

# St. Andrew

Presbyterian Church

# Connections



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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

An Editor's page often highlights what you will find inside the current issue of a magazine. This month I am taking a page from that practice to write my musings, lifting up three exciting activities in which I hope you partake.

**Walk4Water** on September 12th at Pinto Lake County Park is raising funds for clean water in El Salvador. As part of our mission with Santa Cruz al Salvador we are partnering with Christ Lutheran to host this community event. All are welcome to walk. Invite your friends to join us. We have a team of walkers including Marian Langdon, Karla Norton, Dee Hamil, Gwen Yeo, Dee St. Clair, Charlie Millar (hoping for some youth) and Anne McAnelly. Still time to register!!! To register for the walk, go to the below website and you will find an email and also a phone contact. The cool thing is we can email friends or post on Facebook and have people sponsor us online. Donate online at **walk4waterscas.com**. It promises to be a great time of fellowship and exercise as we actively do mission!!!!

For a firsthand look at this mission, consider a trip to El Salvador with the next delegation which is leaving early January for 10 days. Contact Karla Norton if you are interested.....

**Founder's Day/50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Worship at Valencia Hall** Join us September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 for a worship service in the place it all began... Valencia Hall. St. Andrew Church started in this little building and we thought it might be fun to revisit the spot. Ice Cream Social to follow. Please see Marian's article for more details. Two things you need to know: **Please carpool**, we will be meeting at the church at 10:00 and carpool over; **No worship in church on the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Discussion on Climate Change** How many times have you heard someone say, "Pope Francis said or did something wonderful..." I think it would be safe to say he is one of most appreciated and respected Pope's in recent history. Pope Francis has written an Encyclical on Climate Change, which you can find on our website. He relates how our faith calls us to action taking care of God's creation. On October 1, 2015 at 7:30 at Resurrection Catholic Church, the Progressive Christian Forum will host a discussion of the Pope's Encyclical. The speakers include: Brother Keith Warner, Ph.D., of Santa Clara University, a Franciscan scholar in Environmental Studies, Dr. Jeffrey Kiehl, cited as "one of the top climate scientists in the world," and Dr. Andrew Szasz, chairperson of the UCSC Environmental Studies Department. You will have an opportunity join in this faithful and relevant discussion.

Finally I want to thank each person who has met with me to discuss end of life decisions. We look at advance directives, your wishes about music and scripture for memorial service while pastorally reflecting on your life and work. I am truly blessed with each one on one conversation. Thank you for trusting me. I look forward to meeting with YOU, when you feel ready.

Blessings,

### Founder's Day Celebration Service September 20, 2015

Please see the article on page 3 for details on this continuing celebration of St. Andrew Presbyterian's 50 years of service.

Also, note that there will be no church service at St. Andrew as all will be welcome at Valencia Hall for the service.



## 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*)  
 Steve Glaum (*Dorothy's son*)  
 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 Monday, September 7. Prayer examples follow:



*Blessed Jesus, lift up the Middle East for all humankind, breathe love into our prayers with a desire for nothing other than peace: peace in our hearts, and peace for all creation.*



## Bible Study

### “Come to the Waters”

The first monthly meeting for Bible Study will be Monday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m.

If you have ordered a book, please pick it up in the office and read the Introduction and Lesson 1.

We will be meeting the fourth Monday of every month.



## Adult Education

*Dr. Susan Mahan*

We will begin Adult Education 2015-2016 on September 6 with a study of Women in the Bible. Please read Genesis, Chapters 12-20, and bring your Bible to class. Remember, we never have exams! We do have prayer to open the classes, guided study, discussions, questions and answers and fun.

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 meet in Hubler Hall from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. You may join the group at anytime. For questions or comments, call or email Susan Mahan 831-320-6422 or stmahan181@gmail.com.

NOTE: Adult Education will be having class at St. Andrew on September 20, the day of the anniversary celebration. The class will end at 9:45 in order for everyone to get into carpools to go to Valencia Hall.

## Peace and Global Witness Offering

*Dee St. Clair*

At this time each year we focus on Peace. During this time our thoughts turn toward the meaning of peace and how, through Christ, we can nurture it inside ourselves and throughout the world. There are many challenging situations to resolve in our schools, communities and the world.

Envelopes titled “Give a Gift of Peace” will be in the pews on **Sunday, September 27**. Twenty-five percent of the Peace and Global Witness offering stays with St. Andrew. The remainder of the funds helps PCUSA address these issues with peacemaking and reconciliations around the world.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Marian Langdon, Gwen Yeo, Sally Griffin

### Hygiene Kits for Mid-County Homeless

St. Andrew is participating with a consortium of congregations to try to address the needs of homeless individuals in the mid-county area of Santa Cruz County. Each of the congregations commits to provide an important part of the support needed by the homeless to supplement the weekly Saturday lunches provided by Shorelife Community Church.

St. Andrew has committed to provide hygiene kits each week during October. The Outreach Committee will be organizing the material for the hygiene kits which should include: dry shampoo, hair brush, comb, feminine wipes, deodorant, hair ties, panty liners, toothbrush, small toothpaste, and ultra-thin pads. Other items needed are new socks, clothing, tents, cookies, backpacks, and bottled water in addition to lunch servers, prayer, and financial support. Contributions are welcome; bring donations to the office throughout September.

### Santa Cruz al Salvador

Please see Anne's notes and the *Inspirations, Reflections* page for information on the upcoming delegation in January, 2016. The office has a sign-up sheet for those wishing to support the Walk4Water on September 12.

### 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.

### Mission in China

(From pg. 202, *Mission Yearbook*)

Presbyterians established The Nanjing Union Theological Seminary in 1904. With the Communist Revolution, all foreign relationships were severed and it closed during the Cultural Revolution in 1966. In 1979 it reopened as the only national seminary in China, a status it still retains. Its 280 students are crucial to the future of Protestant Christianity in China. A shortage of professors has led the Presbyterian Church USA to explore the possibility of having Presbyterian professors teach either as visitors or full time staff.

## ENRICHMENT NOTES

Marian Allen

### Founder's Day Celebration Service September 20, 2015

As a continuation of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we are planning for our worship service to be held at Valencia Hall on September 20 at 10:30 am. Picturesque

Valencia Hall, surrounded by an apple orchard and beautiful redwoods, was the first meeting place for St. Andrew church after the group outgrew meeting in members' homes. The first meeting in the Hall was held on September 27, 1965. Sunday School classes



were held in the homes of nearby founding members; the Glaum, Barnes and Herrell families.

We are excited to have this opportunity to celebrate our heritage in this special place. Following worship, we plan to have an ice cream social with make-your-own concoctions. A variety of ice cream and toppings will be provided along with coffee and tea. Yes, it's OK to have dessert before lunch in honor of our founders!

If anyone is inclined to be retro back to 1965 then ladies, get out your hats and gloves and clothing of the era and men, find your neckties and come dressed in your Sunday best.

We are looking forward to having a meaningful, joyous service, with great hymns and the choir. Following will be a social time in honor of our founders' faith and vision as they established St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Aptos.

**We encourage carpooling to Valencia Hall as parking is limited.** Maps will be printed and further details will be provided in the Sunday Bulletins. Watch for updates!



## SESSION NEWS

*Eileen Mihm, Clerk*

The August 18 meeting of Session began with a quite pleasurable joint potluck with the Deacons.

Our business meeting began with a discussion of the Vision Grant we're asking of Presbytery to help us pay for a (very inconspicuous) projector and screen in the sanctuary.

We moved on to Committee Reports by each committee chair. Highlights include reports of the new lighting and paint in Thomas Lounge and preparations for the Church Picnic on August 30 and for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration at Valencia Hall on September 20.

Personnel is busy updating and revising some of the Preschool policies.

Action items approved by the Session are:

- 1) To approve the use of \$6,000 from Mission Reserve Funds for a projector and screen.
- 2) To approve to decrease the 2015 Building and Grounds budget by \$4,000 to help reduce our budget deficit.
- 3) To allow AA to hold their Monday evening meetings in Hubler Hall at \$30 per meeting.
- 4) To approve sponsoring a Boy Scout Pack meeting in Hubler Hall once a month at no charge.

## LETTERS

Hello, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church friends.

It has been some time since my husband and I were members of the church, but we are excited to let those of you know, who may remember our family, that we are trying to move back into the area and are looking forward to rejoining this church. ...Thank you ever so much for your help and prayers during this transition time for our family. We hope to join you again soon in worship.

Sincerely,  
*Rachael Cash and Family*

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Charlie Millar*

I hope you have all had an amazing summer! Our kids have all gone back to school and we are about to start up fall sports and dance classes. I have a new 'job' working as yard duty at Rio Del Mar School. It's wonderful to see the kids even more!



As we enter this season there are a lot of changes happening in our kids' community. There are kids entering junior high, beginning high school, and everyone is starting new classes with new teachers. It's a season of excitement but also one of unknowns and anxieties for many of our children.

I would like our larger community as a church family to integrate more with the kids. For those of you that feel called, it would be wonderful if you could pick a child to pray for and to get to know. It might sound scary. I know they run all over like wild monkeys at church! The truth is the kids are all very kind and sweet. To begin getting know them can be very simple. It starts with a smile and a wave if you don't know them yet. You may notice they all flock to the snacks that are out after church. Saying, "Hello," to a kid or two and asking them how they are doing or what they have been working on outside school is an easy way to begin getting to know the kids.

I love this church and the support and kindness I have always felt for our kids! My intent is to extend an invitation to those of you who haven't gotten to know the kids to get involved, even if it's on the smallest level. I am encouraged at the way our youth community and leaders are coming together and I am excited to go even farther in creating new relationships at church and in our community!

# Inspirations, Reflections

## Delegation to El Salvador: January 2- January 12, 2016

*Karla Norton*

In 2003 I was bitten by a bug and I have been infected ever since. But, do not despair, it hasn't made me very ill, and has even strengthened my walk of faith. I do hope this bug is contagious, that some of you who are reading this article will feel the nudging of God and the invitation to participate in a very exciting step in your faith journey.

Last year St. Andrew Presbyterian Church joined with other Presbyterian and Lutheran churches in the greater Santa Cruz area in Santa Cruz al Salvador, an organization that is in relationship with a couple of communities in El Salvador, working on health and education initiatives. Many of you in this church have taken on the commitment of a prayer child in the community of Guillermo Ungo.

Now, I would like to invite you to travel with the Santa Cruz al Salvador group January 2-12, 2016 and see first-hand what this ministry is all about. But, travelers, beware! It just might change your life. I know it continues to change mine.

If you are interested, please talk to me. My phone number is (831) 227-3531 and my email address is [karla\\_norton@yahoo.com](mailto:karla_norton@yahoo.com). The sign-up deadline is 9/30.



Making papusas with Mayra



Dental Clinic at El Pilar



The recently-installed well is now housed in a metal, roofed enclosure built with funds provided by donations to Santa Cruz al Salvador.



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church delegate Jill getting fresh water. Following digging for water, the well was installed.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday  
to all those  
celebrating in  
September.



New phone number:

**Edith Rittue**  
831-708-2920



## DID YOU KNOW?



Find them on our web site:  
[www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org)



Kathy Gleaton, *Director*

The Gone Paddling sign comes down September 9 and the laughter of little voices in the classroom and play yard will return during the hours of 9 – 1. This year promises to be energetic. With only one class of 3-to 5-year olds, that will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we are expecting 22 students starting in September with 2 more coming in January. Teacher Luisa and I will be very busy.

On the morning of the first day of school the preschool hosts a Welcome Coffee in the courtyard. If you are in the neighborhood please stop by for a morning treat and meet our families.

Sometimes, the excitement and energy of our students, and their siblings takes hold and they bolt across the parking lot to get to school. Please be on the lookout, not only for children darting between cars, but for their parents chasing them.

As a reminder, we continue to collect recyclable cans and bottles that have California Redemption Value (CaRV). This gives the school a little extra money for glue sticks and other supplies. Please bring your donations to the office.

## Note Newsletter Deadline!

Articles for the October newsletter must be submitted by **September 15.**



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**Newsletter Deadline:** All articles and items for the newsletter are due in the church office the 15th day of the month prior to the month they will appear. The next deadline is September 15 for the October newsletter.

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