



# THE LIGHTHOUSE

**JAN/FEB 2020**

*From the desk of Rev. Steve Jacobsen*

Dear St. Andrew's Community:

January 15 will mark one year of my work as Interim Pastor. As I look back on 2019, I am grateful for many things:



- The warm and open spirit in our worship services and interactions.
- The completion of the Mission Study.
- The stimulating adult education offerings.
- The election of an excellent Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Ending the year in "the black" financially.
- The session being able to adopt a balanced budget for 2020.
- The \$50,000 investment St. Andrew's made in the ongoing partnership with Neighborhood Clinics.
- The many local activities in town St. Andrew's participated in that were opportunities to witness to Christ's kingdom.
- The picnic at Tucker's Grove on November 3 where more than 100 people from our congregation and the local Islamic and Jewish congregations got to know each other.
- The dedication of the memorial garden.
- The "Homecoming" service on December 22 where many young people who had been nurtured by St. Andrew's returned to update everyone on their life.

As we move into 2020, I anticipate a number of important events:

- The likely selection of the next installed pastor.
- The conference with widely admired New Testament scholar Jon Dominick Crossan in February (in which we are partnering with UCSB).
- Continued engagement with God's Word and Spirit in worship.
- The annual Mission Conference in January at First Presbyterian featuring Father Gregory Boyle.
- Being with you in worship and community life as we discern where God is calling this congregation to go.

It has been a gift for me to serve you. After 11 years in the nonprofit sector, I've enjoyed being able to lead worship and be a pastor again. I look forward to what the new year will bring.

Steve

## SESSION NEWS

News from Session Meetings on November 19 and December 17:

### November 19

- Heard a report from Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen about his ministry tasks over the last month and participation in community and Presbytery activities.
- Received and accepted the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2019.
- Received updates regarding the Fall Stewardship program and the 2020 budget preparation process.
- Heard from guest Rev. Kate Wiebe, Pastor-at-Large in the Presbytery and our liaison to the Committee on Ministry, who explained her role in our pastor nominating process.
- Approved a slate of candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) presented by the subcommittee on the pastor nominating process.
- Called for a congregational meeting on December 8 for the purpose of the congregation to: 1) approve the size and format of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) recommended by Session; 2) elect the persons contacted by Session to the PNC.
- Approved a SAIL Team request to change a St. Andrew's donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund from a restricted account to an unrestricted "area of greatest need" account.
- Learned about plans to update St. Andrew's website.
- Heard a report about the November 12 Presbytery meeting in Newbury Park.
- Received a reminder that Annual Reports are due January 14 for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 26.

### December 17

- Heard a report from Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen about his ministry tasks over the last month and participation in community and Presbytery activities.
- Received and accepted the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2019.
- Learned that pledges are up compared to last year at the conclusion of the Fall Stewardship campaign.
- Approved the 2020 budget as presented by the Finance Committee chair.
- Heard a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) co-chair about PNC activities to date.
- Selected Dana Monk and Ann Padden-Rubin as Ruling Elder Commissioners for the February 8 Presbytery meeting in Grover Beach.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Arnold, Clerk of Session

## 2020 Presbytery Meetings:

Saturday, February 8, 9:30AM, Grover Beach  
Saturday, May 16, 9:30AM, Oxnard  
Saturday, September 19, 9:30AM (TBA)  
Tuesday, November 10, 2:00pm (TBA)



### Our Mission Statement

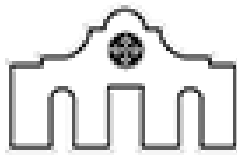
We worship Jesus Christ together consistent with Reformed/Presbyterian tradition, while:

- ❖ 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



SANTA BARBARA  
MISSION CONFERENCE

**"Radical Kinship"**

**The 18th Annual**

**Santa Barbara Mission Conference**

**is set for January 31 - February 1, 2020**

Registration for the 2020 Santa Barbara Mission Conference is now open. Register by going online at [www.sbmissionconference.org](http://www.sbmissionconference.org). Look forward to keynote speakers Fr. Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries and Kara Powell of Fuller Youth Institute. Also speaking at breakout sessions will be: Rev. Chris Pritchett, Matt Elam, Steve Argue, Jude Tiersma Watson, Teresa Goines and Jason Tarman. The conference takes place Friday evening, January 31, and all day Saturday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE BY  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

## PW CHRISTMAS TEA HIGHLIGHTS



On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Presbyterian Women gathered to enjoy a holiday tea and sing Christmas carols. A big thank you to Dana Monk and Ann Padden-Rubin and everyone else who helped make this fun annual tradition a success!





### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 – Hank Wunsch
- 02 – Edie Wells
- 03 – Ann Thompson
- 07 – Lee Thompson
- 09 – Freddie Villa
- 11 – Lydia Swanson
- 19 – Doris Caswell
- 21- Patrick Knauss
- 22 – Carole Shapiro
- 26 – Betty Brooks
- 27 – Gloria Wise
- 30 – Greg Siadal



### NOVEL BOOK GROUP FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

On Saturday, January 11, we will discuss The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey in the Vos room.

On Saturday, February 8, we will discuss The Beekeeper of Allepo by Christy Lefteri. All are welcome!

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 – Chase Grier
- 03 – Diane Weisenburger
- 07 – Anne Wunsch
- 07 – Susan Zink
- 10 – Amy Lefley
- 11 – Nancy Boger
- 14 – Bob Miesbauer
- 17 – Nancy Russo
- 21 – Fritz Leutheuser
- 21 – Nevin Chamberlain
- 21 – Zac Hertig



- 26 – Ed Thoits
- 27 – Don Vickers
- 29 – Joan Bohn
- 31 – Joan Oakley

### DEADLINE FOR 2020 MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles and photos by Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, as the Newsletter is going out on March 2<sup>nd</sup>

## ADULT ED NEWS

# John Dominic Crossan

## February 21-22, 2020



## The Meaning & Challenge of Resurrection

Renowned New Testament scholar and historian of early Christianity, John Dominic Crossan, will be speaking at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on February 21 & 22, 2020. His academic focus, both scholarly and popular, in books, videos, or lectures, is on the historical Jesus as the norm and criterion for the entire Christian Bible. His reconstructed Jesus incarnates nonviolent resistance to the Romanization of his Jewish homeland and Herod's commercialization of the Sea of Galilee as a present model and future hope for a transformed world and transfigured earth. The program includes four lectures.

*Friday 7-8:30 PM:*

### **Jesus Life as Challenge to Galilean Romanization**

*Saturday 9-10:30 AM:*

### **Jesus' Execution for Nonviolent Revolution against Imperial Violence**

*Saturday 11-12:30 PM:*

### **Jesus Individual Resurrection in Western Christianity**

*Saturday 1:30-3 PM:*

### **Jesus Universal Resurrection in Eastern Christianity**

*Registration information available soon*

## Meditation for JANUARY/FEBRUARY

"The clutter in my house proves that I have trouble letting go of things, Lord, and I know that is not good. But what about all the good things you have put into my life? Is it wrong for me to want to hold onto them? Perhaps in trying to make you seem more real, I've allowed your gifts to become more important to me than you are. Maybe what I do for you has become more important to me than what you want to do for me, I want to feel your presence, Lord, but maybe I've been trying too hard to create it with the work I do. I want to experience your love, but maybe I've been trying too hard to earn it from others. I'm sorry, but I'm also sad. I believe that you reign in heaven but I long for the day when you also will reign in my life and on all the earth."

### VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH AUDIO & VISUALS

We are in need of volunteers to run the audio and visuals at the 9:30am Sunday service at St. Andrew's. Training will be provided. If you can help (for audio), please contact Dave Sommers at [sommers@silcom.com](mailto:sommers@silcom.com) or 805-708-7108 or Michael Padden-Rubin at [michaelpadden@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelpadden@hotmail.com) or 805-682-7891, or (for visuals):  
Sandy Thoits at [sthoits@gmail.com](mailto:sthoits@gmail.com)

Thank you!

## Deacon's Flock List 2019-2020

**Dayle Rinker** – David & Joan Bohn, Louise Carey, Jon Davis, Fritz & Janice Leutheuser, Suzanne Malloy, Erin McKibben, Bob McWilliams, Eldora Warkentin, Tom & Diane Weisenburger, Caroline Willsie, Bill & Lindsay Woodard

**Shirley Guenthart** – Bernice Brewer, Michelle Hertig, Diana Lee, Stephen Lee, Vern Lewis, John Rubin, Carol Stewart, Lydia Swanson, Edie & Roger Wells, Brian & Gloria Wise, Bill & Mona Wise

**Carol Lefley** – Pam Cary, Nina & Nevin Chamberlain, Shirley Guenthart, Dave & Rita Hardin, Charlie & Nancy Henry, Bruce & Louise Keeler, Bob & Marie Sue Parsons, Dave & Nancy Russo, Marilyn Scott, Barbara & Porter Spencer, Jeff & Karen Wootton

**Pam Polan** – Carolyn Benson, John & Ariel Bowers, Erma Case, Chris Davis, Enid Englund, Barbara Gaughen-Muller, Barbara & Willy Hughes, Ebenezer Larley, Lindy Moore, Jeff & Dottie Nelson, Greg & Margaret Siadal, Charlotte Smith, Sig Wathne

**Barbara Eschbach** – Elvia Addison, Bob Allbright, Nancy Boger, Tom & Barbara Brashears, James & Karen Carroll, Lisa DeBoer, Janet Ewart, Nettie Graham, Chris & Cheri Larson-Hoeckley, Nancy McKenzie, Shirley Ross, Dave & Julie Sommers, Frank & Parm Williams

**Carol Moore** – Hector & Stephanie Acuna, James & Karen Carroll, Helen & Merlyn Cummings, Joan Cyr, Elaine Grimmesey, Suzanne Grimmesey, Sunny Kennedy, Robin Knauss, Jackie Parker, Bob & Carole Shapiro, Mike & Kendall Shinn

**Edie Wells** – Susan Arnold, Betty Brooks, Jim & Mary Gilmour, Wendy Gonzalez, Linda Gunther, Christine & Michael Malengo, William & Sandra McGreevy, Junghee McKenney, Jean McNeil, Dana Monk, Bob & Dayle Rinker, Lee & Ann Thompson

**Carole Shapiro** – John & Nancy Doner, Scott & Barbara Eschbach, Martha Hitchens, Stan & Marion Jeffries, Bud & Peggy Sue Lemkuil, Linda Sizer, Linda Sorensen, Ed & Sandy Thoits, Rachel Tobler, Bev Walters, Scott & Diane Webber

**Twyla Grier** – Ellen Clark, Arlene Douglas, Barbara Hoffman, Andrew & Carol Lefley, Carol Moore, Judith Muller, Berna Sutter, Tana Thomas, Emma Voigt, Willy & Stacey Voigt, Paul & Susan Zink

**Bob Parsons** – Harriette Azlein, Kirk & Twyla Grier, Beau & Marie Henderson, Bob Miesbauer, Karen Noffz, Bill & Joan Oakley, Michael & Ann Padden-Rubin, Pam Polan, Don & Sara Vickers, Hank & Ann Wunsch



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