



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Walk 4 Water

I just returned from a Walk 4 Water planning meeting with Karla and Dee and members of Christ Lutheran. We will be hosting our second annual event on Saturday September 10 at Pinto Lake County Park. (See picture of 2015 group on Page 4) Last year we raised over \$10,000 and we are hoping to surpass that amount this year. The registration is now open for you to sign up to walk or to donate online. When you donate, please note who you are sponsoring in the comment section. This is a wonderful way to join with our Santa Cruz al Salvador friends as we raise money to build composting latrines.

As you recall, your generous donations last year enabled us to build a well in the community of El Pilar. This year the community has requested support in providing sanitation improvements. Did you know that 40% of the world's population does not have toilets? Ponder that for a moment. Toilets are something you and I take for granted every day. This lack of basic sanitation leads to many dire health concerns and can contaminate the water supply. Around the world 75,000 die daily from this unmet health need. But we can do something about this; at least in one small corner of the world. You can walk, run or sponsor in an effort to improve the lives of people in El Pilar.

This year we will have a 3K and a 5K walk and if you would like to run, of course, that is an option. I encourage you to register to walk or consider sponsoring people who are walking. If you walked last year we encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to walk with you. Please also wear your T-shirt on the day of the walk. Another way you can support this event is to offer your clean-up talents at the end of the event so that we leave the park and staging area as good as we found it. St. Andrew has committed to be the clean-up crew.

To register please go to
www.walk4waterscas.com

There you can sign up, download your permission slip and your sponsorship form. All you need to get started!!! You can also register by calling (831)688-5727. A great way to get people to sponsor you is to send out an email to your online friends asking for them to go to this same site to sponsor you. So your aunt back east or your college roommate in another state can still help you make a difference for the people of El Pilar.

On a pastoral note, thank you to all who share a loving memory of Marian for our *Inspirations* Page. Words cannot express how loved and missed Marian is to this faith community. That realization hit me when I walked into the office that Wednesday with tears in my eyes and realized I would not see Marian again sharing her sweet and thoughtful self with us or delivering eggs or working behind the scenes in almost every church activity. Marian was a dear friend, faithful Christian, and a beloved wife and mother. We love you Marian and we find comfort in knowing you are now with God in heaven singing to all the children.

Anne



IN MEMORIAM

Marian Allen
July 12, 2016

Celebration of Life at St. Andrew
August 27th, 2p.m.

Please see the *Inspirations ... Reflections* page
for tributes to and memories of Marian.

HEART LINE

Please pray for these members and friends.



John Catlin
Helen Cooke
Shirley Coleman
Paul Fuelling
Judy Smith

Lois Holcomb
Clare Pelich
Nez Phister
Lyle Silldorff

David Beach (*former member*)
Pam Derry (*Mary Zimmer's friend*)
Steve Glaum (*Dorothy's son*)
Tim Dietrich (*Marsha Gonzales' son*)
Jan Hunter (*Peg Ogg's daughter*)
Andrea (*Dee St. Clair's daughter*)
Hamil family
Allen Family

Prayer for the World



(Each month we will be offering a prayer from the Mission Yearbook. These prayers address current concerns for our world.)

Dear God: Thank you for giving us opportunities to serve, to be your hands and feet and to share our time, talents and treasures with our neighbors in need.

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. Amen



FALL BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on the 4th Monday of the month, at 1 p.m. starting in September and going through May 2017. An additional evening class might form if we have enough people sign-up. **Please contact the office now to order your study guide.** The cost is \$10. We will place the order August 15. Looking forward to sharing this journey with you!

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Susan Mahan



Hubler Hall

9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Sunday.

In August there will be no Adult Education. Adult Education will recommence in September. In the meanwhile, please think about topics you would like Adult Education to study and forward your ideas to Susan Mahan or Pastor Anne McAnelly. We would love to know.

In this coming programming year, St. Andrew Adult Education will be studying a book of the Bible, possibly The Book of Esther. We will also be discussing beliefs about afterlife, from Christianity and other religions. We will use what the Old and the New Testaments say as our foundation. The class will also be sharing a book by the famous Lutheran scholar Marcus Borg, The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith. This is a well written book explaining many of the hardest things to understand in Christianity in very understandable terms. Because of that, it also can increase our faith and help us to explain Christianity to others.

Join us in September for interesting ideas, fellowship and a cup of hot tea. For any questions or comments, please contact Susan Mahan at 831-320-6422 or stmahan181@gmail.com

LETTERS

Dear Friends in Christ,

My soul is comforted by all your prayers for my grandson-in-law, Flynn Post. Those prayers enabled him to live to see his daughter born and hear her call him Daddy.

My love to you all,
Dee Hamil

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Sally Griffin and Marian Langdon

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

Help for Syrians

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is helping Syrians displaced by the civil war. More than 250,000 are estimated to have died since war broke out five years ago. Another seven million are displaced. Estimates are that Syria's development has been set back four decades. While more than four million have left the country, PDA partnering with the local National Evangelical Synod has been helping Syrian Christians displaced within the country to rebuild their homes through a \$100,000 grant. PDA coordinators met with hundreds of people who had been threatened or forced to leave their town by ISIL. Many have resettled in other parts of the country, but have concerns about reestablishing a viable work life where the infrastructure and the economy are very fragile. They bravely remain under extremely difficult circumstances with the hope that their country will rebuild.

Santa Cruz al Salvador

Please see the article about **Walk 4 Water** in Anne's *Musings*. The planning for the 2017 **Delegation to El Salvador** is underway. It will take place from January 9-19, and signups are encouraged at this time. Please talk with Karla Norton if you are interested in joining the delegation or would like more information.



Picture taken at the 2015 Walk 4 Water

NURTURE NEWS

Cathy Zimel

Originally, our church picnic was scheduled for August 28, after church. But, in respect for Marian Allen's memorial service, the Nurture Committee has moved the picnic to Sunday, October 9. Please put this date on your calendar.



Sunday School News

By Rachael Cash

Sunday school has been on a bit of a break over the summer and I hope you and your families have been having lots of fun adventures. Mark your calendars: September 11 is our Welcome Back Sunday for our Sunday school families. (More information will be in the September newsletter.)

I also hope to sign folks up to teach Sunday school. We have the fall covered and are in need of volunteers for spring. (If you know you'd like to help please contact me and we can get you added to the calendar.)

Safe travels for August and hope to see you soon.



Remembering Marian Allen



Editors' Notes: The above photos show the floral tribute to Marian Allen at the July 17 service. The display included blocks, a pinwheel, and special draped fabric which was painted by the mother of a preschool student years ago and includes a drawing of Marian.

Marian was mentioned by Anne in the sermon and by Don when he played a special arrangement on his double bass which he dedicated to Marian's memory. The newsletter team was sent this photo of Don as he played *Here's One!*



When the newsletter committee decided to ask for Marian memories, there was a scant 3-day deadline to have them included. One can see the tremendous outpouring of love and affection that flooded the office email after the request was made. Marian will be missed in so many different ways, but in all of them, her loving caring and generous spirit is evident and will be in our hearts forever.

Please see the following pages.

Inspirations, Reflections

Remembering Marian Allen



Memories of Marian from St. Andrew friends and family

As part of the **floral team**, Marian, Marsha & I were a team. No matter what the color of the arrangement, Marian always had the right tablecloth or accent piece to complete our floral display. She'll always be with us as part of our arrangements. From *Shirley Ashworth*

We were talking about the many things Marian did for our church and the only thing we decided that she never did was to preach a sermon. However, her life was a sermon that sent the best message and example for us all. If there were room, we could write a book! Blessings and love, sweet Marian.

- *David & Sharon Allshouse*

We are so connected: Marian passed just days before my grandson-in-law Flynn Post. Jess and Marian's daughter Abigail grew up with Flynn. Both families, Flynn's and Abigail's, had dinner together often. So comforting for me that Marian was the first to welcome Flynn home to the Lord. She asked of him so often. From *Dee Hamil*

Marian did all the decorations for **Logos** every week. From *Lyle Silldorff*

A tiny body packed with a sweet spirit and an accommodating nature! - *Ron & Judy Nesmith*

Singing *Rudolf, The Red Nosed Reindeer* with the kids **at preschool**. Complete with the red nose!
- *Charlie Millar*

Marian and I sat side by side in the **choir** for nearly 30 years. She kept me in tune more than once! She was a beautiful person and a great friend. I'll miss seeing her when I visit St. Andrew. From *Joan Lighthill*

Marian was just so incredibly kind; she helped plan and organize a baby shower & baptism party for our son Jack when we were new to St. Andrew. She truly made us feel loved and welcome and we will miss her very much. From *Rachael Cash*

I started writing about Marian and what she did for the church and it would have filled many a page. So, since I am limited, this is a service that Marian was so faithful to do. I can't say enough about how dedicated Marian was to **pick up the eggs** at the ranch for church every Sunday and return the ones that were not sold. She took over doing this about 35 years ago. She loved doing things for other people. She will be missed! May she rest in peace. From *Dorothy Glaum*

Marian was the best hostess, talented crafts person, and baker I have been privileged to have known. I am proud to have several of her recipes she shared with me. - *Judy Zscheile*

Marian is most likely pictured as a **pre-school teacher**, playing with cute youngsters all day, but she was also an administrator, dealing with all the regulatory agencies, a yearly changing board of directors, hired staff, budgeting issues and sometimes difficult parents. Often these crises were dealt with on "her own time" after preschool hours, but other times it was with a toddler hanging on to her leg wanting her to read a story while another was in her arms being soothed over a little "boo boo." Somehow she did it all with competence, grace and love. - *Sally Griffin*

Marian was the most self-effacing, kind, caring, conscientious, efficient person I've ever known, and I felt privileged to be her friend. On our **garden committee** she was always there for me and rewarded our efforts with freshly made coffee and cookies from her bottomless freezer. I truly loved her. - *Marsha Gonzales*

Marian would do anything asked of her. Guess who helped me **lay the bricks for the barbeque**?
From *Linda Walker*

So many cherished memories, how can I choose just one? I will always remember and be grateful for Marian's kind, thoughtful, compassionate way. Such a dear friend, sadly missed. From *Melanie Elliott*

We all know just how much time Marian spent doing behind the scenes work at St. Andrew Church. But, did you know how she spent her early mornings? She joined the Aptos Curves on February 28, 2003 and accrued **2,436 workouts**. She was an important part of the very early group at Curves and will surely be missed.
From *Cathy Zimel*

Our dear, sweet, humble, always-there Marian was a dedicated alto in the choir who always made sure our purses were locked in the closet while we were singing during church. With all the tasks she did for us, I think of her as the Angel of St. Andrew. - *Gwen Yeo*

Marian organized the hot lunches for our crew of 15 to 20 volunteers every weekend for four summers as we were **restoring Valencia Hall**. Once, when I praised her for the amazing job she was doing, she replied, "Oh, this is nothing compared to the crew of 50 to 60 we fed back on the farm when I was growing up."
- *Pat Manning*

The character of Marian is exemplified in her loving and most genuinely kind heart. Such a persona and loving manner will carry itself forward with all who knew her. She was so very much in the mold of my wife Mary.
- *Al Cheney*



Kathy Gleaton, Director

Over the years my relationship with Marian Allen evolved. Twenty-eight years ago she was my boys' preschool teacher. Eleven years ago, when she handed me the reins and entrusted me with the running of the preschool, she became my mentor. Over the years our relationship grew and she became my friend and confidant.

Teacher Marian,
Thank you for your friendship and words of wisdom.

You are My Sunshine,
Teacher Kathy

Note: Enrollment for the fall is limited so if you know families that are thinking of attending the preschool they can reach me at 688-7095 for a tour.