

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Love, Grow & Share With Us

The

Lighthouse

October 2012

Focus on the World

By Harold Englund

As I read the stories of the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, I am reminded again and again that the people I am reading about lived in a very different century, and in a very different world than I am living in. In fact, the stories themselves seem to be closer to traditions that have grown over time than factual history. This should not be surprising, since the skills of recording and reporting facts in any "today" sense are recent accomplishments.

One thing that troubles me is the frequent presence of "enemies." God promises Abraham, a visitor from someplace else, the land then occupied by other peoples. In time, the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, preceded by the death of all the first-born of Egypt's families, and followed by the destruction of Egypt's army in the waters after the Israelites left, eventually finds all the inhabitants of the Promised Land destroyed, according to God's promise, by the Israelites, who have no weapons and no experience in warfare. God helps them destroy their "enemies." I get the feeling that I am reading stories of national beginnings, and much of the Old Testament history echoes the appeal for divine help in disposing of "enemies."

Even King David's lovely prayer we still repeat in the 23rd Psalm includes the words, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Try looking up these passages in your Bible: Exodus 12: 24-30; Joshua 11: 18-23. Enemies, always enemies!

Not until we come to the New Testament do we find a new theme introduced. Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:43-48), says, "Love your enemies.

And pray for anyone who mistreats you." The thought has come to me during our current election cycle that we have tried to replace raw hate and killing with legal processes of law and justice. The role of modern government has been introduced and has spread since the 16th and 17th centuries.

We now have trained police, and we have due legal processes, and we have a Constitution which spells out the terms under which we have all agreed to live. We even have the beginnings of international law. No, we do not always use wisely these tools to cope with violent and intolerable acts, but we have created governments to protect us from unbridled violence. Judges, juries, lawyers, and jails should make our history less bloody than many of the pages of the Old Testament. We also have trained armed forces operating under laws, and we have skilled diplomats to represent our national interests in a complex world.

I also note a big change in the location of responsibility. In biblical times, the king was the one obligated to strive for fairness and justice. Now it is all of us who are citizens of a country who are charged to learn and to participate in the rules of self-government. Yes, one can tire of charges and counter-charges, of wearying campaigns, and both political process and reporting can and should be improved. But we have a vote, and a free press, and some training in our nation's history. I am profoundly grateful that I do not live in the centuries of the Old Testament!

I thank God for the development of civil government and for the chance to try my bit to make it worth all it can become. And I pray for those who serve God and who serve all of us at all levels of government. For the next weeks, these will be my daily prayers. You too? I hope so!

SESSION NEWS



At its September meeting, your Session:

- Approved St. Andrew's team participation in the Alzheimer's Walk on November 3, 2012, with a fundraising goal of \$500.
- Heard a report from the Mission Team regarding the concept of a community garden on the St. Andrew's grounds.
- Approved adding Pam Polan as a member of the Mission Team.
- Approved a Fair-Trade Bazaar sponsored by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Women on Sunday, November 18, 11:00AM – 3:00PM.
- Heard a report, discussed and approved going forward to purchase new round tables and chairs (with carts) for use in Morgan Hall, with the new tables and chairs to be available for use for the Twelve Voices of Christmas Dinner Theater on December 21 and 22.
- Discussed business for the upcoming September 22, 2012 Presbytery meeting, including a proposal for campus housing and ministry in Berkeley, California.
- Heard a report on the status of the Remedial Case. Updated information can be found on St. Andrew's website: <http://www.standrewspcusa.org/news-a-events/remedial-case-union-presbytery.html>

Sandy Thoits, Clerk of Session

Remedial Case Update – Trial in November

Progress continues in the *St. Andrew's et al v. Presbytery of Santa Barbara* remedial case (Synod of So. Calif. and Hawaii Case No. 2012-03). The Synod Permanent Judicial Commission (SPJC) has set the trial date and notified all parties of pretrial procedures. The two-day trial will be on November 9 and 10 (Friday and Saturday), at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tarzana. Pastor Brett Becker and several St. Andrew's ruling elders will be among the group of Complainants attending the trial, some of whom may be witnesses. Thank you for your continued prayers for discernment, energy, fairness and peace for all involved throughout this important and active time in the process.

Remedial Case Fund: As reported in last month's *Lighthouse*, St. Andrew's has established a Remedial Case Fund to receive donations toward the costs of the remedial case and trial. Many of these costs (such as witness fees, copy costs, costs of trial transcript, travel and lodging for parties and witnesses) will be incurred before and during the upcoming trial. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Any balance remaining in the fund after all costs have been paid will be donated to the PC(USA) for support of PC(USA) seminaries. For further information about the Remedial Case Fund or to make a donation, contact Sandy Thoits, Clerk of Session at standrewsclerk@gmail.com.



Flowers for the Communion Table

If you would like to have flowers placed on the communion table to commemorate an event, or in honor or memory of someone, please contact Nina Chamberlain (687-8567) or the church office. The cost is \$25.00.

2012 Presbytery Meetings

Tuesday, October 30 – 1:30p.m

First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara

2013 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, February 9

Saturday, May 4

Saturday, September 28

Tuesday, November 12



CARETAKING AND STEWARDSHIP OF OUR CHURCH HOME



We are blessed at St. Andrew's to have spacious and varied spaces for meetings and ministries. Morgan Hall, the kitchen and other rooms are used by many and varied groups throughout each week. Please remember as you use our common spaces, individually or in a group, to leave the area as you found it. All furniture and/or supplies should be returned to their proper storage areas in clean condition and in a timely manner. Thank you for your serving together as stewards and caretakers of our church home.

Community of Friends

Keeping our Community Warm is our first project for the school year. The season is changing and so many families do not have enough warm clothing and warm beds. So we are attempting to help these families by collecting the following items for both children and parents in the community:

Jackets/Sweaters/Sweatshirts

Blankets/Comforters

Any contribution will be highly appreciated. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Linda Sorensen at 683-1026 anytime before the due date (or on a Sunday morning).

Due date: October 21, 2012



SAVE THE DATES

VOICES OF CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATRE
December 21 & 22

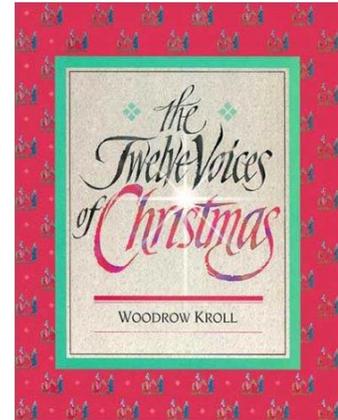
In Morgan Hall

6:00PM – Dinner

7:00PM – Performance

For All Ages

Featuring the Voices of Gabriel, Elizabeth, Zacharias,
Mary, Simeon, Anna and more.



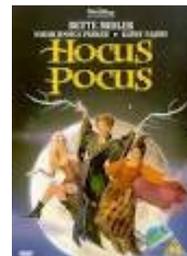
OCTOBER MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

POTLUCK DINNER – 6P.M.

IN MORGAN HALL

MOVIE 7P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY



MOVIE IS FREE

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE POTLUCK
DISH, PLACE SETTINGS PROVIDED**

**SIGN UP DURING COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP TIME ON SUNDAY OR
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
TEAM**

Volunteers are needed for Nursery/Toddler care during the Sunday worship service. This would be on a rotating basis – as care is not needed every Sunday.

Please contact Elaine Grimmesey or Julie Sommers if you can help.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TO HOST FAIR-TRADE BAZAAR

Sunday, November 18, 11a-3p

On Sunday November 18, Presbyterian Women will host a Fair-Trade Bazaar in Morgan Hall from 11a.m. to 3p.m. Goods will be provided by various fair-trade vendors on a consignment basis. All profits will be returned to the vendors, who, in turn, give them to the crafts people. Vendors include SERRV, Mayan Hands, Upavim, Rahab's Rope, Rwanda Partners, and Pal Craft Aid. Items will range from \$5 - \$40, with a few items over \$40. Goods will include artisan-made jewelry, textiles, wooden artifacts, hand-woven baskets, chocolate, coffee, and olive oil.



BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED IN OCTOBER

- 04 - Dayle Rinker
- 05 - Mona Wise
- 06 - Tracy Wilson,
Linda Wisner
- 07 - Marion Jeffries
- 09 - David Bohn,
Bud Lemkuil
- 11 - Peggy Sue Lemkuil
- 20 - Kevin Acuna,
Amanda Kirk,
Kara Pearson
- 21 - Anita Becker
- 24 - Robert Rice
- 25 - Madeline Putman
- 28 - Ann Padden-Rubin
- 29 - Roger Wells
- 30 - Annie Lefley



WINDJAMMERS OCTOBER MEETING

- Hosts: Rita and David Hardin
- Saturday, October 27
- 5p.m.
- Potato and Salad Bar



“Team St. Andrews”

We are once again joining the **2012 Walk to End Alzheimer's**

Saturday November 3, 2012, at the Santa Barbara Zoo

Registration opens at 9 a.m.; Event begins at 10 a.m.

It is for a great cause and a wonderful time for fellowship with the “team”.

The walk itself is for all ages and abilities in beautiful surroundings.

You can join the team or donate to help us reach our goal at:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/TeamStAndrews>

If you have questions, please contact Dana Monk (Team Captain)

705-6929 or danajomonk@gmail.com.



Church Work Day Saturday,
October 20, 9a-12n

ST. ANDREW'S PRESCHOOL NEWS

I love the fall, the change in season even as slight as it is in Santa Barbara. The air is crisper, and the mountains stand out in the turquoise sky. I like the season as it is harvest time. Time to reap what has been sowed. At the preschool, we hope we are sowing a lifetime desire for learning. Christi and I work hard to make an environment to allow exploration, and investigation so to build the foundation for learning for years to come.



October is also the month we have an important parent meeting. We educate the parents on their responsibilities and how to interact with the children in the morning program. We also give direction and ideas how to run the small group/snack time. The evening is full of information, and an opportunity for the staff parents to feel more confident and to build on their teaching skills.

I am delighted to be a part of a preschool that values the family and I will continue to make time to support and care for the development of the parent-child relationship in our special St. Andrew's community.

Fondly, Cindy Oliver

Meditations for October

Lord, may I be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for Thee, cheerful at sunset for having done my work for Thee; thankful at moonrise and under starshine for the beauty of Thy universe. And may I add what little may be in me to add to Thy great World. *Abbot of Greve*

The day returns and brings us the usual round of concerns and duties. Help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces. Let cheerfulness abound with industry. Let us go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting-beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.

Robert Louis Stevenson

THE NOVEL BOOK GROUP



The Novel Book Group is reading "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert, for our meeting on Saturday, October 13. We will meet in the Vos Room at 10:00a.m. Come and join us as we discuss the book.

PLAN AHEAD!

St. Andrew's 11th Annual Art Show
Sunday, October 14, during Coffee Fellowship Time.

It's time to share your artistic talents. All ages are welcome. We are looking for needlework, photography, drawings, paintings, or pottery, etc. All drawings and paintings must be framed or at least matted for presentation.

Contact Bev Walters (964-1926) if you plan to contribute. Please do not wait until the last minute.



PYF: MOVES Forward...

United Way Day of Caring- PYF had a great turn out, with over 15 volunteers helping out over at Hope Elementary School. It was a day filled with good food, friends and hard work as we painted a fence and removed weeds from a garden bed. The Principal was so grateful for all our hard work he bought us pizza to end the day.

On September 23 the youth took over St. Andrew's for worship, running the service. Chase Grier was ordained as a Ruling Elder. Everyone did a great job of showing up early, running through the service and knowing their parts. Everything ran like clockwork and it is all due to planning by the Youth Ministries Team and the hard work from the youth.

Thank you to all the youth who participated. The day ended with the Prayer Partner Dinner. Everyone bonded over a delicious meal and games in celebration of a successful day for PYF.



This Sunday September 30th we have the Hiking Adventure to close out a memorable September. Come join us for a day of fun in the sun, exploring the beautiful area we live in. Meet at Stevens Park at 11 AM bring a sack lunch and plenty of water.

PYF has a bunch of great events on the calendar for October:

Cookies for Caring on October 7, 6-8PM Decorate cookie boxes for College Students and Congregation members in assisted living facilities.

Zodo's Bowling on October 14 from 6-8PM, the youth will bowl with the youth group from Goleta Pres. It will be a great time and awesome way for everyone to make new friends. Bring \$15 for bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda.

Saturday October 20, from 9AM -12noon PYF is the church work day and the youth will be cleaning out the youth lounge.

Sunday October 21 6-8 PM is bring a friend day for PYF, everyone is encouraged to bring a friend or friends to PYF, to show them what St. Andrew's is all about.

PYF ends their October calendar on the 28th from 6-8PM with pumpkin carving, in celebration of Halloween. The youth will come to PYF and leave with an awesome jack o' lantern to decorate their house.



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