



The Lamplighter

A publication for the members and friends of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

From the Pastors:

I have always been fascinated with all things British – Monty Python, football (the original version), and the subtle differences in our common language. One such difference is most evident now as we celebrate the ministry of Susan Razor, our Business Administrator, who has retired after almost ten years of service. The British government does not have departments like we do – state, agriculture, defense. They use another term to describe the work. They call them “ministries.” I rather fancy their choice of words.

Administration is a ministry. We Presbyterians who often talk of doing things decently and in good order ought to be the first to affirm that gift of administration as a spiritual one. Yes, Susan has paid the bills and taken care of property and program. In so doing, she has built up the body of Christ and borne witness to the good news of the gospel. I am thankful to call her a co-worker, a friend, and a minister.

Susan is winding down her ministry with us as she trains the newest member of our staff. The Session has approved the hiring of Debbie Hutto as our next Financial Administrator. She comes to us having served in a similar role at a similar sized church, Woodbine United Methodist Church in Pace, Florida. She and her husband Scott have relocated to Atlanta with Georgia Power. Debbie has already started work and will be working three days a week (Monday – Wednesday). We are blessed to have Debbie with us and to have Susan working with her through the transition.

Please plan on lunch at St. Andrews after the late service on Sunday, February 12. We will take time in worship and at lunch to thank God for Susan and send her into retirement with our blessing. Join us as surround we Susan and her husband Steve with our prayers and thank God for all her labours (sorry had to go with the British spelling).

Like Abraham and Sarah, may God bless you and bless others through you.

Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Sunday March 11th. Plan on either walking or supporting those who are walking. We are looking for a big turn out from all of our St. Andrews saints!

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Welcome Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator

Debbie and her husband Scott moved here from Pace, Fl. In Florida, Debbie was financial manager for Woodbine United Methodist Church. Scott works for Georgia Power. They have 2 children, Melissa and Mark. Melissa plays soccer for Kennesaw State University, and Mark is a 10th grader at Lassiter High School where he plays trombone in the Lassiter band.

February Youth Calendar

February 3- 5: Ski Trip
 February 12: Youth- Praying In Color
 February 19: No Youth- President's Day Weekend
 February 26: Youth- Magazine Crosses

Upcoming:
 March 11- Hunger Walk
 March 16: Middle School Cook for Night Shelter



39er's

The 39ers will meet on Monday, February 6th at 11:30 a.m. in Hefner Hall. The Bentleys will provide entertainment. For reservations please call Jack Scott 770-491-6380 or Stell McAnear 770-934-8471.

Theology Pub

Join for a slice of pizza, a cold drink and good conversation on the first Thursday night of each month. February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The discussion will be "What's Church For?". We will meet at Enzo's Pizza, 4487 Hugh Howell Road. The pizzeria is offering a discount, based on the size of our group. Each person will be responsible for their own bill. The conversation will be shared. At our Theology Pub, one of our pastors will lead a discussion about a different topic each month. Invite a friend and let's talk spirituality over a slice.

St. Andrews School News

The second half of our school year is progressing well. It's amazing to see how much the children change and mature throughout the school year. You've probably noticed the changes on our small playground. The school wants to say a special thank you to Paul Burns and Brandon Hayslip for all their hard work and effort with this major project. Things are on track for reopening the small playground, with new swings and climber, very soon. The children and teachers are very excited!

Our Book Fair is this week, Jan. 30th - Feb. 3rd. Thanks for your participation last Sunday and you're welcome to shop this week anytime before 6:00 pm. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year starts on Monday, Feb. 6th for current St. Andrews School families and church members. Please tell your friends and neighbors open registration begins on Feb. 13th. SAS is in the process of purchasing a new bus to replace the old school/church van. This will be available for both the school and church to use for transporting children and adults.

-Cindy Johnson, Director of St. Andrews School

Caring for Creation

During Lent 2012 the Caring for Creation Team invites the congregation to practice the discipline of "meatless meals". Currently the USDA recommends diets with increased amounts of fruits and vegetables (1/2 the plate), increased amounts of whole grains, decreased amounts of fats, sodium, and sugars and varied protein sources. Depending on age, sex and physical activity adults should consume 5-6 oz. of lean protein daily. This can be from lean meat but also from beans, peas, nuts, seeds, tofu, eggs and fish...sources that are lean and require less of the environment to produce.

To encourage "meatless meals" during Lent, the Caring for Creation Team will provide recipes and websites. Look for them in the narthex or request them electronically from Mary Evans, tmevans@bellsouth.net.

Treasurer's Update

COMPARISON of MONTHLY INCOME and EXPENSES		
2/1/2012		
	DECEMBER 2011	JANUARY 2012
RECEIPTS	\$62,241.34	\$45,881.48
EXPENSES	\$41,306.21	\$49,136.43
RECEIPTS minus EXPENSES	\$20,935.13	(\$3,254.95)
	Through December	Through January
RECEIPTS	\$591,867.43	\$45,881.48
EXPENSES	\$592,248.83	\$49,136.43
RECEIPTS minus EXPENSES	(\$381.40)	(\$3,254.95)
	2011 Expense Budget:	Budget, year-to-date:
(2012 BUDGET \$585,209.)	\$633,615.00	\$48,767.42

2010 – 2012 Capital Campaign

Amount pledged thru 2012:	\$584,116.00
Amount received thru January 31, 2012:	\$404,937.94

WOW! What's on Wednesdays!



Join us for our family Wednesday night programs from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 pm! Dinner in Heffner Hall @ 6 pm: \$7 for Adults, \$3 for Children (10 and under)

Adult program @ 6:45 in Heffner Hall.

February 1 –Program: Carol Underwood- UN Experience **Menu:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy on the side, green beans, rolls, butter, banana pudding

February 8 - Program: Presbyterian Homes and Planned Giving- 5 Wishes- Jerry Wells **Menu:** BBQ pulled pork, sandwich rolls, baked beans coleslaw, carrot cake

February 15 - Program: Tom Crick- Carter Center- Liberia Conflict Resolution **Menu:** Jerked chicken, black beans and rice, harvest salad, rolls, butter, key lime pie

February 22 - Program: Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 pm **Menu:** Baked potato bar (mushrooms, cheese sauce, all toppings: sour cream, butter, bacon bits, chives) , caesar salad, lemon cream pie

February 29 - Program: Steadfast Hope- Israel/Palestine Mission Network **Menu:** Beef Brisket, mashed potatoes with gravy on side, green beans, rolls, butter, fudge cake

Youth program @ 6:30 in Youth Lounge: Bible study and fellowship. Children's program @ 6:30 (dismissed from and returned to Heffner Hall): Music, Bible Study and games. Nursery in EB room 105: available for children 3 and under.

January Session Activities

LAMPLIGHTER REPORT

SESSION ACTIVITIES

January 22, 2012

The Session met on January 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room; in addition to times of prayer, praise, and scripture study, we took the following actions and received the following reports:

- The 2012 master calendar was reviewed.
- Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of December 4, 2011 and received the Treasurer's Report for December, 2011.
- It was reported that SAPC received acknowledgement letters from The Outreach Foundation concerning receipt of gifts of \$210.45 and from The Atlanta Community Food Bank concerning receipts of gifts of \$500.
- The current incoming class of elders and deacons were ordained and installed on Sunday, January 8th during the 11 am worship service. The new elders are: Phyllis Bearden, Patricia Drury, Maryanne Jones, Jim King, Asele Mack, Kim Rometo, Julie Todd, and youth elder Anna Brechin; and the new deacons are: Paul Burns, Robbie Floyd, Page Kubik, and Ken Slusher.
- There will be an officer retreat (involving both Session and Diaconate) this year at the Lodge on Lake Oconee in Eatonton, GA on February 25, 2012.
- Approved A. Kallay and K. Rometo to serve as elder commissioners and attend the next PGA meeting at New Life Presbyterian Church in College Park on February 11, 2012.
- Fellowship report: Small groups will start soon (Young Families; Cook and Serve at the Night Shelter; Theatre Group; and Supper Clubs). Signups have already started; there are two upcoming luncheons: New Years Luncheon on January 29, 2012 and Susan Rasor's Retirement Luncheon on February 12, 2012.
- Management report: Stewardship pledges received as of January 3, 2012: 116 pledges - \$437,423.01; HR reports that due to new Presbytery guidelines, we will need to increase the salary for Rev. Hay in order to meet the new minimum salary levels
- More Management reports: P. Drury, A. Smith and Dr. Kivett have interviewed numerous candidates for the Financial Administrator position. After conducting these interviews, HR Committee recommended that the Session approve the hiring of Debbie Hutto to this position, with intent for her to start in the new position immediately. It was approved to accept HR Committee's recommendation to hire Debbie Hutto as a part-time salaried position as Financial Administrator at the salary of \$30,000 annually for 24 hours per week.
- Other Management reports: A 30-day notice was provided to JaniKing to terminate our contract with the current franchise due to unresolved service issues. We are replacing this franchise with another JaniKing franchise; Replacement of the sprinkler heads in the education building was completed; We are researching options to replace the shed or to replace the roof on the existing structure. The cost for a new roof would be approx. \$2,000 and a new shed could run up to \$9,000; Plans are being looked into to fix the issues with the courtyard; The remaining lights to be replaced in the Education Building would cost approx. \$12,000. We will wait to review budget in May to decide if we will apply for a new matching grant; Susan Phillips reported that the Membership Directory should be distributed next month.
- The Session reviewed and approved the Pastor's Salaries for 2012 and recommended that this be presented for approval by the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on January 29th.
- Mission report: Update on the 2011 Christmas Eve offering benevolence: \$1320.62 was collected and half (\$660.31) was sent to NETWorks and half was sent to Net Food Pantry; Follow up on the 2011 Christmas projects: The IAH affiliated children - Christmas tree gifts: All but 4 of the Angel tree requested gifts were returned to the Narthex for distribution to the children, and that problem was corrected. There was concern that the youth did not actively participate in the project this year and there was an expressed desire to make plans to include the youth next time. The international agency: Rivers of the World- about 15 bags of supplies were collected, these will be sent to ROW soon.
- Outreach report: The name tags project (all worship attendees will wear name tags) will start Sunday, January 29th; The Blood Drive has been moved to Sunday, March 18, 2012.
- SAS report: St. Andrews School Scholastic Book Fair: Monday Jan. 30th - Friday Feb. 3rd - Shopping Hours 8:30-9:30, 12:00-1:30, 4:00-6:00; Special Hours for church members: Sunday Jan. 29th 10:30am-11:00am and Wed. after WOW 7:30 pm-8:00 pm; SAS has proposed a slight increase in tuition costs and an increase in the summer camp fees; SAS is revising the policy regarding children displaying aggressive behavior.
- Worship report: The adult baptism of Christopher Heath Worrell on January 8, 2012 was approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with prayer and song.

Fair Trade Coffee

Time to order! Each quarter St Andrews orders fair traded coffee, tea and chocolate from the Presbyterian Coffee Project (www.equalexchange.coop). Order forms are in the narthex wall boxes or from Mary Evans, tmevans@bellsouth.net, 770-493-9489. Please place orders with Mary by February 13.

Save the Date!

St. Andrews Blood Drive
 Sunday, March 18th
 12:00—5:00 p.m.

Church Women United

The Church Women United of DeKalb met at St. Andrews on January 20th. This was their annual meeting and more than 35 ladies were present. Dr. Dave Kivett welcomed them with prayer and installed officers for their group. Their "ingathering project" Ritzy Rags collected a huge amount of clothing. The next celebration meeting will be the World Day of Prayer, on March 2nd at Briarcliff United Methodist Church.

Knit-N-Love

The St. Andrews knitting ministry was begun in 2006, by Del Rey Humphreys. The group knits prayer shawls, baby caps and crochet lap robes. The knitted shawl and crocheted lap robes have been given to St. Andrews members who are ill or shut-in. The baby caps are given to newborn babies, great grandbabies and babies of St. Andrews members. A number of them went to a Salvation Army project. A number were given to a nursery in South Africa. They have also knitted hats for the men at the Druid Hills Night Shelter for the last two years. If you knit or crochet and would enjoy a bit of conversation, come join us on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

Prayer Around the World

<u>FEBRUARY</u>		<u>MARCH</u>		<u>APRIL</u>	
Estonia	February 2nd	France	March 4th	Germany	April 1st
Ethiopia	February 12th	Gabon	March 11th	Ghana	April 8th
Fiji	February 19th	Gambia	March 18th	Greece	April 15th
Finland	February 26th	Georgia	March 25th	Grenada	April 22nd
				Guatemala	April 29th

Many thanks to those who already volunteered! I think you will be surprised how easy, enjoyable, and enlightening you will find this project. Once you sign up, we will e-mail you the template and links to web sites that have been helpful, although you are welcome to use any resources that you find. The full list of countries is located in the Narthex next to the globe. Nearby, you can find information on countries that we have already profiled and paper copies of the research template. That information is also available on St. Andrews web site through the link at the bottom of the home page. With any questions or suggestions about the project, please contact Pastor Dave or me, Asele Mack asele.surina@gmail.com or (404) 825-1715.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS:

2nd=Jake Dayoub, Laura King, Loretta Parker
5th=Benjamin Ashby, Evelyn Aycocock, Darold Modine
Christopher (Heath) Worrell
10th=Denise Dayoub
11th=Eloise Ballard, Rosemary Broom, Andrew Todd
12th=Ellen Halvorson
15th=James (Jim) Sabin
16th=Walter McDuffie
17th=Maria Mackas
18th=Stephanie Allen, Mary Honeychurch,
Walter Selby
19th=Pat Creasman, Jack Jennings, Mary O'Brien
23rd=Sarah Phillips
24th=Esther Cooper
25th=Charles Jackson, Jeff Nelson
27th=William Ashby
29th=Rebecca Croke

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

28th=Julie & Louis Todd

*The deadline for the March Lamplighter Newsletter article submission is February 15th, 2012.
Please email entries to office@standrewspresbyterian.org or leave in Rebecca's mailbox in the church
office hallway.*