

St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Love, Grow & Share With Us

The

Lighthouse

February 2014

From Dr. B:

Friends and family in Christ,

I mentioned at the close of our recent Congregational Meeting how laying a foundation for future ministry has been important over the last few years at St. Andrew's. With the expansion of our Team Ministry, the probability of the sale of 1.1 acres of unused land, increased communication between staff, volunteers, and committee leadership, and greater mission involvement in our local community, we have laid the groundwork for effective and sustained ministry as a church. It is a joy to help shepherd such a motivated band of disciples!



Yes, we have challenges ahead. Our membership diversity, in age and outlook, should be expanded. Our financial stability must be bettered. Our trust in – and for – one another must be increased. But I believe that, in Christ, we have all we need to succeed in these endeavors. We have all we need to serve God and neighbor.

Let's move forward in this adventure together. Aimee Semple McPherson once said, "A leader is someone who recognizes a need – and meets it." As you and I are led by God, let's be a church that takes the lead in meeting needs. We can't go wrong when we're serving those around us with enthusiasm and humility.

Here's to a faith-filled and hope-filled 2014,

Dr. B



2014 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, February 8, 2014- Goleta
Saturday, March 8, 2014
Tuesday, April 8, 2014



SESSION NEWS

At its January meeting, your Session:

- Joined together in a time of dinner fellowship and sharing on Jesus' teachings on serving God and money, reflecting for the budget discussion at the meeting.
- Approved funding for repair and replacement of the outgoing waste line from the kitchen sink, installation of garbage disposal and faucet at a cost as bid of \$7,700, funding from a designated donation received (\$2,000), remainder (\$5,700) from the Maintenance Reserve Fund.
- Reviewed the financial report from the Treasurer on the 2013 year end financial position, with year end deficit of \$584.
- Heard about the receipt in January of a \$20,000 bequest and a \$5,000 unexpected general donation.
- Reviewed, discussed and approved the 2014 Budget, to be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 26, 2014.
- Approved changing the date of the special meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of a vote on the sale of a portion of real property from February 23, 2014 to **March 30, 2014 at 10:30AM**. An Informational Meeting will be held on the February 23 date, at 10:30AM. All church members are encouraged to attend these important meetings.
- Heard an update from the Worship & Music Team about the status of the process for hiring for the Music Accompanist position. No decision on hiring will be made until January, at the earliest.
- Accepted the resignation of Lesley Masuda from the Board of Deacons, with appreciation for service and for continued service in the church in other areas.
- Elected all ruling elders serving on Session in 2014 and ruling elders Scott Eschbach, Berna Sutter and Mona Wise as commissioners to the Presbytery meetings in 2014.
- Approved a standing order that the Sacrament of Holy Communion be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in 2014.
- Approved closing the Remedial Case Fund as of December 31, 2013, the balance of \$858.69 in Account 6440 charged against Account 4205 (Session Reserve Fund).
- Approved the Presbyterian Women's All Church Brunch on Sunday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. The cost of the brunch will be \$5 per person, and the collection for the Birthday Offering.
- Approved adding Michelle Hertig as a member of the Youth Ministries Team.
- Approved the installation of a 32 inch flat screen television by Llamada Final on the wall in the Window Room of Morgan Hall (south facing wall, right of the large window), the TV provided by Llamada Final and available for use by St. Andrew's.
- News from the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** on January 26, 2014:
 - Annual Reports were received,
 - A Financial Report for year end 2013 was presented,
 - The 2014 approved Budget was presented,
 - The Congregation approved Dr. Becker's Terms of Call for 2014.

Sandy Thoits, Clerk of Session

FOCUS ON THE WORLD, by Harold Englund

It's Sunday, night, January 26, as I write this page. The day is nearly over, and I have just finished reading our church's annual report, all twenty-nine pages! What a revealing document! Here is what St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church really is, and here are the people who guide its yearly story. It's my church, all of it! And its also Christ's church!

It starts with Pastor Brett's report, and it ends with reports of our Presbyterian Women's groups, including my wife Enid's, group. Everything seems refreshingly familiar. It could be from any of the churches I once served as pastor.

Here are the labors of our elders and deacons, planning worship services, forming policies, caring for the needs of our members, reaching out in mission to others, implementing the decisions of our Presbytery, keeping alive our love of Presbyterian tradition. And here are the names of many of our members, caring for our premises, paying our bills, planning our future, trying out new ways to express Jesus' intentions for his church.

Being a Christian is not just something you say. It's also something you do, and keep on doing, year in, year out. It's worship on Sundays. And it's also serving on committees, on task forces, on discussing with others new ways to obey Christ's expectations for his community of "friends."

Good church members also make good citizens! And good parents! And good members of trades and professions! Having read our St. Andrew's story for 2013, I will continue to pray for our church, especially for our pastor and his family, in our bed-time prayers at the close of each day in 2014.

Now, in retirement, I look back on the churches I served, with Enid's help, and I am grateful for the chance to "shepherd" these congregations, and to learn from them, the fascinating "game of life" in the years given to me. And I am grateful for colleagues who served with me, lay people and pastors, and for the exciting memories we share. Today's annual report made it all come to life all over again. Thank you, St. Andrew's!

THE NOVEL BOOK GROUP



The Novel Book Group will meet in the Vos Room on February 8, 2014 at 10:00a.m. We are reading "Defending Jacob," by William Landay. We would love to have new readers join us for a lively discussion

WINDJAMMERS

February meeting
Host: Pam Polan
Saturday, February 15,
5:30p.m. Empress Palace



ANTIQU PUMP ORGAN FOR SALE

This antique organ is from the estate of Muriel Krebs. It was Muriel's request that the proceeds from the sale of this organ be her donation to St. Andrew's. (Needs restoration)



Please contact Elaine Grimmeseey @ 685-1940, or grimmeseey-e@sa.ucsb.edu for more information on the organ.

You may view the organ in the window room of Morgan Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING BRUNCH

Come one, come all! The congregation and friends of St. Andrew's are invited to attend an all-church brunch sponsored by Presbyterian Women. On Sunday, March 16, following morning worship service, a delicious, homemade brunch will be served in Morgan Hall. The event will also include a short presentation about the recipient of this year's Birthday Offering - Blue Corn Mothers Alliance, Albuquerque, New Mexico. While enjoying the morning feast, attendees will learn more about how this worthy organization is improving the lives of Native American women and children. All are welcome. Breakfast is \$5 each person. Please sign up with Bev Ford during coffee hour on Sundays.

Meditation for February

Give us a pure heart that we may see thee,
A humble heart that we may hear thee,
A heart of love that we may serve thee,
A heart of faith that we may love thee.

Dag Hammarskjold

ADULT ED CLASSES IN FEBRUARY "Five Wishes"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 & 16. Local therapist, Sarah Meinzer, will be leading Adult Education classes on The Five Wishes, one type of Advanced Health Care Directive. The first class will be an introduction to and explanation of the document and the second class will be an opportunity for help to fill it out, hopefully get it notarized and scanned to the hospital. This is a very valuable and vital service to our church congregation. Think of the peace of mind for you and your family when all these hard decisions will have been made and legalized! See you in class!



ST. ANDREW'S PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are in full swing preparing for our annual fundraiser. Our Family Festival will be held on Saturday, March 1st, from 11a.m. – 2p.m. We will have a carnival, BBQ by the Kiwanis, and silent auction at the event. We will have live music again this year. Fun has been had by all in the years past, and we invite you to join us.



Tickets are available at the door for the Festival, or you can call the school @ 964-6114.

Fondly, Cindy

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

For 2014 is **\$9.62 per member** to support the effort of the PC(USA) Synod of Southern California and the General Assembly (in Detroit June 14-21). Payment of the Per Capita by church members helps St. Andrew's keep the Operating Budget down. You may use your initial yellow "Prayer and Dedication" pledge envelope for per capita. Please make your check out to St. Andrew's and mark it "per capita." Checks and envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

THE 2014 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Are available following worship on Sunday morning.

If you did not receive pledge envelopes but would like to use them for 2014, please call Linda Wisner, or the church office.

Children's envelopes are also available.

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED IN FEBRUARY

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| 01 - Chase Grier, | 26 - Ed Thoits, |
| Diana Weisenburger, | Don Vickers |
| Anne Wunsch, | 27 - Joan Bohn |
| Susan Zink | 28 - Joan Oakley, |
| 02 - Amy Lefley | Daniel Zaida |
| 03 - Bob Meisbauer | |
| 05 - William McGreevy | |
| 07 - Nancy Russo. | |
| Brian Wintz | |
| 13 - Fritz Leutheuser | |
| 16 - Nevin Chamberlain, | |
| Evan Shinn | |
| 17 - Paul Leutheuser | |
| 18 - Zachary Hertig | |
| 20 - Cora Specht | |
| 23 - Sean Carroll, | |
| Mark Carroll | |



*Church Work Day Saturday,
February 15, 9a-12n*





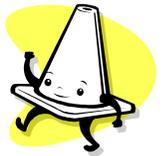
SAVE THE DATES

A LENTEN WEEKEND OF CARING

March 14 – 16

- Reaching out to serve the needs of our community and beyond
- Opportunities offered for all ages – adults, seniors, youth, families

PET NEWS



The Oak Creek Company has been busy in December and January engaging (at their expense) and working with consultants investigating and preparing reports for input from the County of Santa Barbara on the subdivision submission. A survey was done to map the property lines and the topography/elevations in order to do the land division map. This included an aerial fly-over with sophisticated equipment. There is a white “X” placed and visible on the ground in the far southeast corner of the property, which is a baseline marker/point of reference required for the aerial surveys. The final survey was then submitted to the civil engineers. A soils report is required as part of the submittal to the County. A soils engineering firm was retained by Oak Creek, work was done, and the report has now been completed. The Civil Engineers are in the process of site engineering and lot split design, which will be incorporated into a tentative parcel map to use for County input.

In January, we received confirmation from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) of approval of a partial release from the church mortgage and deed of trust for the portion of the land which is included in the sale. This completes a contingency in the purchase agreement with Oak Creek.

Due to some delays with the consultants’ process over the holidays, Session has postponed the Congregational Meeting for the vote on the property sale to **Sunday, March 30th at 10:30AM**. A third Congregational Informational Meeting will take place on February 23rd, at 10:30AM (the date previously scheduled for the vote meeting). Jeff and Jason Nelson from Oak Creek will attend both of these meetings to provide information and answer questions.

PYF

It's the start of a new year, and a new PYF season along with it. What a schedule it has been so far! PYF has kept very busy, starting out the month with the kick-off and parent meeting. It was a night full of games and fellowship, highlight of the night was the game of Mafia played in the youth room. Next week PYF went out for a night of bowling at Zodos! Highlights included, playing two-lane rapid bowling and the arcade. The following week PYF hosted a card game night for the youth, various games were played for poker chips, and everyone got a prize in the end for their chips in an auction. Highlights included, Egyptian Rat Slap and Black Jack. Finally on the last week in January, everyone in PYF celebrated their birthday, with PYF's Birthday-Day, a birthday themed event at church. Highlights included a piñata and white elephant gifts. January was fun but now we are looking ahead to February:

February

- **Sunday, February 2 – 9:30AM – 8:00PM Souper Bowl Sunday.** Souper Bowl of Caring collection during worship for Foodbank of Santa Barbara. After worship – **Outing to Magic Mountain.**
- **Sunday, February 9 – 6:00-8:00PM** – PYF at church. Prayer Partners Dinner. *Cookies and Caring.*
- **Sunday, February 16 (Presidents Weekend)** No PYF.
- **Sunday, February 23, 6:00 – 8:00PM** – PYF at church



....And Don't forget about our Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast Coming up March 2nd. Details to come!



St. Andrew's Winter-Spring 2014 Calendar

Sunday, February 2 – PYF Souper Bowl of Caring collection during worship; PYF Magic Mountain outing

Sunday, February 9 – 11:00AM – Adult Ed. – Sarah Meinzer *Five Wishes*;

6:00 – 8:00PM, PYF Prayer Partners Dinner, *Cookies and Caring*

Sunday, February 16 – 11:00AM – Adult Ed. – Sarah Meinzer *Five Wishes*

Sunday, February 23 – 10:30AM – Congregational Informational Meeting on property sale

Saturday, March 1 – Preschool Carnival

Sunday March 2 – 10:30AM PYF Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, March 5 – 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service (at Goleta Pres.)

Sunday, March 9 – Adult Ed. Lenten Study groups begin (Sundays and other days through Palm Sunday)

Friday, March 14 – Sunday March 16 – *A Lenten Weekend of Caring*

Sunday, March 16 – 11:00AM Presbyterian Women All Church Brunch (Birthday offering)

March 24-28 – School Spring Break

Sunday, March 30 – 10:30AM – Congregational Meeting for vote on property sale

Friday, April 4 – Sunday, April 6, PYF Spring Retreat at Camp Ocean Pines

Sunday, April 6 – 9:30AM – Children's Ministry Lenten centers in Morgan Hall

Saturday, April 12 – 9:00AM – 2:00PM, New Member Class. New members join on Easter

Saturday, April 12 – Adult Ed. – 4:00PM, Rachel Tobler, Showing of *Babette's Feast* (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday; 11:00AM – Adult Ed., Rachel Tobler, *Babette's Feast Discussion*;

4:00PM - PYF Road Rally

Tuesday, April 15 – 6:00PM – Session Dinner and Meeting (with new members and confirmands)

Thursday, April 17 – 7:30 PM, Maundy Thursday Service at St. Andrew's

Saturday, April 19 – 1:00PM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday Worship Service, Confirmation

Sunday, April 27 – Youth leading Worship. PYF Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser begins (through May 4)

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day/Women of the Church Day. PYF Mother's Day Plant Sale (coffee hour)

Saturday, May 18 – Sunday, May 19 – 6:00PM – 8:00AM, PYF Lock-in at church

Sunday, June 1 – Graduation Sunday

Thursday, June 5 – Last Day of School

June 14 – 21 – 221st PC(USA) General Assembly, Detroit

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