



THE LIGHTHOUSE

MARCH/APRIL 2019

Gratitude, Plans for Lent, And a Word About Discerning St. Andrew's Future



Dear St. Andrew's Community,

First, I want to thank you for the very warm welcome I have received since beginning my time here in January. I knew some of you before I started, and each week I'm getting to know more and more of you personally. It is a pleasure to work with the staff, session, deacons, Chris and Erin, and everyone else. I feel very fortunate.

Second, the season of Lent begins in March. As has been done several years in the past, St. Andrew's and Goleta Presbyterian will be sharing the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services. We'll start at Goleta on Wednesday night, March 6 at 7:00PM, led by Jeannie Cavender and me.

For the Sundays in Lent, I'll be leading us through an exploration of the 23rd Psalm. As many of you know, this 3,000-year-old poem can speak to us again and again in clear and fresh ways throughout our life's journey. We'll begin with "The Lord is my shepherd..." on March 10 and conclude with "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" on Easter morning, April 17. These words have often been set to music at different times and in different cultures, and we will be hearing different versions as part of our journey.

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Finally, a word about the year ahead. I attended a Presbyterian clergy conference in Portland in February focused on "Transitional Ministry," which was very useful. A foundational principle is that the work of interim pastors has changed as our culture has changed. My task is not just to hold a space for the next long-term pastor, but to help the congregation discern where God is calling it in the future. At the February session meeting, we began to discuss how we are going to do this. A group from session is forming to work with me to create a process that will give everyone a chance to speak, question and reflect. We've got various ways of doing that, and as we establish which path will be the best, we will let everyone know.

I know that any time in my life whenever there has been a group of sincere people facing a task together, and working with "energy, intelligence, imagination and love," we not only find a way forward but grow closer to each other in the process. I know this will be true for us.

I look forward to our journey together – through Lent, Holy Week and beyond.

Steve

SESSION NEWS

News from Session Meetings on January 15 and February 19

January 15

- Session welcomed new Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen.
- Reviewed the end of 2018 Financial Statements to be presented to the Congregation at the January 27 Congregational Meeting.
- Received a report from the Personnel Committee on receipt of a letter of resignation from Sandy Thoits from her staff position as Director of Congregational Ministries. Session approved to accept Sandy's resignation with regrets and appreciation for her faithful ministry.
- Received a report from the Personnel Committee on the resignation of Evan Schindler from his staff position as Choir Director. Session approved to accept Evan's resignation with regrets and appreciation for his faithful ministry.
- Heard a report from CBT on the progress with construction of the Memorial Garden. Session approved additional funds of \$4,100 from CBT funds for construction of supports under the corner of the Sanctuary building under the Choir Room.
- Approved two fundraisers from the CYMT Team: Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser to benefit the Santa Barbara Foodbank on Sunday, February 3; Valentine's Day Pie Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, February 10, funds to benefit CYMT programs, suggested donation of \$10 per pie.
- Heard about Pastor Steve Jacobsen's plans for attending the PCUSA Interim Pastor Training program in Portland, OR in February.

February 19

- Heard a report from Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen about the Interim Pastor Training program that he attended and he shared ideas and topics from the program. Session discussed plans for the interim period ahead.
- Pastor Steve also shared about his plans for leading a Lenten Bible Study on Sundays during Lent, with a focus on Psalm 23.
- Approved a resolution from the 1997 Endowment Committee of a grant of \$1,000 toward costs for St. Andrew's youth Lila Woodard for her participation at a Nuclear Age Peace Foundation event in Bergen, Norway.
- Set the Congregational Meeting for election of church officers for Sunday, May 19 at 10:30AM.
- Approved the PW Birthday Offering to be collected at the PW Spring All-Church Brunch on Sunday, April 7.
- Heard a report from the Deacons on plans for hosting the Easter Sunday Reception.
- Heard a report from the Personnel Committee about the hiring of Erin McKibben as Choir Director.
- Approved replacement of the louver windows in the Christian Education building with double paned windows to be paid with CBT funds, total cost \$7,600.
- Approved transferring the endowment Naegle Educational Trust of \$127,545 to Scholarship Foundation of SB to be managed in St. Andrew's name under the terms of the Trust.
- Heard about follow up note cards sent by Session members to greet and welcome church members who have not been present at worship for a while.

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

2019 Presbytery Meetings:

Saturday, May 18 – Pismo Beach

Saturday, September 21 - Summerland

Tuesday, November 12 – to be determined



Sandy Thoits, A Servant Leader...

Embodying all that encompasses one who serves from the heart, Sandy finishes her faithful service as Director of Congregational Ministries in February 2019. Under her guidance and encouragement, many ministries were initiated, grew and impacted within our congregation. Sandy championed the "Sailboat Church" and kept tabs on the general direction of most of our congregational programs, contributing her support to keep them on an even keel.

The Presbytery of Santa Barbara is blessed with Sandy's new commitment and employment as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. This position requires a significant commitment of Sandy's time. However, Sandy will continue with her term as Clerk of Session at St. Andrew's.

We are indeed blessed by Sandy's service. Thanks be to God!

PIE BAKE SALE A SUCCESS FOR CYMT!!

February 10



29 pies were sold!

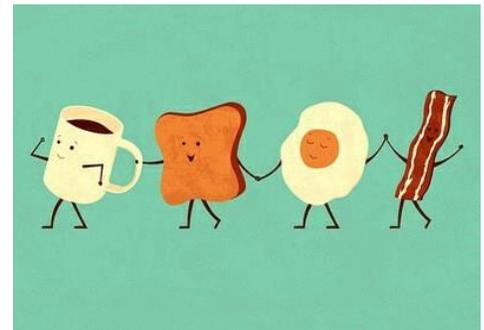
Thank you to the congregation for both baking and buying the pies to benefit the CYMT 😊



ALL-CHURCH BRUNCH

Sunday, April 7, 11:00am

Presbyterian Women (PW) is sponsoring a brunch for the whole congregation after church on April 7. The “home-cooked” meal is not to be missed! There will be a meal charge of \$5 for adults. You will have an opportunity to learn about the PW Birthday Offering which will support four U.S. mission projects that primarily serve the needs of women and children. Each grant equals \$100,000 to \$120,000. Thank you for your support!



2019 Holy Week Services at St. Andrew's

PALM SUNDAY

April 14

9:30am worship
service



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service with
Communion
Celebration
of the Last Supper

Thursday, April 18
7:00pm



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 21,
9:30am



Meditation for **MARCH & APRIL**

“I ask you, God, for a slight attitude adjustment, but you want to change my mind. I ask you for better circumstances, O Sovereign One, but you want to make me a better person. I ask you, Lord, to remove me from the discomfort my sin has caused, but you want to remove my sin. I ask you, dear Father, to help me fit in with my friends, but you want me to stand out for your glory. Why do I settle for safety when you promise victory? Why do I settle for the world when I can have you, Almighty God?”

- Based on Psalm 18:2 (From: *100 Prayers Inspired by the Psalms* by Julie Ackerman Link)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 01 – Shannon Thoits
- 02 – William Spencer
- 06 – Bob Shapiro
- 09 – Hayden Shinn
- 11 – Pam Polan
- 12 – Mary Padden-Rubin
- 12 – Dave Russo
- 18 - Janice Leutheuser
- 19 – Tom Brashears
- 21 – Barbara Eschbach
- 22 – Tara Woodard
- 23 – Barbara Gaughen-Muller
- 24 – Susan Arnold



- 27 – Hannah Sommers
- 28 – Lauren Leutheuser
- 29 – Harriette Azlein

NOVEL BOOK GROUP FOR MARCH/APRIL

The next Book Club date is Saturday, March 9, at 10am in the Vos room. The book will be: The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See.

Nancy McKenzie will lead the discussion. All are welcome!

The April book has yet to be chosen.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 05 – Elaine Grimmessey
- 08 – Maria Barrows
- 12 – Linda Sorensen
- 13 – Michael Malengo
- 14 – Berna Sutter
- 17 – Chris Hoekley
- 18 – Marie Henderson
- 22 – Lindsay Woodard
- 28 – Stan Jeffries
- 29 – Cree Mann



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

You Shall Be Called
Repairers of the Breach
— ISAIAH 58

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (March 6 – April 21), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

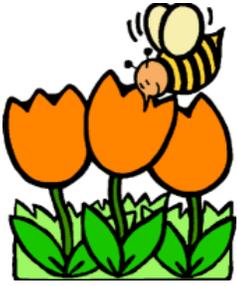
Erin McKibben, St. Andrew's New Choir Director

Erin McKibben is an active performer, teacher and director based in Southern California, originally from Portland, Oregon. Locally, she is the Owner and Director of the Santa Barbara School of Music, Music Director of the Santa Barbara Revels, Music Director for the Santa Barbara Youth Opera, Co-Director of the Music Academy of the West's Sing! Program (after spending 5 years as Choir Director for the el Sistema inspired music program, the Incredible Children's Art Network), a Teaching Artist for the Santa Barbara Symphony, and performs as Principal Flutist with the Santa Barbara Folk Orchestra. Erin is Principal Flutist for the Los Angeles-based experimental classical ensemble [wild Up](#), whose performances LA Times music critic Mark Swed has described as "impressive both technically and for their unabashed spirit." The group's New York City debut was listed in the New York Times' "Best Classical Music of 2015."

As a soloist, Erin has given acclaimed performances with several orchestras across the country. She has also appeared as a soloist at the National Flute Association Convention as a prize-winner of the Orchestral Excerpt Competition in New York City and, in 2015, performed as a soloist alongside renowned flutist Claire Chase at UCLA in a project for 104 flutists, and performed an alto flute solo by Andrew Norman as a main character in Hopscotch, a mobile opera for 24 cars, profiled by Alex Ross in the New Yorker magazine. Erin has performed at the Aspen Music Festival, Carnegie Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Hahn Hall at the Music Academy of the West, Colburn's Zipper Hall, Warner Brothers Studios, and as soloist at the Ford Amphitheatre in Hollywood. wild Up has performed alongside the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE) and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

As a chamber musician, Erin participated in the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition and has been heard on Santa Barbara's classical music radio station as a featured artist. Erin was also engaged as the Keynote Speaker for the 2015 Pacific Northwest Chapter Conference of the College Music Society, held at the University of Puget Sound. She holds a BM from the University of Puget Sound and a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan, where she studied with Amy Porter as a fellow.





PRESCHOOL CORNER

This is our first year of not having the Family Festival the first weekend of March. The forecast is rain so I am thankful for our change to the Fall.

We will be having our Parent Potluck in March. We hope this will be a community building social event for our families. The theme is Around the World, so we will be having dishes from the families' heritages. We will have a small fundraiser to continue our ability to enrich our school environment.

Our curriculum for April will include Spring, Rainforest, and Easter. The children love to learn about the beautiful creatures God put on this earth. We will have our silkworms and butterfly cocoons to observe.

Happy Spring!

Cindy

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education will continue on March 3 with a reprise of all of the sessions of the final Theme of the **Challenge of Paul, Paul and God**. Pastor Steve Jacobsen will be presenting a Lenten Study on Psalm 23 (see below). On March 17, when he will be away, and April 28, after Easter, we will hold class as usual. --- *Tom Weisenburger*

Psalm 23 Will Be Our Focus for Lent

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DEADLINE FOR 2019

MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

**Please submit articles and
photos by Tuesday, April 16**

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 or 805-708-7108 or Michael Padden-Rubin at michaelpadden@hotmail.com or 805-682-7891, or (for visuals): Sandy Thoits at sthoits@gmail.com

Thank you!

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