

# St. Andrew

Presbyterian Church

# Connections



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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### New Endeavors for the New Year

Welcome to 2017!!! I hope this finds you well and blessed, after spending time with your family and friends over the holidays. This year promises to be filled with new ideas and activities. St. Andrew has some new things happening this year as well.

This month we will start our **Confirmation Class** where our young people will be learning more about their faith, the church and making the decision to join St. Andrew Church. We will be meeting after church for several months before they lead our worship service as part of becoming part of this family of faith.

Starting this month, we have another congregation worshipping in our sanctuary on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. **Iglesia de Dios** is a Hispanic congregation led by Pastor Rivas. Their worship services are lively and prayerful. They will also be meeting in Hubler on the last Saturdays of the month. I have invited Pastor Rivas and a few of his members to attend our worship service soon, so that you will get a chance to meet them. I am sure you will give them a warm welcome.

We are joining forces with Associated Faith Communities (AFC) and La Selva Beach Community Church to **serve meals for the homeless** on January 22, 23 and 24 at the Live Oak Community Center. We heat up casseroles, make a salad from the fixings from Second Harvest, and we bring three gallons of milk. Our hospitality provides a vital need to about 50 people. We need three to four volunteers for each date. Many have already signed up. Thank you!!! I am excited to have this service opportunity that will build community within our church and help people needing warm food and shelter. If you want more information, please contact Gwen Yeo.

**The shower ministry** continues at St. John's Episcopal on Saturday mornings. We greet those seeking a shower, direct them, and then make sure the showers are clean for the next guest. With the new year, we are asking for volunteers from 9-12, and then washing all the towels and getting them to the next church serving. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gwen Yeo.

**The Second Annual Chili Cook-off will be on February 17 at Resurrection Church.** Please save the date- wonderful food, live bands, terrific fellowship all while raising money for shower facility.

**Women's Retreat** with Westminster church at Mt. Hermon on March 10-12. This is a terrific time of renewal and retreat. Irene Pak Lee, Associate minister at Stone Church, will be leading us as we consider **Living Grace Fully**. Accommodations range from \$45 to \$145 for the weekend, depending on the room you choose. Registration forms are in the office. I have led this retreat in past years and I can tell you this is a delightful group of women, welcoming and faith-filled.

We would like to welcome **Michael Filey as our new custodian**. Michael has experience as a church custodian, lives in Capitola with his wife and children, and is eager to help keep our church a clean and welcoming place. I want to say a special thanks to Linda and Matt Walker who worked hard to keep us going until we found Michael.

Looking forward to a blessed year, 2017, with each and every one of our dear church family!!!

*Anne*

Please see information on **January Congregational Meetings** on page 5.



## HEART LINE

Please pray for these members and friends.

Helen Cooke	Clare Pelich
Shirley Coleman	Nez Phister
Paul Fuelling	Lyle Silldorff
Dorothy Glaum	Judy Smith
Dee Hamil	Lois Holcomb

David Beach (*former member*)  
Steve Glaum (*Dorothy's son*)  
Tim Dietrich (*Marsha Gonzales' son*)  
Jan Hunter (*Peg Ogg's daughter*)  
Andrea (*Dee St. Clair's daughter*)  
Holly Edwards Duby  
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.)*

We pray for children who are poor and neglected through the horrors of war. Enliven the ministries of those who seek to help that they may better reflect your presence in our changing world, which craves knowledge and truth which only you can illuminate.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Susan Mahan

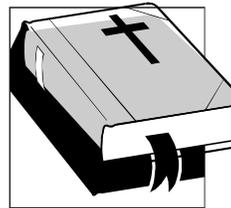


**Hubler Hall**  
**9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Sunday.**

January will be a return to a study of the History of Christianity with specific attention to Religion in America. This study will pull together important information about the historical and momentous changes in religion today and a view of the Bible as inspired by God, but not literally factual in many cases. We will learn about the founding and development and churches and cults.

Come any time, meet a friendly group, discuss interesting things and ask about issues on your mind.

For more information, please contact Susan Mahan at 831-320-6422 or [stmahan181@gmail.com](mailto:stmahan181@gmail.com).



## WINTER BIBLE STUDY

In January Bible Study will resume on the 4th Monday of the month. The study will continue with Lesson 5 from *Who is Jesus?*

## HELP NEEDED

Do you have some basic bookkeeping skills? We are in need of more volunteers to **count the offering** after worship services. We are down to three loyal members who do this job regularly. With a few more, each person would be committed to this just once a month and they would have more flexibility. Please call Kathy Rodden in the office for more information.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

*Sally Griffin, Marian Langdon, Janet Maack, Gwen Yeo*

*From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook*

### Education Ministry for Syrian Refugees

Presbyterians are called to support education for Syrian children in Lebanon camps. Many of these children were displaced from their homes before they were school age, so are illiterate. Church related ministries have set up several schools in the area, using an Arabic-Syrian curriculum. Each school day also includes Bible content which emphasizes ethics and morality. This is a bridge building opportunity as all the students are Muslim, and some families are radicalized. It is an opportunity to help during their time of need.

If you wish to support this project, note your check with a memo of E200504 to Presbyterian World Mission, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

### Santa Cruz al Salvador

The Delegation to El Salvador takes place from January 9 through January 19. The agenda is currently under preparation. However, as has been the case in several previous delegations, the group will visit the school and prayer children in Guillermo Ungo and meet with the villagers in El Pilar.

There will be a summary of the activities and experiences from delegates in the February newsletter. Meanwhile, keep those traveling in your thoughts and prayers.

### Manna Ministries

Manna Ministries continues to distribute much needed hygiene products to the many homeless in the Aptos area. As it stands, Gwen, Dee S., Dee H. Marian, Pam, Janet and Lorena rotate distribution. We are scheduled out to the end of April with this seven person rotation. New volunteers would be very welcome. All products are in travel size, with disposable razors, and hand sanitizer and wipes being the most sought after. Donation of these items would also be very welcome.

## NURTURE & ENRICHMENT NEWS

*Cathy Zimel*

The Advent Festival on December 4 was very well attended. Here are some photos from the event.





**Blue Christmas  
December 1**



**Poinsettias  
Christmas Eve**

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Please plan to attend the **Installation/ Ordination of Officers**, following worship, on **January 15**.

Also plan to stay after church for the **Annual Congregational Meeting** on **January 29**.



**CASA  
preparation  
December 5**



## Preschool News

*Kathy Gleaton, Director*

Over the past few months we have been celebrating the Season of Caring. Our *wants* have been modest and our *giving* generous. As the New Year unfolds the children, without realizing it, begin focusing on the needs of their classmates and less on their own.

I am blessed to be working with young children. They love unconditionally, give more than they have and ask only for a story in return. They don't need to say thank you out loud, just catch the smile in their eyes while they run off to play. They are modest in their needs and generous with their love.

My wish for the New Year is to reflect a child's love and celebrate the Season of Caring year round.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year

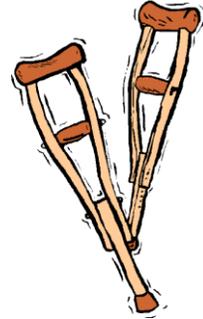
January ---- the preschool will be hosting a CPR certification class on January 18th. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, contact Kathy or Shelia in the church office. The price is determined by attendance.

# Inspirations, Reflections

*Editor's Note:* This article is not specifically an inspiration or a reflection. However, the Deacons have come up with an idea that is quite inspired.

## TRAVELING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Many of us have durable medical equipment in our garage or storage shed that is sitting idle. The Deacons want to start a lending library of needed equipment. I will try to facilitate this program with your help. By logging an inventory of this equipment and where it is located, we will have a list of available supplies.



If you have walkers or seated walkers, raised commodes, shower access seats, wheelchairs, crutches or canes and such to lend, please call or Email. If you have need of this type of equipment, also contact me.

Your Deacon for more mobility.

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