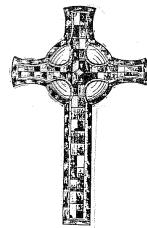


# St. Andrew

## Presbyterian Church **ConneXions**



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### MINISTER'S MUSINGS

I just returned from my two-week vacation back east. I was blessed to see many dear friends and church members. I got to hike in Connecticut, fish in the Atlantic Ocean (trying for bass) and dance at the end of Dune road in Westhampton Beach, NY. I returned to a wonderful week of Music Camp and I want to say thank you to Kathryn and Don Adkins and all of the Music Camp volunteers who made this week so spectacular!!!

By the time you read this, we will have started our summer sermon series on John Calvin. We will be looking at five of his most known theological concepts which are expressed in the acronym T.U.L.I.P.. Created in the 1600's at the Synod of Dort, a committee summarized Calvin's thought into these five points pushing against Arminianism. We have already explored Total Depravity which is the deep understanding of our sinful nature and need of God's grace. In the next four weeks of August we will explore Unconditional Election (predestination), Limited Atonement (Salvation for all who believe), Irresistible Grace (God's sovereignty in grace), and Perseverance of the Saints (once chosen by God and saved by Christ, you are saved). Of course there is so much more to these foundational theologies, but I hope this whets your appetite. We will have informational boards on display all five weeks to help you better explore Calvin and your faith. Then on August 16 following worship we will have a chance to discuss what we have learned or challenge what Calvin thought in forum and salad lunch. We will have signups for salads. Bring your questions and your wonderings.....

To round out the month of August we will have our **All Church Picnic** on the 30<sup>th</sup>. This is one of my favorite Sundays, when you can come to church in your shorts and enjoy a festive worship and then

lots of fun and fellowship following worship. We have games and balloon animals for the kids, music for the adults, and terrific food. Wear your St. Andrew T-shirt to show our spirit!!! We will also have Sunday School registration that day.

Finally, I want to invite you to share in a **Walk4Water** event on September 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful way to raise funds for clean drinking water in El Salvador. As you know we have already put in one clean water system and now we are working on the second and thought this would be a fun way to invite our friends to help. This will be a 5K walk/run at Pinto Lake County Park. Registration starts at 8 and walk/run starts at 9. If you want to sign up please go to [www.walk4waterscas.com](http://www.walk4waterscas.com). Then you can ask your friends online to sponsor you for this event. This is a joint project with Christ Lutheran Church and our fund raiser as part of the Santa Cruz al Salvador mission community.

*Anne*

The illustration features a cartoon chef with glasses and a toque (hat) standing behind a barbecue grill. The chef is holding a pair of tongs over the flames. To the right of the chef, the words "CHURCH PICNIC" are written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the main title, the date "August 30" is written in a smaller, italicized font.



## Heart Line

Please pray for these members and friends.

Linda Bell	Clare Pelich
Helen Cooke	Lyle Silldorff
Shirley Coleman	Jud Van Gorder

David Beach (*former member*)  
 Pam Derry (*Mary Zimmer's friend*)  
 Jan Hunter (*Peg Ogg's daughter*)  
 Naomi Lyall (*friend of Erik Ottem*)  
 Iona Sieber (*Faith Tuban's sister*)  
 Family of Bill Peck (*friend of the Maacks*)  
 Andrea (*Dee St. Clair's daughter*)  
 Flynn and family (*Dee Hamil's grandson*)

## Ecumenical Prayer Vigil

The prayer vigil for peace in the Middle East continues with California praying on Friday, August 7. Prayer examples follow:

*God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in the Middle East. Shower upon all the people of these ancient lands the spirit of justice and reconciliation.*



## Adult Education

*Dr. Susan Mahan*



In 2015-2016 Adult Education will be studying *The Acts of the Apostles*, Women in the Bible, the history of Christianity from the Reformation to the present day, religion in America, afterlife and contemporary religious ethics.

We will begin in September with Women in the Bible. We would love to see you. Please read Genesis chapters 12-20 before September 6.

Join our friendly group anytime! For any questions call or email Susan Mahan 831-320-6422 or [stmahan181@gmail.com](mailto:stmahan181@gmail.com).

## World Wide Presbyterian Outreach Excerpts from "The Mission Yearbook"

In June we featured an article about Malawi, a very poor African nation which received lifesaving donations from our denomination's mission funding, to which St. Andrew contributes. The Mission Yearbook also recognizes how individual churches in the United States respond to the call for mission. Our own 10,879 member Presbytery of San Jose was exemplified recently through the manner in which Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church has reached thousands through the use of their kitchen. Some longtime members may see similarities in previous programs at St. Andrew.

Frequently, Sunnyvale Presbyterian offers Sunday lunch to seniors or to a local agency serving homeless teens. A special dinner has been organized for the 200 or more people at the local homeless shelter. Each Thanksgiving the church coordinates a complete meal for some 350 hungry people who come to celebrate the holiday. Much of Jesus' ministry happened around a table; it is fitting to continue His ministry in this way.



## Directory Change

### New Address:

**Sandy & Ken Petznick**  
 18600 Wilda Way  
 Aromas, CA 95004

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Marian Langdon

### Food for Recuperative Care Center (RCC)

The congregation of St. Andrew has been very responsive to our every-two-week delivery of food to the Recuperative Care Center. Signups are covered through October. We appreciate your continuing support.

### Music Camp

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Camp was a resounding success! The performance on Sunday had the church packed with appreciative family and friends.



### Santa Cruz al Salvador

Please see the article on the Walk 4 Water fundraiser on the *Inspirations...Reflections* page, and the associated paragraph in Anne's *Musings*.

## ENRICHMENT NOTES

Donna Erickson

### Calling the Faithful: Hot Summer Sermon Series July 26-Aug. 23

*Editor's Note:* The first of these sermon-study Sundays will be history by the time this newsletter reaches you. Here are details on the rest of the series.

**Presbyterianism. John Calvin. Reformed Faith.** Do these words sound familiar? Do you have a clear idea what they mean? Are they relevant to our faith experience today?

The Enrichment Committee has asked, and Pastor Anne has agreed, to review these topics for us during the five sermon-study Sundays in July and August.

To enhance this study, **The Presbyterian Historical Society** has agreed to send us 12 large posters depicting John Calvin's life and theology. These will be on display in the courtyard for your enjoyment.

Then, on August 16, following church, we will gather in Hubler Hall for a salad lunch AND discussion of the ideas Anne has presented. This exciting new event is guaranteed to be thought-provoking, faith-enhancing and fun. Don't miss it!

### Founder's Day Celebration

Save the Date! The Enrichment Committee is preparing a special Founder's Day Service in continuation of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It will take place at **Valencia Hall** on **September 20, 2015**. (Note: Worship will *NOT* be held at St. Andrew that day.) Please see more details in the September newsletter.

## Inspirations, Reflections

### Walk 4 Water – a 5K Walk/Run to Support Santa Cruz al Salvador

**A Fun 5k Walk/Run**  
To help provide clean water in El Pilar, a rural Salvadoran community

**Location**  
Pinto Lake County Park  
757 Green Valley Road  
Watsonville, California

**When**  
September 12, 2015

**Registration/sign-in**  
Begins at 8 am  
The walk/run starts at 9 am

**Visit**  
[www.walk4waterscas.com](http://www.walk4waterscas.com)  
to register or call 688-5727 X3



Please see Anne's *Musings* for additional information on our Santa Cruz al Salvador fundraiser. As a member organization, St. Andrew is committed to support SCaS at least once a year. This year, it will be in conjunction with Christ Lutheran Church, just across Freedom Boulevard from us. Therefore, Walk for Water becomes an ecumenical effort involving the members of two sister churches, with other member churches possibly joining in as well.

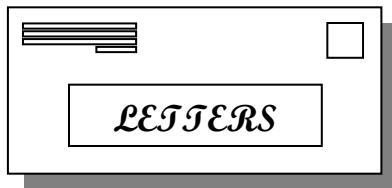
*The following are notes from Karla Norton, one of the two delegates for SCaS from St. Andrew.*

Here in California we continue to take water for granted, despite our efforts at conservation. In El Salvador, 90% of the water is polluted. This is particularly true in the smaller rural communities. In these communities families have to walk approximately 5K each day with water jugs just to meet their daily needs. This 5K walk/run will give participants an idea of what it is like to live in such an area. And we aren't even asking you to carry water jugs!

We are currently working in the community of Bendicion de Dios Dos in the Zaragoza Canton of La Libertad. This phase of the project will greatly benefit approximately 100 families who have to carry 5 gallon water containers to and from wells that have recently been dug. The next phase of the project will include a water storage system and piping to homes so they won't have to walk for water at all.



For those members who do not wish to walk or run, an easy way to assist with this project is to support the walkers/runners with your donation. Checks may be made to "Santa Cruz al Salvador" or made online through the website: [www.walk4waterscas.com](http://www.walk4waterscas.com)



## Notes from a Former St. Andrew Member

*Editor's Note:* The following letter to Anne was to have been included in the March newsletter in preparation for St. Andrew's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It describes a part of the history that has not been reflected elsewhere. Clara has resent her original letter which follows:

2889 San Pasqual St.  
Pasadena CA 91107  
June 4, 2015

Dear Anne,

We follow the *Connexions* regularly and appreciate keeping up with our dear friends at St. Andrew.

I served the church as the Staff member on Membership Care from August 1988 to July 1992. I started when John Tritenback was the Pastor. When he moved, the session asked me to stay on at least until after a new pastor would be settled in. So, I served through the transition, during the Interim Pastorate of Jane Newstead, and until after Duncan Hansen came. While Duncan was there, my husband, Ray Heer, served as the part-time parish Associate of Adult Education. This was after he retired as Executive Director of Camp Corralitos. Then in July 1992 we had to regretfully leave St. Andrew in order to retire to our home in Santa Ana.

Our life in St. Andrew was really wonderful and made many rich friendships, many whom are in the "elderly category" as we are now. We were involved in every part of the life of the church, enjoying the supper clusters, the small group experiences, singing in the choir under Don Adkins, feeding the homeless, and participating in all the mission projects involved in the changing of the guard during the interim time. We are excited about all the ministries we read about in the *Connexions*, but especially about the Music Camp

that Don and Kathryn Adkins continue. Their two little boys used to sit by us in worship while their folks were in the choir, and called me "Grandma".

Give our greetings to all our friends. We wish we could participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St. Andrew. It would be such a joy, but our uncertain health would make the travel problematic. May is a month of celebrations. May 22, we will celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

It is fun to look back to Santa Ana days when you, Anne, were active in the high school group. We wonder where everyone is now. We rejoice in your celebration and continue to enjoy the *Connexions* which seems to reflect a dynamic church on the move in faithful directions.

In Christ's Service,  
*Clara Heer*

Dear Friends,

We can't thank you enough for your prayers, comfort, hugs and the food you showered upon us. Being surrounded with so much caring really helped me deal with the emotional aspects of cancer. Not sure I could have done it without your support.

With heartfelt thanks,  
*Linda and Bob*

Dear Members of St. Andrew Church,

I am a parent of a St. Andrew Preschool student and was at the church to sell tickets for our raffle fundraiser. I want to thank you for your kindness and support and let you know I enjoyed learning that some of your grandchildren once attended our fine school.

Thank you again for you continued support and I hope that some of you bought winning tickets!

Kindly,  
*Marie Louise Minvielle*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday  
to all those  
celebrating in  
August.**



*Kathy Gleaton, Director*

Our 2014-2015 school year came to a close with a small but spirited summer session. The boy to girl ratio was 9-3. We spent the days with Luke Skywalker, Hans Solo, force fields and solar power protective shields. We decorated our bikes, tricycles and scooters and with over 20 strong, we marched in Aptos' 4th of July Shortest Parade. For the first time ever, the preschool received a blue ribbon for the Most Patriotic Children's Group!

The summer session also marks the last time the Class of 2015 St. Andrew graduates can play with their preschool friends inside preschool walls.

We don't like to draw attention to one particular graduate but this one is extraordinary and will be greatly missed. After 14 plus years Teacher Melanie Elliott has graduated from St. Andrew Preschool!! St. Andrew is a cooperative preschool. We the teachers not only touch children's lives, we touch grown-up lives too. When I walked into the school ten years ago I met an extraordinary woman. Melanie took me under her wings and supported me, encouraged me and gave me the strength and confidence not only to touch the life of the child but the grown-ups that come with that child.



### IN MEMORIAM

**Betty Heller**  
July 3, 2015

Service pending in September  
In the Pasadena area



### IN MEMORIAM

**Beverly Barton**  
July 9, 2015

Service was held July 14  
in Monterey

Teachers that have graduated from St Andrew are beloved by children and adults alike. They are wise and enchanting. Teacher Melanie is no exception and I want to be like her when I grow up.

### Note Newsletter Deadline!

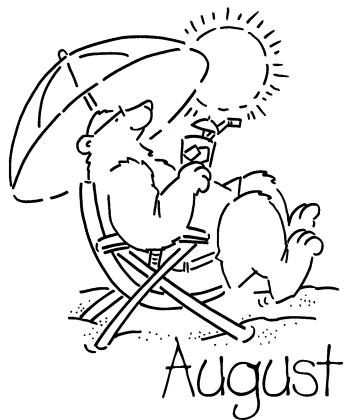
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