



# THE LIGHTHOUSE

April 2017

CELEBRATE Easter at St. Andrew's



## Holy Week and Easter

***Palm Sunday*** - April 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am - Worship Service. "Thy Kingdom Come"

***Maundy Thursday*** - April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Service at Goleta Presbyterian Church at 7pm

***Easter Egg Hunt*** - Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm on church lawn

***Easter Worship Service*** - Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am  
"Mourning to Morning", reception following



### *Meditation for April*

*Dear Lord, someone once asked the question, 'Are we human beings or are we human doings?' There is this drive to "do" when the drive should be to "be" Your follower. I am thankful that I am Your follower - help me to be that in my quiet times with You as I worship You and fellowship with others. Lord, quiet my spirit when I stray off into the realism of even describing myself in terms of what I do. Help me to focus on the "I am" - I am Your child.*

*By Dolpus Weary*

*From: New Mercies - A Daily Guideposts Prayer Companion*

## SESSION NEWS

At its March meeting, Session:

- Welcomed the new member class and confirmands and interviewed them as to their faith and church background. New members joining the church on Easter Sunday, April 16 will be Conner Acuna, Anna Kirk, Ben Webber, Sunny Kennedy, Charlie Henry, Nancy Henry and Charlotte Smith.
- Heard a report from the Deacons. Monthly meetings are now at 11:00AM on the Sunday after Session meets.
- Heard a report from the Pastor about recent meetings with other area ministers and plans for the Maundy Thursday Worship Service on April 13, 7:00PM at Goleta Presbyterian Church.,
- Heard a report from the SAIL Team about recent participation in a seminar at the United Methodist Church on providing assistance to refugees and immigrants.
- Heard a report from the CBT team about roof repairs needed and bids expected. The team is researching a proposed walking path along Auhay.
- Reviewed the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved donations to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering to be taken at the PW Brunch on Sunday, April 23.
- Heard a report about the *Glory to God* Hymnals which have been received and discussed plans for introduction of the hymnals in worship, including by projection on the screens.
- Heard a report and reviewed survey results from the More Light Church Task Force.
- Discussed feedback to the Presbytery Vision Team.
- Heard a report from the March 21<sup>st</sup> Presbytery meeting.
- The Clerk reported the following communications: 1) Letter dated February 28, 2017, from Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church acknowledging appreciation for \$2,000 donation for Living Word project; 2) Letter dated February 13, 2017 from the Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs requesting baptism record, and Clerk's response letter dated February 28, 2017; 3) Presbytery Vision Team letter to Sessions, dated March 10, 2017.

Sandy Thoits, Clerk of Session

### **Our Mission Statement**

We worship Jesus Christ together consistent with Reformed/Presbyterian tradition, while:

- ❖ Learning God's Word and spreading the Gospel
- ❖ Supporting each member of our Church family
- ❖ Caring for others through mission and service throughout our community and the world
- ❖ Openly affirming all forms of diversity in leadership, worship and ministry

### **Our Vision Statement**

As God calls us and equips us by the Holy Spirit, we strive to:

- ❖ Be a loving, connected family-in-faith of all ages
- ❖ Affirm Christ's teaching as the source of spiritual nourishment
- ❖ Grow in discipleship, leadership and service
- ❖ Share the joy of God's love with all



Continuing Adult Ed Series:

*“Religious Pluralism: Seeing Religions Again”*

We live in a time of religious diversity in which our understanding of our faith in relation to that of our neighbors’ faith is important for peace on our planet. On Sunday, April 30, the Adult Education Committee will present the video of a lecture by Dr. Marcus Borg entitled “Religious Pluralism: Seeing Religions Again.” Dr. Borg’s lecture is in four parts: the fact of religious pluralism; a way of “seeing religions;” similarities and differences amongst the religions; and being Christian in an age of pluralism. Please join us.

**2017 Presbytery Meetings**

- Saturday, May 20 – Ojai Presbyterian
- Saturday, September 23
- Tuesday, November 14



**2017 PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE.**

Pick up your envelopes on Sunday after worship.

Please stop using the 2016 envelopes.

## TRANSITION HOUSE



Help serve to those in need and experience the joy of serving grateful residents with St. Andrew's friends. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month, starting April 21<sup>st</sup>. Instructions, menu and recipes provided. Contact Linda Sorensen to sign up.

### BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED IN APRIL

- 05 – Elaine Grimmesey
- 06 – James Kirk
- 08 – Maria Barrows
- 12 – Donald Clotworthy
- 12 – Linda Sorensen
- 13 – Michael Malengo
- 14 – Berna Sutter
- 17 – Chris Hoeckley
- 18 – Marie Henderson
- 18 – Renee McPherson
- 22 – Lindsay Woodard
- 25 – Stan Jeffries
- 28 – Grace Gibbs
- 29 – Coralie Mann



### All Congregational Brunch – Save the Date!

A wonderful brunch hosted by the Presbyterian Women will take place on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, after service in Morgan Hall. A PW Birthday Offering will be taken. All are welcome.



### NOTE FROM EDITOR 😊

**Beginning in May, we will publicize our Newsletter bimonthly so keep your eyes open for our next issue, which will be a May/June newsletter.**

**Submissions of articles and events for May and June are due to the church office by April 24<sup>th</sup>.**



### NOVEL BOOK GROUP

The Novel Book Group is reading "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haruf for our meeting on April 8th. We meet in the VOS Room at 10:00 a.m. Cree Mann will be leading the discussion. All are welcome to attend and new members invited! 😊





## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool is again clean, organized and child-centered after a successful Family Festival! We are pleased to say because of the hard work of our families and the donations from the Kiwanis and the community, that we were able to raise around \$8300. God continues to provide for us and we feel all the more blessed. ☺

We are happy to have our fundraising event behind us so we can really focus on the children. We have 2 ½ months to continue our desire for providing curriculum to enrich and challenge them.

Thank you for the warm welcome during the service of March 19<sup>th</sup>! I hope we can regularly share with you our mission at the preschool and have a partnership in the well-being of both the church and the preschool.

Happy spring to all of you! May the Lord continue to teach all of us through the eyes of a child. The child sees the resurrection through the beauty of the rebirth of a flower, the cycle of a butterfly, the wonder of new and everlasting life in God's creation...

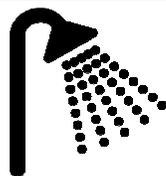
Cindy Oliver, Director



## Café Picasso Highlights

The Mission Team helps fight FOOD INSECURITIES in Isla Vista!

Café Picasso provides UCSB students with a home-cooked meal, open food pantry, and a safe space. On Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, St. Andrew's volunteers cooked and served a delicious, healthy brunch to 8 hungry students at St. Michael's University Church, located at 6586 Picasso Rd. in Isla Vista.



### SAIL (Serve All In Love) Team News!

The SAIL Team supports *Showers of Blessing*, the mobile shower facility that offers showers every Thursday afternoon to the homeless in Santa Barbara. Recently, we learned that the Isla Vista and Goleta showering location was having difficulty with the cost of laundering their towels. The SAIL Team sent a check for \$3,600 to cover the laundry cost. This enables them to continue serving the homeless.

"Wow! We are deeply grateful!" said Ken Ralph, Director of Showers of Blessing.

## PYF HIGHLIGHTS



Hi All!

March was a wonderful month for PYF! We started off our month by joining the confirmands in our group in learning about the history of the Presbyterian Church with Julie Sommers, and had a wonderful group join us for breakfast for dinner in our PJ's! Thank you to the Voigt's for the delicious food.

This month we also got to spend one of our weekly PYF's with Dr. B! He gave a beautiful testimony and many of us who didn't know much about him learned a lot about how he became a pastor and how he ended up with us! Afterwards, we all played some games and had a wonderful dinner prepared by Julie. We have all gone our separate ways for Spring Break, but the Youth Ministries Team has been spending time preparing an exciting spring retreat, and we are extremely excited to return with lots of fun planned!

Our Spring Retreat is Friday, April 21st - Sunday, April 23rd at Cachuma Lake! If you or your PYFer is interested please reach out to me or Michelle Hertig to reserve a spot as soon as possible!

Blessings,

Renée



**The PYF SignUpGenius is now active. Parents and youth** – This is the link to go to sign up, bring dinner, chaperone, or lead a group activity: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49abad2aa46-pyfwinterspring>

### APRIL SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** No PYF (spring break)

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** No PYF (Easter)

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** Road Rally

**Sunday April 21-23** Retreat – Cachuma Yurts



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