



Annual Report 2019



ST. ANDREW'S **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 2020
10:30AM

1. Opening Prayer and Establish Quorum *Elder Don Vickers*
2. Reception of 2019 Annual Report
3. 2019 Financial Review & Stewardship *Elder Don Vickers*
4. 2020 Budget Presentation *Elder Don Vickers*
5. Status Report from Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) *Elder Kirk Grier*
6. Closing Prayer *Elder Don Vickers*

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Interim Pastor – Rev. Steve Jacobsen

Dear St. Andrew's Community:

For this annual report, I'm going to draw on my reflections of the year from the January newsletter.

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.
- Having a net gain of two members on the church rolls.
- 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"/Reunion service on December 22 where many young people who had been nurtured by St. Andrew's returned to update everyone on their life.
- The memorable Christmas Eve service where we had the Gilmour's grandson enjoying time in the manger while the Angel Lila spun heavenly movements around him.

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 John Dominic Crossan in February (in which we are partnering with UCSB).
- The annual Mission Conference in January at First Presbyterian Church 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 in 2019. 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

Clerk of Session

Susan Arnold

Sandy Thoits (January - June)

Susan Arnold (July - December)

The Session is the governing body of the local congregation as specified by the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Session of St. Andrew's consists of the Pastor (Moderator) and 12 ruling elders elected by the congregation. The Session meets monthly at stated meetings, and other meetings called to deal with items of special business. The Session also calls meetings of the congregation and elects a Clerk of Session. During 2019, the Session held 11 stated meetings and 2 special meetings. Four meetings of the congregation were held in 2019: Annual Meeting (January 27), Spring Meeting to Elect Officers (May 19), special meeting to elect members to complete membership of the Nominating Committee (August 25), and a meeting for the purpose of approving the size and format of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) recommended by Session, and electing the persons contacted by Session to the PNC (December 8).

Some highlights from 2019 for Session include:

- At the January 27, 2019 Annual Congregational meeting, the Annual Reports were received, the Financial Report for 2018 was presented, and the 2019 approved Budget was presented.
- Session welcomed 3 new church members in 2019: Monique Allen and confirmands Abby Webber and Lila Woodard. Members who died in 2019: Fred Walters.
- Approved various CBT and SAIL Team projects from the Land Sale Funds throughout the year. Please see CBT and SAIL annual reports for more details.
- Welcomed new Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen.
- Received a report from the Personnel Committee on resignation of Sandy Thoits from her staff position as Director of Congregational Ministry. Session approved Sandy's resignation with regrets and appreciation for her faithful ministry.
- Approved transferring the endowment Naegle Educational Trust to the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara to be managed in St. Andrew's name under the terms of the trust.

- Heard about the hiring of Erin McKibben as Choir Director, replacing Evan Schindler.
- Reviewed the transitional/Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) process and approved a Mission Study Team: Jon Doner, Kirk Grier, Michelle Hertig, Dana Monk and Ann Padden-Rubin
- Recognized Sandy Thoits for her outstanding work as Clerk of Session over the past 15 years and expressed gratitude and appreciation as she concluded her term of service.
- Approved a proposal from the Endowment Committee for funding a lecture series by John Dominic Crossan in February 2020.
- Called a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the size and format of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) recommended by Session, and electing the persons contacted by Session to the PNC. Members elected to the PNC: Kirk Grier, Michelle Hertig, Nevin Chamberlain, Diana Lee, Linda Sizer, Julie Sommers, Tom Weisenburger.
- Learned about plans to update the St. Andrew's website.
- Approved the 2020 budget.
- Kirk Grier was elected in May and began his term on Session on September 1, 2019. Susan Arnold was elected Clerk of Session in June, for a 1-year term. Thank you to outgoing Session member Diana Lee.

2019 Session:

Moderator: Rev. Steve Jacobsen

Clerk of Session: Sandy Thoits (Jan - June); Susan Arnold (July - Dec)

Class of 2020

John Doner (Web)
 Dana Monk (HOT)
 Ann Padden-Rubin
 Mona Wise (Miss.)

Class of 2021

Susan Arnold (CYMT)
 Merlyn Cummings (B&G)
 Nancy Russo (CYMT)
 Caroline Willsie (PW)

Class of 2022

Scott Eschbach (Pers)
 Kirk Grier (PNC)
 Don Vickers (Finance)
 Tom Weisenburger (AE)

Board of Trustees (the officers of the non-profit Corporation) for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, are: President – Dana Monk, Vice President – Mona Wise, Secretary – Susan Arnold, Treasurer - Scott Eschbach.

Various ruling elders served as representatives of St. Andrew's to Presbytery meetings and on Presbytery committees.

As of January 2020, St. Andrew's staff, team and committee leaders are as listed on the following page of this Annual Report.

Congregation Statistical Summary for 2019: St. Andrew's began the year with 183 active members. Additions - New Members: 3. Subtractions - Deaths: 1. Therefore, as of December 31, 2019 we had 185 active members. Net gain = 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Arnold, 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

IN MEMORIUM 2019

Fred Walters

St. Andrew's Staff, Leadership, Teams & Committees

January 2020

Staff:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Steve Jacobsen
 Church Business Administrator & Treasurer: Scott Eschbach
 Church Office Assistant: Nancy Boger
 Pianist: Dr. Christopher Davis
 Choir Director: Erin McKibben



2019 – 2020 Session:

Moderator: Rev. Steve Jacobsen Clerk of Session: Susan Arnold

Class of 2020

John Doner (Web)
 Dana Monk (HOT)
 Ann Padden-Rubin
 Mona Wise (Mission)

Class of 2021

Susan Arnold (CYMT)
 Merlyn Cummings (B&G)
 Nancy Russo (CYMT)
 Caroline Willsie (PW)

Class of 2022

Scott Eschbach (Pers.)
 Kirk Grier
 Don Vickers (Finance)
 Tom Weisenburger (AE)

Deacons:

Moderator: Barbara Eschbach and Edie Wells
 Secretary: Shirley Guenthart Treasurer: Carole Shapiro

Class of 2020

Twyla Grier
 Shirley Guenthart
 Carol Lefley
 Carole Shapiro

Class of 2021

Barbara Eschbach
 Pam Polan
 Dayle Rinker
 Edie Wells

Class of 2022

Carol Moore
 Bob Parsons
 OPEN
 OPEN

Teams & Committees & Leaders

Adult Education Team – Tom & Diane Weisenburger,
 Building & Grounds – Merlyn Cummings
 Capital Improvement, Maintenance & Beautification Team (CBT) – Linda Gunther
 Children's & Youth Ministries Team (CYMT) – Nancy Russo & Susan Arnold
 Endowment Committee – Jackie Parker
 Congregational Life Team (CLT, formerly H.O.T.) – Dana Monk & Rita Hardin
 Finance Team – Don Vickers
 Mission Team – Mona Wise
 Nominating Team – Don Vickers
 Personnel Committee – Scott Eschbach
 Prayer Chain – Lydia Swanson, Coordinator
 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – Linda Sizer & Caroline Willsie
 Serving All in Love (SAIL) Team – Linda Sorensen
 Stewardship – Carole Shapiro
 Worship and Music Team – Ann Padden-Rubin
Treasurer – Scott Eschbach; Financial Secretary – Mona Wise

January 2020

Adult Education

Tom and Diane Weisenburger

Tom and Diane Weisenburger were co-chairs for the year. Other members of the Committee were Suzanne Malloy, Judith Muller, Linda Sizer, Lydia Swanson, and Don and Sara Vickers. We shared a meal together and met on January 17, August 12 and November 11.

The following classes were held in 2019:

On **January 6**, we presented **John C. Caputo's** video on **The Event in Christianity** using the text of Matthew 25. Professor Caputo is a postmodern philosopher and theologian with a challenging view of God and the kingdom of God. **Caputo** writes: "The question of the existence of God for me is the question of the extent to which we are able to make God exist in the world, to make God actual in the world, to make the world a place that has been touched by God, touched by the event." And: "The kingdom of God is what we will have made of it, what it will have made of us, and what it will have become among us. The event happens, is supposed to be happening already, in us. The event is supposed to be dwelling among us, in the flesh, in our flesh."

On **January 13** we presented a lecture by **John B. Cobb Jr.** entitled **The Kingdom of God**. Dr. Cobb is the co-founder and current co-director of the Center for Process Studies in Claremont, California. A unifying theme of Cobb's work is his emphasis on ecological interdependence — the idea that every part of the ecosystem is reliant on all the other parts. Cobb has argued that humanity's most urgent task is to preserve the world on which it lives and depends, an idea which is described as "world-loyalty."

On **January 20** we presented a lecture by **Dr. Marcus J. Borg** entitled **Why Jesus Matters**.

Dr. Borg reflected on why Jesus is important to him now and how his own views had changed over time. He discussed the importance of Jesus being the ultimate authority on God's character and how remarkable he is in his humanity, teaching and passion.

On **February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3** we presented the last Theme in the series **The Challenge of Paul: Paul and God**. Traditional Christian notions about the relationship between God and Justice have tended to convey the meaning that God will ultimately reward the good and punish the bad. Each one of us has engaged in thinking that she or he would like to provide God a list of those who deserve to be punished, preferably the sooner the better. **Dom Crossan**, in his inimical way, turns such old ideas upside down. He insists that to understand Paul's teaching on the "justice of God", we have to consider two traditions: first, we must look to the Prophets of Israel and historical Jesus; second, we must look to first century Roman understanding of how to make a just world.

On **March 10th** and **March 31** Steve led classes that explored the 23rd Psalm in depth. The presentation included music, images, handouts and discussion.

On **March 17**, we presented an interview with **Arthur Dewey**, from the Westar Institute, about how the death of Jesus was remembered in an oral society. Stories were the mechanism of memory. He discussed the development of the *Stories of the Suffering Innocent One* during the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes IV in the 2nd century BCE. These stories addressed the justice of God in a time of great repression of the faithful (the problem of evil). Dewey gave examples of these stories in the Hebrew Scriptures and then related them to the Gospel of Mark, which he feels is an example of this genre.

After Palm Sunday and Easter, we continued on **April 28, May 5 and 12** with presentation of a lecture in three parts by Marcus Borg, **The Passion of Jesus: Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter**, as he laid out what are the important meanings to be found in the stories of Holy Week using material from The Last Week, the book he wrote with Dominic Crossan. On **June 2 and 16** we continued our Eastertide series with another presentation by Marcus Borg entitled **The Passion of Jesus: The Way and the Kingdom**. Dr. Borg explained his vocational passion to be adult theological re-education at the congregational or parish level. He explained that is why he traveled and wrote his books. His intent was not to tell you any new information you don't already know but, instead, to speak as clearly as possible to equip listeners to educate or have conversations with others. He began the lecture by posing the question "***What is the Gospel? What is the heart of the Christian message?***"

On **June 30**, **Dr. Charles Fenzi**, CEO and Medical Director of Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (SBNC), gave us a thorough overview of the work of SBNC. They are the medical safety net for our community and provide comprehensive medical, dental and psychological care for anyone who needs their services.

Rabbi Steven Cohen spoke on **August 18** about his experience as one of the Hebrew faiths and how the violence against Jews historically and currently affects those who share his faith. He provided a vivid account of how it is to live under the constant threat of harm.

After a summer hiatus, on **September 15 and 22**, we presented the **James Carroll** film "**Constantine's Sword**" (based on his book of the same name). The presentation by **Rabbi Steven Cohen** in August enlightened many of us to the reality and dangers of anti-Semitism. This documentary broadened our understanding of the problem. He mapped the profoundly troubling two-thousand-year course of the Church's battle against Judaism and the crisis of faith it has provoked in his own life as a Catholic. From Gospel accounts of the death of Jesus on the cross, to Constantine's transformation of the cross into a sword, to the rise of blood libels, scapegoating, and modern anti-Semitism, Carroll reconstructed the dramatic story of the Church's conflict not only with Jews but with itself. Yet he implicitly affirmed that it did not necessarily have to be so. Demanding that the Church finally face this past in full, Carroll called for a fundamental rethinking of the deepest questions of Christian faith. Only then can Christians, Jews, and all who carry the burden of this history begin to forge a new future.

On **October 6** we presented a video by James Carroll entitled: **Christ Actually: The Son of God for the Secular Age** based on his book of the same name in which he explores the question; What can we believe about — and how can we believe in — Jesus in the 21st century in light of the Holocaust, other atrocities of the twentieth century and the drift from religion that has followed? What Carroll has discovered through decades of writing and lecturing is that he is far from alone in clinging to a received memory of Jesus that separates him from his crucial identity as a Jew, and therefore as a human. Yet if Jesus was not taken as divine, he would be of no interest to us. What can that mean now? Paradoxically, the key is his permanent Jewishness. No Christian himself, Jesus actually transcends Christianity. Drawing on both a wide range of scholarship as well as his own acute searching as a believer, Carroll takes a fresh look at the most familiar narratives of all—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Far from another book about the "historical Jesus," he takes the challenges of science and contemporary philosophy seriously. He retrieves the power of Jesus' profound ordinariness, as an answer to his own last question—what is the future of Jesus Christ? —as the key to a renewal of faith.

On **October 29, November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1** we presented a series based on a Seminar sponsored by **Faith and Reason** and titled **Spirituality, Self & Society**

featuring Sister Joan Chittester, OSB. She has been a highly influential religious and social leader and an advocate for peace, women's rights, human rights, and church renewal for over 40 years. **Spirituality, Self, and Society** addressed the challenges of *living a purposeful life defined by compassion and care for the other*.

During the latter part of 2019 we began preparation for a weekend lecture series by renowned New Testament scholar and historian of early Christianity, **John Dominic Crossan**. He will be speaking at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on February 21 & 22, 2020, with the title **The Meaning & Challenge of Resurrection**. 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 February 21, 7-8:30 PM:

Jesus Life as Challenge to Galilean Romanization

Saturday February 22, 9-10:30 AM:

Jesus' Execution for Nonviolent Revolution against Imperial Violence

Saturday February 22, 11-12:30 PM:

Jesus Individual Resurrection in Western Christianity

Saturday February 22, 1:30-3 PM:

Jesus Universal Resurrection in Eastern Christianity

Respectfully submitted,

Tom and Diane Weisenburger

Building and Grounds

Merlyn Cummings

The Building and Grounds Committee is composed of Linda Gunther, Jeff Nelson, and Merlyn Cummings. We respond to maintenance needs of the buildings and campus and correspond regularly by e-mail and telephone. Many of those needs are communicated to the committee by members of the congregation. We appreciate this assistance and encourage it.

As the buildings age, the maintenance needs and costs increase and are a challenge to the budget. We appreciate that Session has provided the necessary funds.

Following are some of the tasks completed in 2019:

CLEAN UP DAY: On May 4, twenty volunteers removed trash and unwanted items from the library storage room, the youth room, and the tool shed. A large dumpster was filled to the brim. Cindy Oliver led parents in painting window frames in the education building. Some gardening was completed, and some windows washed. We were assisted by members of Llamada Final's congregation who provided some needed power.

GARDENING: Gardener Alejandro mows and blows the inner campus every two weeks. The

outer campus was mowed as needed by Vincente Arroyo. Extensive trimming of weeds, bushes and trees on the outer and inner campus was accomplished by Martin Martinez. A shower of pine needles and seeds, resulting from winds carpeted the sidewalks. Thanks to Bob Shapiro, Jeff Nelson, Bill Oakley, Stephen Lee, and Bob Parsons for removing the debris, as needed, each Sunday. The recently planted stressed olive trees have responded to watering and recent rains with new dark green leaves and buds. Porter fertilized the front lawn in December.

PLUMBING: Tree roots caused the need for extensive de-rooting and expensive plumbing for toilets in Morgan Hall and the education building. A new clean out for the education building was needed and installed. Plumbing of a leaking sink in the education building was replaced. The La Cumbre Water district informs us immediately when there is excessive water usage for our response.

ELECTRICAL: Last year SCE replaced all the incandescent lights in all three buildings with LED lighting without charge. The three lights over the parking lot are leased from SCE. Two of the lights required replacement by SCE. Electrician Charlie Mitchel repaired lights in the youth room and hall between Morgan Hall and the office. Both needed new ballasts. The globe lights at the entrance to parking lot are now operating.

GUTTERS: The gutters on all three buildings were cleaned of leaves, debris, dirt, and sand just before the rains arrived. A long-time roof leak in the church was eliminated by removing the tile on the crest of the church roof and replacing it with special asphalt crest shingles. Work has been completed on a gutter/roof leak near the stained-glass windows on the east side of the church.

GOPHERS: Gophers determine to make their homes in the green area of the campus. Lenz Pest Control tended every other Wednesday. As of this writing Lenz's work is on vacation as there are now no signs of gopher mounds.

BLINDS: The new blinds installed in Morgan Hall were extensively damaged by unknown parties requiring major repair. The cords are now placed high enough to keep them from being pulled by vandals. New blinds were also installed in Vos Room.

WINDOWS: The louvered windows in the education building were failing and were replaced with dual pane windows. Helen washed all the windows in Morgan Hall and the church inside and out except those windows that were too high. Dave Russo washed the hard to reach exterior of the choir room window.

GRAB BARS: Grab bars were installed in the rest rooms of Morgan Hall. Grab bars in the church rest rooms were installed when the rest rooms were remodeled, so all rest rooms now have grab bars.

FURNACES: Three new furnaces were installed in the church in December 2018 and put into service in January 2019.

RATS: Rats had set up home the tool shed where paper products were stored. Lenz Pest Control eliminated the rats with traps. Aluminum sheeting was installed around the interior base of the building to keep the rats out. The building interior has been cleaned

and reorganized. The shed could stand a good paint job.

CUSHIONS: Sixteen new cushions were purchased and installed in the rattan furniture in the window room.

IRRIGATION: Scott and Martin Martinez have maintained the timing and sprinklers of the lawn and new plantings.

CANOPY: Lee Thompson is constructing a canopy over the First Responder's Bench to keep the bench clear of residue.

CARPETS: Carpets in the church and office were cleaned once and Morgan Hall carpets were cleaned three times by All Pro Carpet Cleaners.

OLEANDERS: Oleanders located along Arroyo and Auhay on the edge of the property require maintenance. In places rogue trees and a palm tower above the oleanders. Work is to start on January 20 to trim the oleanders, remove dead oleanders, remove 21 trees and one palm.

Respectfully submitted,
Merlyn Cummings

CBT (Capital Improvement, Maintenance and Beautification)

Linda Gunther

We have a team of Merlyn Cummings, Linda Gunther, and Jeff Nelson

During the 2019 calendar year, we continue to keep the Vision statement as our main objective. The Vision statement for the Capital Improvement, Maintenance and Beautification of Church Campus Team (CBT) is consistent with our St. Andrew's Vision Statement of being a "loving and connected family in faith of all ages." We seek to be effective stewards of our campus not just for ourselves but for our neighbors and for future generations. To these ends, the Team seeks to: 1) Commit to a wise and sustainable approach for the use of our financial resources and our buildings and grounds resources; and 2) Upgrade and maintain our buildings and grounds including signage and beautification.

Following are the projects that the CBT has overseen in 2019:

- The St. Andrew's Memorial Garden has been completed. The pavers are in place and the plantings are growing well. The sign and the plaques are now in place; the first nine plaques have been installed on the wall and we have five more plaques ordered to be placed on the wall.
- We have worked with the Buildings and Grounds and have replaced the windows in the education building as well as some other projects listed in the Buildings and Grounds Annual Report.

- We have also gotten four bids for the paving and repainting the parking spaces in the driveway; unfortunately, due to the weather it will need to be completed in 2020.

Please contact our team for any questions/comments you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Capital Improvement, Maintenance & Beautification of Church Campus Team

CYMT (Children & Youth Ministries Team)

Nancy Russo

The Children's Ministry Team (CMT) and the Youth Ministry Team (YMT) formally completed a planned merger and joined as one team, now known as the Children's & Youth Ministry Team (CYMT). Due to fewer families belonging to our church who have school age or younger children, and the loss of our Christian Education and Youth Intern positions, the two teams combined their resources to ensure a continued focus on the children and youth of our congregation. New mission and vision statements created to reflect these changes were approved by Session in April, 2019.

Nancy Russo and Susan Arnold continued as co-chairs of CYMT, an arrangement that worked well as they alternated leading meetings and taking minutes each month. Starting in July, however, Susan reduced her participation as co-chair due to new responsibilities as Clerk of Session. Other team members include Twyla Grier, Michelle Hertig, Robin Knauss, Dana Monk, Cindy Oliver, Dayle Rinker, Julie Sommers, Ann Thompson and Emma Voigt. In October, Barbara Eschbach stepped down as a CYMT member due to her commitments as co-moderator of the Deacons.

Throughout the year, there have been activities and supervision in the Lowry Room or preschool rooms for children who choose not to remain in worship, with Julie, Nancy and Susan taking responsibility for selected Sundays. CYMT has also been grateful for Pastor Steve's willingness to provide a "Children's Message" on the weeks that he has preached and we have all learned a lot from Disciple Dog and Norbert. Julie Sommers and other members of the congregation are also appreciated for providing a "Children's Message" on weeks that Pastor Steve was not there.

In January, CYMT planned two fundraisers since funds from previous years had been depleted. CYMT held a "Souper" Bowl Sunday event to raise funds for the Santa Barbara Foodbank, and a Valentine's Pie Sale to raise funds for CYMT activities. Both events were successful as \$436.52 was raised for the Foodbank, and \$470 from the pie sale for children's and youth activities.

During the Lenten season, "fish banks" were distributed to children and adults for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering collected on Palm Sunday.

On Easter Sunday, Dana Monk shared the traditional jelly bean Easter story during the children's message. CYMT held a small Easter egg hunt for children who attended Sunday School that day and Julie Sommers also offered Easter-themed games and "Resurrection Rolls" for Sunday School participants.

In the spring, confirmation classes were offered for eligible youth. Abby Webber and Lila Woodard worked with mentors Michelle Hertig and Dana Monk, and were confirmed on Easter Sunday. Nancy Russo coordinated logistics between parents, mentors and students. CYMT members used the May 4 "Clean-Up Day" organized by the Building & Grounds Team to begin to clear out unused and surplus items from Room 5 in the Christian Education building. CYMT also worked to consolidate Christmas pageant costumes in the storage area behind the library.

CYMT coordinated a slide show of graduating students on June 2, Graduation Sunday, and presented information about each graduate.

Over the summer, CYMT stayed in touch with children and youth by text and email. Beginning in June 2019 CYMT began sending birthday cards with gift cards enclosed to all school-age and college-age youth and will continue to do so through May 2020. In September, CYMT discussed an article called "If Your Church Has a Pre-School" and considered ways in which the church and preschool could expand their interaction, such as offering backpack tags, sponsoring joint activities, sending Christmas cards to the preschool children, and hosting a coffee hour for the parents. CYMT supported the preschool Fall Festival fundraiser by donating pumpkins and pies and helping out. After Thanksgiving, CYMT mailed and delivered "final exam" care packages to college-age youth with Christmas-themed surprises and treats.

In December, a suggestion from Maury Grattan led to holding the first "Homecoming/Reunion Sunday" on December 22 to invite families who attended St. Andrew's in the past but have not attended recently to return for this service to reconnect with friends and hear favorite hymns. Several of our college youth were recruited to do a reading and light the Advent candle that week. Jennifer LeMert, a previous PYF leader attended and many young adults who had attended under her leadership were also present.

Flyers about the Christmas Eve service were given to preschool parents and CYMT also gave Christmas cards to all preschoolers this year.

A Nativity Sunday service in which the children and youth participated had been a tradition at St. Andrew's for many years. However, due to smaller numbers of children and youth and the time and energy needed to plan this event, CYMT made the decision to plan an alternative this year. In December, CYMT worked with Interim Pastor Steve Jacobsen to develop a child-friendly Christmas Eve worship service, at 5pm instead of 7pm, in lieu of Nativity Sunday. Feedback from the congregation indicated the Christmas Eve service was well-received. Thank you notes were sent to youth who participated in this service and on Choir Sunday.

Over the year, CYMT has continued to discuss how to best meet the needs of the few children we have at weekly worship and to struggle with possible ways of encouraging others to participate. A handful of members regularly attend CYMT meetings and most of those members also have other committee responsibilities in the church. CYMT has been realistic about what we are able to accomplish given our limits. We are also well aware that the less we offer and the fewer children that attend, the more difficult it is to get more

children and young families to attend St. Andrew's. While we will continue to address this dilemma in the next year and look for creative solutions, we will also continue to offer those things that seem to be working; a children's message and activities in the Lowry Room on Sundays, children and youth participation on special holiday Sundays, birthday cards with gift cards, care packages to college students, a Graduation Sunday presentation, and supporting the preschool, especially their Fall Festival fundraiser. Julie Sommers is a member of the newly formed Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and will be an advocate for children and youth concerns as the PNC seeks a new pastor for St. Andrew's. We continue to seek God's guidance as to the role of CYMT at St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-chairs: Nancy Russo and Susan Arnold

Committee members: Twyla Grier, Michelle Hertig, Robin Knauss, Dana Monk, Cindy Oliver, Dayle Rinker, Julie Sommers, Ann Thompson, Emma Voigt.

Deacons

Barbara Eschbach

The Co-Moderators of the Deacons are Barbara Eschbach and Edie Wells. Shirley Guenthart is Secretary and Carole Shapiro is Treasurer. The other Deacons serving this year are Twyla Grier, Carol Lefley, Carol Moore, Bob Parsons, Pam Polan and Dayle Rinker. We each have a flock of about 12 families. Our former Deacons willingly assist us when extra help is needed for special events and we are very grateful for this.

The Deacons hold their flocks in prayer. Deacons keep in touch with their flocks, visiting those who are ill or who are in the hospital, providing meals or rides.

We also reach out to college students, hoping to send support and news from their Church family with notes and gift cards.

Deacons also prepare Communion elements, as well as assisting in serving, both during Worship and to those who are not able to travel to St. Andrew's.

This year, the Deacons arranged a Memorial Reception for a dearly loved Church member, Fred Walters. We also provided a "Meet Your Deacon Lunch", an Easter Reception, and a Christmas Eve Reception. This year the Christmas Eve Reception was preceded by a fun and successful cookie baking session, organized by Dayle Rinker to provide refreshments for the evening.

The Deacons continue to distribute care bags to the homeless. Twyla and Kirk Grier organized a Sunday after worship congregational assemble line to put together our care bags.

The Deacons also attended a helpful training session this summer.

Beginning balance on January 1, 2019	\$3,685.99
2019 donation total	\$ 622.50
Care bags, general fund & devotionals	
2019 Expenses	\$1,271.94
Easter reception, Deacon lunch, Memorial, Communion & kitchen supplies & devotional subscription	
Ending balance on December 31, 2019	\$3,036.55

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Eschbach and Edie Wells, Co-Moderators
Deacon Treasurer's Report - Carole Shapiro

Finance Committee

Don Vickers

The members of your Finance Committee are Monique Allen, Louise Carey, Scott Eschbach, Dottie Nelson, Don Vickers, and Mona Wise. If you are interested in serving on the committee or would like more information about its work, please let a member of the committee know.

In general, the function of the committee is to oversee the finances of the church. The committee presents a proposed annual budget for Session review and approval. The budget approved for 2020 will be presented at the January meeting of the congregation. The committee also arranges for the review of church financial records. This year Jean Smith, a CPA and member of the congregation, reviewed the church financial records for 2017 and 2018. She concluded that her review disclosed no exceptions to the financial reports. The committee reviews monthly reports from the Treasurer, Scott Eschbach, and the Financial Secretary, Mona Wise, and generally monitors income and expenses. The committee oversees the investment of church funds not needed for immediate expenditure and manages the church's insurance coverage. During the year, Session approved a recommendation from the committee that funds left by Brad and Dorothy Naegle to provide higher education scholarships for students in the St. Andrew's family be administered by the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara.

Jackie Parker who has served as chair and member for many years has resigned from the committee. Thanks to Jackie for her dedicated service.

Thanks for your continued generous financial support for this congregation and its mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Vickers

H.O.M.E. Team

Karen Noffz

H.O.M.E. Team was started in September of 2012, and our name stands for Hands-On Ministry and Encouragement.

We had 3 members on the team and could be called on for a visit in member's homes or just to talk on the phone or help with appointments. We visited members in their homes, retirement homes, hospitals and care facilities.

In 2019, we made between 15 and 20 visits, took members to doctor appointments, hospital appointments, to church services, and meetings at the church.

In July 2019, with Carol Shapiro, Shirley Guenthart and Karen Noffz's recommendation to Rev. Steve Jacobsen, the H.O.M.E. Team has come to an end. Deacons were informed about the end of this team in July.

From September 2012 until July 2019, the H.O.M.E. Team has always enjoyed the privilege of service to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Noffz

Hospitality and Outreach Team (H.O.T.)

(starting in 2020 to be known as CLF – Congregational Life Team)

Dana Monk

Members of our team are co-Chairs Dana Monk & Rita Hardin, Linda Gunther, Margaret Siadal, Ann Padden-Rubin, Nancy Doner and Marilyn Scott.

The team is responsible for coffee served after worship, arranging for Greeters to serve before worship, meeting and assisting visitors, sending postcards to visitors, assisting with sign-ups for church-related events.

We meet on an as-needed basis.

During the past year, we have had the following activities:

- Organizing greeters in the Narthex every Sunday (thank you to Linda Gunther!)
- Ice Cream Social to celebrate Summer (Formerly Family Fun Faire)

- o Making coffee every Sunday (thank you, Rita Hardin!), and the clean-up afterwards. Marilyn, Margaret and Nancy assist Rita when needed. We appreciate all donations that allowed us to purchase supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Jo Monk & Rita Hardin

Mission

Mona Wise

Mission Committee was chaired by Mona Wise. Member Pam Polan has overseen the monthly meals we served at Transition House and Member John Bowers managed the Alternative Christmas Faire this year.

We continued to emphasize the four special offerings of the PC(USA) – One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking, and Christmas Joy – and were treated with special attention of bulletin inserts, marked offering envelopes in the pews, and a “moment for mission” during worship to explain each offering. There was also a bulletin board display in Morgan Hall done by Caroline Willsie for each of the offerings. Pentecost was a split offering with our local guidance of 40% (\$554) going to St. Vincent’s of Santa Barbara Family Strengthening Program. Peacemaking was also split with our 25% going to Coalition to Stop Gun Violence.

We continued to collect nonperishable food for Foodbank with over 250 pounds of food delivered to Foodbank whenever the carts in the narthex became full.

The Alternative Christmas Faire was held on December 5 and 15 with offerings of Church World Service, Foodbank, Transition House and Unite to Light. A total of \$1,950 was received for these agencies.

We supported the work of Santa Barbara Presbytery with our budgeted amount of \$6,000.

The “Local Mission” budgeted \$5,000 was spread among:

Foodbank	\$500	Picnic in the Park
Mission Conference	\$400	ecumenical gathering at SB First Presbyterian
Doctors without Walls	\$650	ministry to Santa Barbara homeless
Unite to Light	\$700	solar lamps to populations w/out electricity
Front Porch	\$500	student ministry to Cal Poly SLO
Pilgrims of Ibillin	\$500	tuition for inclusive high school in Israel
ICTG	\$250	Institute for Collective Trauma and Growth
Transition House meals	\$1,400	

We continue to support our missionaries Elmarie and Scott Parker. Elmarie is the regional liaison for Syria, Lebanon and Iraq for Presbyterian World Mission and Scott is an associate for ecumenical partnerships there. (\$1,000)

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Wise

Nominating

Don Vickers

The Nominating Committee consists of five members. In accordance with church by-laws, Session appoints two members, the Deacons appoint one member, and the Congregation elects two members. During 2019, the committee members were Barbara Eschbach (Deacons), Dana Monk (Session), Lee Thompson (Congregation), Don Vickers (Session) and Diane Weisenburger (Congregation).

The Committee nominates candidates for various church offices and presents these nominees to the Congregation at a congregational meeting. During 2019, the Congregation elected the following nominees to office:

Session Class of 2022 – Scott Eschbach, Kirk Grier, Don Vickers, Tom Weisenburger

Deacons class of 2022 – Carol Anne Moore, Bob Parsons

Treasurer (1-yr. term) – Scott Eschbach

Financial Secretary (1-yr. term) – Mona Wise

Nominating Committee (1 yr. term) – Lee Thompson, Diane Weisenburger

Thanks to all these people for agreeing to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Vickers

Presbyterian Women

Caroline Willsie

All women who attend St. Andrews are members of Presbyterian Women of St. Andrews. Everyone is welcome to be part of our fellowship.

The Annual PW All-Church Brunch was held St. Andrew's on April 7. It was a big success. The congregation enjoyed fellowship as well as Ann Padden-Rubin's breakfast casserole.

Several members of our PW attended the PW of the Santa Barbara Presbytery Spring Gathering at Nipomo Presbyterian Church on May 4. A video was shown featuring Rev. Eugenia Gamble previewing the 2019-2020 Bible study which she wrote, titled "Love Carved in Stone." The Bible study is followed by our Circles which meet monthly.

At our meetings we share fellowship, study the lesson, and collect the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering.

From July 19 through July 21, the PW of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii met at Chapman College in Orange for the Summer Conference. The PW members from St. Andrew's who attended enjoyed a weekend of learning and fellowship.

The highlight of the year for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Women was the annual PW Christmas Tea. It was held on Dec.1 in Morgan Hall. Many attended the festive holiday event. Lovely Christmas music was shared by Dr. Christopher Davis as we sat at beautifully decorated tables. The Thank Offering was given.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Willsie

Presbyterian Women Financial Statement

Mona Wise

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR 2019

Balance in Union Bank on January 1, 2019
\$1056.24

Receipts

Pledges	\$1445.00	
Birthday Offering	949.00	
Thank Offering	1267.00	
Least Coin	14.43	
Meals and Other	<u>415.00</u>	
		\$4090.43

Disbursements

Mission Pledge	\$1000.00	
PW/PWS Support	210.00	
Birthday Offering	949.00	
Thank Offering	1267.00	
Least Coin	14.43	
Meals	186.23	
Program Expenses	100.00	
Directed Mission Giving	<u>175.00</u>	
		<u>3901.66</u>

Balance in Union Bank on December 31, 2019
\$1245.01

Mona Wise, Treasurer

Preschool

Cynthia Oliver

Summer and Fall of 2019 was half year of the rat for the preschool. We had a rat infestation in two of our sheds. We had to rebuild our wooden shed and threw away many curriculum items early in 2019. We spent around \$1000 in repair. By March we had taken care of this pest problem.

Thanks to the church we had new windows installed. What a wonderful improvement. So much more efficient and safer.

In the summer we had our new stage in the yard built. It has been an amazing addition, and the children love using it every day. We have musicians and dancers showing their talents. We purchased another large child-size lunch table to complete our set of three.

Our 2nd annual Fall Festival was successful. We made approximately \$10,000. We had a new food caterer (one of our student's great-grandfathers). We had traditional pony rides, a petting zoo, and an added a magician. Fun was had by all and there was no rain in sight! We did bring back the silent auction. We had high participation by our parents, counting around 70 volunteers in total.

Fall enrollment we started with 29 families with 33 children. We did not have any Hope School inclusion children start in September. However, we did add two 4 year-old inclusion children in the middle of November. As of December, we were up to 35 students total.

December 2019 was my 20th anniversary of being a part of St. Andrew's Preschool, 19 of which as the director.

My joy of being a part of this loving, caring environment continues to be a blessing for me. Having the opportunity to teach, learn, and contribute alongside these incredible parents is such a gift.

Our Fiscal year is September 2018 to June 2019

Income: \$134,856.91

Fundraiser: \$10,010.98

Total Income: \$144,867.89

Expenses: \$133,612.81

Checking as of December 2019: \$ 25,330.73

Savings as of December 2019: \$ 1,052.55

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Oliver

SAIL (Serving All in Love) TEAM

Linda Sorensen

Dear friends of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, it has been my pleasure, as SAIL Team chair, to serve our neighborhood and community, sharing Christian love and hospitality to all.

In April, Session approved our request to install "All Gender Restroom" signs near the office to provide more access for everyone.

In May, our purchase of an ADA Shower Trailer was delivered to the Red Cross and Showers of Blessing in order to serve our homeless population. Also, in May the SAIL team took a walking tour of several Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, which led to Session approving our request of a \$50,000 grant to SB Neighborhood Clinics. SBNC provides high quality, comprehensive, affordable healthcare to all people, regardless of their ability to pay.

We are sponsors for the Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance, supporting asylum seekers in Santa Barbara.

In August, we attended and supported the Pacific Pride Festival, Love.Period, at Chase Palm Park. We support our LGBTQ friends.

In November, Session approved our request of re-designating \$10,000 that we gave to the Presbyterian Disaster Resource Fund for the Thomas Fire recovery efforts to the "area of greatest need."

SAIL Team Members: Diana Lee, Pam Polan, Janet Ewart, Lee Thompson, Carole Shapiro, Stephen Lee, and Linda Sorensen

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sorensen, SAIL Team Chair

Stewardship

Carole Shapiro

The theme selected for the 2020 stewardship campaign was "Share the Milk and Honey Promise" to go along with our study of the Israelites as they made their Exodus journey from a life of bondage to the "land of milk and honey" that God had promised them.

A letter went out to each member of the congregation in October signed by all members of Session encouraging everyone to consider their contribution in support of the mission, work and future of St. Andrew's.

Scott Eschbach prepared the pledge cards that were included in the October letter.

In each of the four weeks prior to Commitment Sunday, a church member was invited to speak to the congregation during the service about: a) what St. Andrew's has come to mean to them, and b) why they are committed to making a pledge to support the church in 2020.

November 10th was chosen as Commitment Sunday, when pledge cards were brought forward during the service and placed in an offering basket at the front.

The 2020 campaign resulted in 63 pledges for a total of \$211,119.

The total number of pledges in 2019 was 64 units for a total of \$201,056.

In 2018, the total number of pledge units was 72 for a total of \$208,584.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Shapiro

Worship and Music

Ann Padden-Rubin

Members: Steve Jacobsen (Pastor), Ariel Bowers, Chris Davis (Pianist), Diana Lee (Chair until November 2019), Marie Sue Parsons, Erin McKibben (Choir Director), Carole Shapiro, Dana Monk (joined November 2019), Ann Padden-Rubin (joined as new Chairperson November 2019). Julie Sommers attends regularly to help us coordinate with the other things happening at church.

Chris Davis continues to serve as the Pianist. In January of 2019, Erin McKibben joined the team as Choir Director. Chris and Erin work very well together to plan choir songs and other music throughout each worship service. Much to the enjoyment of the congregation, Erin is a skilled flutist who shares her talents during some services. Chris and Erin also arrange for guest musicians to play periodically.

In January of 2019, St. Andrew's was fortunate to hire Rev. Steve Jacobsen as the Interim Pastor. Steve brings his passion for art, especially painting, to enhance his weekly sermons. His practice of supplementing the Bible passages and his message with a variety of paintings shown on the screens has been received very positively by the congregation. Rev. Jacobsen has also brought another much-welcome addition to St. Andrew's, and that is Disciple Dog. Disciple Dog may be just a puppet in actuality, but to the children and adults who watch and listen as Pastor Steve talks to Disciple Dog during the message for young people, he is much more than a puppet. He is a beloved part of the service. We are very grateful to Steve for introducing us to his "friend."

Throughout 2019, the Worship and Music Team continued with the liturgical tradition of changing the paraments according to the church calendar. The team was also responsible

for adorning the church with lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas. In addition, the team decorated the sanctuary for Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Padden-Rubin
Chair, Worship and Music Team