



# THE LIGHTHOUSE

MAY/JUNE 2019

Dear St. Andrew's Community,

As I look back over my experience at St. Andrew's in March and April, I will always think of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. It was very meaningful for me to be able to make a thoughtful verse-by-verse journey with you, and the psalm is more meaningful to me than ever before. Thank you to Rachel, Scott, Chris and Erin, as well as the choir and lay readers, who were vital parts of the series. The Maundy Thursday and Easter services in particular felt like they were Spirit-led. Thank you for letting me explore this amazing piece of Scripture with you.



And then we turned to the Emmaus story in all its richness. As part of that sermon, I introduced a diagram of the four dimensions of our life in a spiritual perspective – our self, the world we find ourselves in, the void that threatens to undo us, and beneath and beyond these dimensions, the holy. While the diagram works well for helping us understand our personal journeys, I suggested it is also a useful tool for helping illuminate where St. Andrew's is at this point in its history and where it is being called next. What is the "self" or soul of St. Andrew's that is unique? What is the world and culture like in 2019 – what elements are the same as 10 or 20 years ago, and what is new? What worries us about where we are and where we might be going (the "void")? And how do we stay in the midst of Christ's presence as we do this reflection? Our Mission Study Team (Ann Paden-Rubin, Dana Monk, Michelle Hertig, Kirk Grier, John Doner) will soon begin to meet with me to help guide our congregational discernment process. As the leading group in this process, the session spent significant time in April reviewing the last mission study from 2008 and will continue to oversee how this work will unfold.

Now in my fourth month of my year with you, I continue to be deeply grateful for the chance to lead in worship, get to know you, and do what I can to help in this process. Thank you for the chance you've given me to serve.

*Steve*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS

Sunday, May 19, 10:30am  
in the sanctuary  
following worship



# SESSION NEWS

News from Session Meetings on March 19 and April 16:

## March 19

- Session heard a report from the Deacons about plans for the Easter Sunday reception.
- Heard a report from Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen about the Ash Wednesday service at Goleta Presbyterian Church and his ministry efforts and activities February and March.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer. The funds in the Naegle Educational Trust were transferred in February to the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation for administration of the Trust.
- Reviewed and discussed the transitional/PNC process, and approved a Mission Study Team: Dana Monk, Ann Padden-Rubin, Kirk Grier, Michelle Hertig, and at least one additional member(s) to be approved by Session (subsequently identified as John Doner), with consideration of balancing of representation for diversity.
- Heard a report from the Nominating Team on the status of nominations for the May 19 Congregational Meeting.
- Approved a motion from the Endowment Committee to distribute \$10,000 to Front Porch – San Luis Obispo from the 1997 Endowment Fund accrued earnings. Use of the funds by Front Porch to be for the area of greatest need.
- Began planning for the Summer Leadership Training for current and incoming Session and Deacons members.

## April 16

- Heard a report from Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen about plans for upcoming Holy Week and Easter Services, his ministry efforts and activities in March and April and planning for an initial meeting with the Mission Study Team.
- The Deacons reported on plans for an upcoming memorial service for Fred Walters and the positive status of the Deacon's Fund balance.
- Approved the revised Mission and Vision Statement for the Children's and Youth Ministry Team.
- Heard a report from the Nominating Team that Ruling Elder Susan Arnold has agreed to be nominated to serve as Clerk of Session for a one-year term, beginning on June 18, 2019.
- **The Congregational Meeting for election of church officers will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary.**
- Session reviewed the 2008 Mission Study with discussion focused on questions: What aspects of this mission study (our vision, mission, and strategies) are still true? How much do we use our current mission study to guide our current goals, budget, and strategies? Has it been helpful at all in the past? Why or why not? What do you think would be the key elements in our discernment process that would make our Mission Study the most helpful and valuable?
- Heard an update report on plans for the Summer Leadership Training.

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

## 2019 Presbytery Meetings:

Saturday, May 18 – Pismo Beach

Saturday, September 21 - Summerland

Tuesday, November 12 – to be determined



## PER CAPITA... “The Tie That Binds”: The Ministry of a Connected Denomination

Per Capita is the annual giving that unites the entire Presbyterian Church (USA) in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly and the local Synod. It is a fundamental way that members of the 10,000 congregations and mid councils participate and share in the work of the wider church. By each of us contributing our individual share we mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together in a greater sense to strengthen the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. The costs of carrying out such ministry is prorated based on the official membership rolls. St. Andrew's supports the ongoing expenses of the General Assembly and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. In 2019, this amounts to \$11.80 per member. If you have not already done so, you may contribute your share by simply marking your special donation “Per Capita” and either placing it in the offering plate or sending it to the church office.

The work of our local Presbytery is not funded through this Per Capita approach at this time. Instead, we at St. Andrew's support the expenses of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara through our annual budget line item of Ministry Share. The funds for this support come from our normal, annual operating funds. Thank you.

# SAIL TEAM NEWS

St. Andrew's SAIL Team will be sponsoring:  
Fratelli a Men's Chorus spring concert, "Why We Sing",  
on Friday, May 17, at 7:30pm at First United Methodist  
Church. Please join us for an evening of inspirational  
and comedy musical favorites. Tickets available online  
or at the door. General: \$20 Student/senior \$15  
General \$20 or Student/Senior \$15.



## NOVEL BOOK GROUP FOR MAY/JUNE

The next Book Club is Saturday, May 11, at 10am in the Vos room.  
The book will be: The Longest Road by Philip Cavuto.  
All are welcome!

The June 8<sup>th</sup> book will be Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover.



# BUILDINGS & GROUNDS UPDATE



What on earth does the B&G Committee do for fun? They look for dirty carpets to clean, weeds to mow and remove, roof leaks to repair, electrical problems to fix, gophers to challenge, rats to keep out, plumbing to repair, junk to eliminate, locks that don't work well, emergencies, blinds off kilter, insect invasions, and so forth.

The members of B&G are: Linda Gunther, Freddie Villa, Jeff Nelson, Merlyn Cummings and new member Bud Lemkuil. We keep in close contact thanks to email and telephone.

The committee appreciates the funding that the church provides as many projects require expensive professional assistance. Much of the work being done has been put off through the years, causing a need for more funding than in the past.

Most of you readers are aware of the May 4 Clean Up Day. This was a result of Scott organizing the room adjoining the library and contending with a lot of stuff that needed a home at the dump. This led to a larger clean-up with plans to organize the shed and complete other tasks if enough workers show up.

The tool shed was difficult to enter because of items thrown in. Many of those items will be included in the dumpster. Someone left six five gallon cans of toxic asphalt that took a special effort to dispose. A big thanks to Freddie, Lee, and Helen for cleaning up the shed and reorganizing it. The shed is now in usable condition and rat-proofed with aluminum sheeting.

The long-term leak over the center of the sanctuary: the tile ridge cap was removed and replaced with an asphalt ridge cap.

Carpet is being cleaned in Morgan Hall every four months, mostly removing coffee stains. Carpet in the church (including hall, choir room, Lowery room, sanctuary) was cleaned on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We thank our friends for reporting the need to clean the carpet.

The inner campus lawn is mowed and the flower gardens weeded every 2 weeks by the gardener. The outer campus is mowed as needed through an additional assignment.

The irrigation system is now set to water the inner campus and plants twice a week. Lenz Pest Control is working on eliminating gophers in the lawn.

You may be interested in learning some of the tasks that have required professional assistance: replace leaking exterior faucet, fix leaking sink in men's restroom, repair leaking toilet, repair toilet paper dispenser torn from wall, repair light fixture in ladies' restroom, repair light in Morgan Hall hallway, repair night lock, install aluminum to base of toolshed to keep out rats, repair damaged blinds in Morgan Hall.

If you see a need, please call Merlyn.

Have a joyous summer!

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

04 – Rita Hardin  
 06 – Jon Davis  
 08 – Mackenzie Hoeckley  
 09 – Robbie Knauss  
 10 – Barbara Spencer  
 14 – Garrett Timmons  
 19 – Suzanne Grimmesey  
 20 – Porter Spencer  
 24 – Jordan Sommers  
 28 – Jean McNeil  
 29 – Karen Carroll  
 30 – Marilyn Scott  
 31 – Suzanne Malloy



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 – Estrella Villanueva-Hoeckley  
 02 – Jackie Parker  
 05 - John Doner  
 07 – John Bowers  
 07 – Cameron Shinn  
 09 – Karen Hayes  
 12 – Jared Hertig  
 13 – Christine Malengo  
 18 – Mary Gilmour  
 21 – Megan Malengo  
 22 -- Linda Gunther  
 23 – Kirk Grier  
 25 – Linda Sizer



25 – Eric Bowers  
 30 – Kelly Thoits  
 30 – Bev Walters

## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING Children at Risk – Youth – Young Adults

THE PENTECOST OFFERING helps youth begin life with a strong start...a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit remains with us today connecting us with the church of the past, inspiring us now, and pointing us to the church of the future. Through the Pentecost Offering we are able to nurture the faith of those who are the church to come --- children, youth and young adults.

Programs of the PC(USA) receive 60% of the offering, while the remaining 40% is disbursed to a local program determined by our church. This year we will be supporting St. Vincent’s program of Family Strengthening and the related Early Childhood Education Center.

The Pentecost Offering will be received on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9**. Your faithful and generous participation is strongly encouraged.

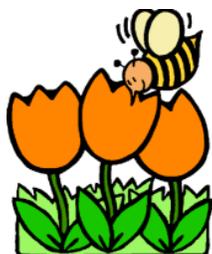
### Adult Education continues in May and June

We will continue with the video of Marcus Borg discussing Holy Week on May 5 and 12. Then we continue on May 26 and June 2 with another video by Dr. Borg entitled "The Passion of Jesus: The Way and the Kingdom." Please join us for the presentations and discussion in the Window Room (Morgan Hall) at 11:00AM.



## GRADUATION SUNDAY JUNE 2

Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college this year? We will be celebrating them during the June 2 church service. Please send their name, photo and a brief summary of where they are graduating from and what their plans are. You can email this information to Nancy Russo at [nrussosb@cox.net](mailto:nrussosb@cox.net) any time before May 26.



## PRESCHOOL CORNER

We only have six weeks of school left. Where did this school year go? We will have our Pre-K play on the rainforest on Thursday, May 2, under our beautiful Mulberry tree. Then our end of the year Pre-K graduation/ice cream social and slide show will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We love to celebrate the children moving on to elementary school and enjoy watching the slideshow seeing how the children have all grown over the year. We enjoy seeing the slideshow in the sanctuary, using your awesome media equipment. Thank you for sharing this with us!

Our last day of school will be June 7th. We have had fun helping all of our children to explore and build on their skills to promote physical, mental, emotional, and creative growth.

We are enrolling now for the Fall and the 2019-20 school year. We take children from the age of 2 1/2 years (not potty trained) to Pre-K. Hope you can spread the word about our special preschool. Thank you!

Enjoy the Spring because Summer is coming!!!

Fondly,

Cindy

## Capital Improvement and Beautification Team Update

The CBT has been working on some projects.

The Olive trees were placed on our property line adjacent to the new homes to beautify the surroundings as well as have some camouflage between the Church and the new homes. These trees are mature olive trees and do not produce any olives.



We also installed new double pane windows in the Preschool building to replace the failing jalouse windows.

The CBT team is currently working on the St. Andrew's Memorial Garden and has completed the installation of pavers and the landscaping both at the area of the Memorial Garden and around Morgan Hall. We hope you like it! We also have 3 new beautiful benches that will be installed soon.

We will be meeting with Session at their May meeting with a proposal of the plan we would like to use for both the memorial wall and the plaques. The plaques will be made with individual names of members' loved ones to be honored on the memory wall. Once we have approval from Session on the color and material we propose to use, we will be installing the main sign and placing the plaques of those that used to have plaques (next to their plants/trees) directly onto the wall. There will be information for others to place plaques on the wall and the cost for members that would like to place a plaque for their loved one.

We have purchased 12 new chairs for the library.

Our next project will be the parking lot - having it repaved, painted with lines for parking, and a curb on the area next to the new homes that were built. We hope to have this project completed by the summer of 2019.

Please contact Linda Gunther, Merlyn Cummings, and Jeff Nelson if you have any questions.

## Meditation for **MAY & JUNE**

THE GREATNESS AND GOODNESS OF GOD

“Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love.”

Psalm 62:11

“God is great, God is good.” The words are so familiar that we read them without thinking – without realizing the profound truth they hold. For without greatness, Lord, the universe would be like a junkyard of banged up stars and planets. And without goodness, Father, the earth would be like a playground ruled by the biggest bully.

Thank you for using your goodness as a way to reach me rather than a reason to reject me. Keep me from believing that I need something more complex than your simple truth. And keep me from thinking that I can find anything more satisfying than your selfless love.

**DEADLINE FOR 2019**

*JULY/AUGUST*

**NEWSLETTER**

**Please submit articles and  
photos by Tuesday, June 18**

### **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!

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