



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Walk for Water

It started with a simple idea, a few committed people and lots of generous hearts!!! Six months ago, as the two newest member churches of Santa Cruz al Salvador, we partnered with Christ Lutheran to do a fund raiser. Walk4Water was born! On a cool September morning, 40 or so walkers hiked around Pinto Lake Park sharing good conversations and scenery while supporting a wonderful cause. Because of your willingness to support our great team of walkers, we raised almost **\$10,000!!!** This was the largest single fund raiser in Santa Cruz al Salvador's history!!! Thrivent Financial offered grants to help offset the costs of the events so more of the funds will go toward clean water. Thank you to everyone who participated and who sponsored a walker!!! St. Andrew certainly is a generous group of people!!! (Photos inside)

New Member Classes

Maybe you would like to join our ranks as the newest members of St. Andrew Church. We will be having our New Members class following worship on October 4 and 18; meet with Session on the 20th and join the church on October 25. If you are interested in learning more or discussing your options, please speak with Pastor Anne.

Stewardship

Soon you will be receiving your stewardship letter. I hope you will reflect on what your faith in Christ and your church family mean to you. It is hard to put a monetary amount on something so precious. The

joy we share in knowing Christ, and the comfort we find in prayers and community are priceless. Yet a little time reflecting on the benefits of Christ and our gratitude for grace create an awareness of how thankful we each are for God's care. Even when life is hard, consider how much harder it would be to face your same situation alone; without God, without your faith, without your church family. When you truly trust that God will provide, then generosity flows. Because all that you have and are come from God; your life, your health, your resources and time. I pray you will look with new eyes on how you will be saying thank you to God for all that God has given.

You will have an opportunity to share your commitment and joy on Dedication Sunday on November 8. I hope to hear from everyone by Thanksgiving weekend. May your gratitude overflow much like God's abundant blessings.

Blessings and peace,

**An Evening's Reflection on
the Pope's Encyclical
and his visit to the United States.**

October 1st at 7:30 – 9:00 pm
at the Markey Community Center
at the Resurrection Church
7600 Soquel Drive, Aptos

On Care for our Common Home



Heart Line

Please pray for these members and friends.

Helen Cooke	Clare Pelich
Shirley Coleman	Lyle Silldorff
Peg Ogg	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 Wednesday, October 7. A prayer example follows:



God of justice, bless those who work for peace through justice. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence and terror. Guide the leaders of the peoples of the Middle East to know your will and to support a just peace for all of your children.



Bible Study

“Come to the Waters”

The monthly meeting for Bible Study will be Monday, October 26. Please read Lesson 2 before coming to the meeting.

We will be meeting the fourth Monday of every month.

Adult Education

Dr. Susan Mahan



For the month of October, Adult Education will continue studying Women in the Bible. Doing this has exposed us to interesting women, marriage, family life, domestic activities, and Hebrew tribal customs and beliefs. So, bring your Bible or use one of the Bibles in Hubler Hall. You are encouraged to join in the enriching discussions.

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.

Update on the Peace Offering

Dee St. Clair

The Peace Offering was taken on September 27 and additional offerings are expected on the first Sunday in October.

The November newsletter will have an update on the amounts received.

75% of the offering is sent to General Assembly for Peace and Global Witness programs.

The 25% that we retain will be donated to the Homeless Garden Project.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Marian Langdon, Gwen Yeo, Sally Griffin



Santa Cruz al Salvador

The Walk4Water fundraiser on September 12 at Pinto Lake County Park proved to be the most successful fundraiser in the 20+ year history of Santa Cruz al Salvador. With contributions still coming in, the net proceeds already exceed \$9,000. Those who participated had a very good walk in perfect weather for an excellent cause. Thanks to all who planned the event and to those who walked or ran with us. Please see photos on the *Inspirations, Reflections* page.

Christmas Stockings

Volunteers to make Christmas stockings for CASA children have met for the initial cutting party. The cut stockings are then taken to the volunteers' homes, sewn together and embroidered with each child's name. When all are done, they will be given to the children at the December holiday party.

Mission in Bolivia

(From pg. 32, *Mission Yearbook*)

The Joining Hands Network of the Presbyterian Hunger Program works with religious and secular community groups to address root and systemic causes of hunger, poverty and injustice. As water is an ever-pressing issue in Bolivia, whether regarding contamination, access or treatment, the program advocates, awareness about water issues, emphasizing education of the youth.



ENRICHMENT NOTES

Marian Allen

Valencia Hall Update

The September 20 celebration at Valencia Hall was a continuation of St. Andrew's 50-year celebration. Anne gave a reflective message and Warren Teeters was the liturgist.

Several families from St. Andrew were original members of the congregation: Al Cheney was the only one from 50 years ago present at the service and ice cream social following.

Here are a two photos from the service. More are on the *Inspirations, Reflections* page.





SESSION NEWS

Eileen Mihm, Clerk

The September 15 meeting of Session began with the presentation of a thank you letter from the Theological Education Fund for our donation. Anne's Pastor's Report touched on a New Members' class to begin on October 4 and a reminder that Stewardship begins on October 25; the same day we'll be receiving new members into the congregation.

Committee Chairs reported on past projects (Family Picnic, Progressive Dinner etc.) and things in the works (St. Andrew Day, Advent Festival etc.)

The newly revised By-Laws were discussed and adopted with revisions.

Action items approved by the Session are:

- To approve the Aug 18 Session Mtg. minutes.
- To approve the Aug 26 Deacons' Mtg. minutes.
- To approve an additional funding of \$1,000 for a projector and screen.
- To approve to pay for Carolyn Souther to have our founders' photos reframed.
- To have a plan for marketing our facility ready by the March 2016 meeting.
- To adopt the rewritten and revised By-Laws with one addition and to forward them to the congregation for final approval in November.

LETTERS

To My Church Family,

I want to thank Pastor Anne and everyone for their prayers and cards for Steve and our family. He is our "miracle man" who has come a long way with God's help and your prayers.

After four months (almost) in the hospital, his scheduled day to go home is September 24.

I miss everyone and hope to be back soon.

Love to all,
Dorothy Glaum

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Charlie Millar

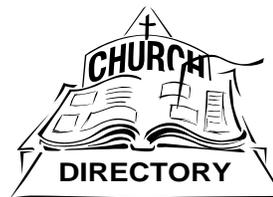
Wow! What a great start to the school year. Time is flying.

This fall we have a fun line-up of events. In October we will be making the ever popular "slime" and we will be hunting around campus for a pumpkin full of fun. I love fall and all the change it brings.

The seasons of fall and winter can fly by as seasons of stress and obligations. As adults we are pulled in too many directions. We are often bogged down with responsibility.

This fall season it is my goal to slow down and see God in this season. I want to take time to see the beauty in the changing of seasons. More than anything, it is my desire to put aside my "on the go attitude" and to share with my kids and the kids around me the gentle, calm, and loving spirit of Christ.

Happy fall!



UPDATES

Al Cheney's new address
207 Mirada Drive
Aptos, CA 95003
831-234-0358 (cell)

Al is no longer using a Post Office Box

Bert Brooke's new phone number
831-566-8737 (cell)

Inspirations, Reflections



Church Picnic – August 31
Anne and Karla with Don's balloons
Buffet Table

Banjoes by the Bay (below)



Walk4Water. Pinto Lake County Park, September 12

Santa Cruz al Salvador President Kent Madsen and Anne at the Registration Table
Dee Hamil, Edie Abendschan, Gwen Yeo and others listening to announcements
Karla Norton, Anne and Dale Sollom-Brotherton (Pastor at Christ Lutheran) updating SCaS news
Visual of how water is trekked by El Salvadoran women



September 20 – at Valencia Hall

Guests – and lots of hats and period outfits reminiscent of the 60's

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to all those celebrating during October.



Thinking of Joining Our Choir?

The choir is looking for more members. We are very fortunate to have Don as our director/pianist and organist. This makes choir practice a special time of friendship and learning. Please consider joining us this year. Practice is at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evenings and before the church service at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions, you may speak with any choir member. Thank you.



DID YOU KNOW?



Find them on our web site:
www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org

Kathy Gleaton, *Director*

Two years ago we combined the young Tuesday Thursday class with our 4 and 5 year olds in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Combining the classes has been wonderful! The older children are helping the little ones with play, crafts and circle time. The little ones are teaching the older ones patience, empathy and sharing.

The combination of ages set up a perfect environment for all the children to have an opportunity to express gentleness and kindness to one another.

At present we have 17 students (capacity is 24 students, operation budget is 16). Two more families plan to join us in January when their children turn 2.6 years old. This will bring our enrollment up to 19 which leaves a space for five more children. So, get the word out. St. Andrew Preschool is in full swing!

The preschool is welcoming the fall season with a field trip to the pumpkin patch. Soon we will be turning our pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern so don't be alarmed when Halloween songs, lead by Teacher Marian, echo from the school walls and ghosts, goblins and princesses parade through the church office.

The preschool families would like to thank you for all your support. **We would love to help you out by taking your used newspapers.** We use them to cover the craft table.

Note Newsletter Deadline!

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

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