre-order only) Lunch – soup, sandwich, chips & drink \$10 Preorders/takeout available Contact 302-738-4331

St. Andrew's Presbyterían Church 200 Marrows Road Newark, DE 19713 Presbyterian Women in New Castle Presbytery

Fall Gathering

Saturday, November 3, 2018



Registration begins at 9am ~ Gathering begins at 9:30am

Light lunch provided



Telling the Story Workshops

Why I Love Jesus presented by Nancy Carol Willis, New Covenant ChurchStories of Justice and Peace in Children's Stories presented by Nancy Long, Hanover Pres.



Join us at New Covenant Church 1125 Jamison Corner Road, Middletown, DE 19709 302.378.4446