



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. C. S. Lewis

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts. Eleanor Roosevelt

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Jesus Christ from John 13:34

On Sunday, May 1, we will finish our Sermon Series on Revelation talking about a New Heaven and New Earth. We have several quotes reminding us of the power of embracing what is new and the hope and possibilities embodied in loving in Christ Jesus.

Our community at St. Andrew welcomed six new members on April 24th into the life and work of our church. Each one brings a fresh new perspective to add to our understanding of Christ and the strength of our fellowship. It is my honor and privilege to introduce them to you. I hope these brief biographies will give you an entree into a fresh conversation with them, and a new opportunity to strengthen the body of Christ.

Pam Arnsberger came to our church when her dear friend Gwen Yeo invited her to attend. She is a retired gerontologist who loves to garden, run and read. She describes herself as extroverted, busy and someone who likes to laugh. She has shared her enthusiasm to help with the Outreach committee – jumping right in to serve the homeless. She is married to Sandy Schmidt and she loves to watch the 49ers, well at least when they are winning.....

Ryan and Rachael Cash are returning to St. Andrew after a time in Southern California. We are so thankful Ryan was asked to return to this area to work as a banker for Bay Federal Credit Union. He

enjoys reading, surfing and playing guitar. He describes himself as fun, active and caring. Rachael is focused on caring for the family and raising their three children: Maya, Jack and Zoey. Rachael also likes reading, softball, hiking and running. She describes herself as hardworking and creative.

Kevin Coates is a property manager for Coates and Sowards Inc. He is married to his lovely wife Emma who cares for their five children ranging in age from 17 to 4. Their children are Forrest, Kira, Xander, Zoey and Blake. You might have seen Kevin in worship dressed up before teaching Sunday school. He loves being involved in his children's lives. He was raised Presbyterian and started getting more active in our church through helping to lead the youth group. He likes all the Oakland teams: Warriors, A's and Raiders. Kevin describes himself as open, courteous and loyal.

Carol Finchum is a homemaker who recently moved here from Southern California when husband Travis was transferred with Driscoll's. She was born in St. Paul, MN but I think she claims California as her home. She has traveled to Hawaii frequently to be with her grandkids. She enjoys traveling, reading, sewing and china painting. She loves people and describes herself as happy and helpful. She has already started to share her gifts with the Enrichment Committee.

Linda Wright transferred to St. Andrew from Felton Presbyterian Church. She is retired and has two grown children. She enjoys collecting antiques and working with people. She has two cocker spaniels; Sweetie is the one you may have seen in church as her assistance dog. She describes herself as creative and hopeful.

A WARM ST. ANDREW WELCOME TO YOU ALL!!!

Anne

HEART LINE

Please pray for these members and friends.



Shirley Ashworth	Clare Pelich
Helen Cooke	Nez Phister
Shirley Coleman	Lyle Silldorff
Lois Holcomb	Judy Smith
Peg Ogg	

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*)
Flynn and family (*Dee Hamil's grandson*)

Prayer for the World

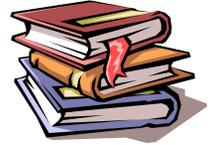


(Each month we will be offering a prayer from the Mission Yearbook. These prayers address current concerns for our world.)

Great God, day after day we see you in the life of all things. We pray that the promise of your Spirit will be upon us and all your creatures, so that this glorious ecology of earth, sky, waters and creatures may thrive and that your gospel will bend mankind to peace in the whole of creation you have given us. We pray for refugees, our veterans, and those who continue to live under threat of attack in Europe and Syria. Amen.

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Susan Mahan



Hubler Hall
9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Sundays.

For the month of May, Adult Education will continue its study of the History of Christianity. We will be looking at the earliest churches on American soil, the development of these groups, later imports and then uniquely American denominations. It will be the span from the Pilgrims to the trends today.

Come and attend the class at any time. This is an open group and there is no need to be prepared with any particular reading. We pass out handouts in class but even then, all reading is optional.

We have fun every week.

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



Bible Study

"Come to the Waters"

Our final Bible Study of this series will take place on Monday, May 23 at 1:00pm. We will be studying Lesson 9.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Sally Griffin and Marian Langdon

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

African Family Support Group through the Presbytery of San Jose

Members of this group are refugees living in our area. Many have escaped countries submerged in war. The women decided that they could improve their lives and help their families if they learned to sew. They reached out to Stone Church of Willow Glen to see about obtaining an instructor as well as sewing machines. Five identical machines were purchased. As the women increased their skills, they sold items at holiday craft fairs and made enough money to give 50% stipends to other women to purchase additional sewing machines. Additionally, the refugee women have made friends in the wider culture, practiced English together, and established a safe, friendly place where religion and country are set aside. Some are Christian, some are Muslim. Some are from Ethiopia, others from Eritrea – longtime rivals. Activities have now spread to health, nutrition and exercise, leading to a dramatic improvement in member's health.

Music Camp 2016

Registration is open for our 8th annual summer camp. Spread the word! Camp will be **July 18-22** from 9:30 to 12:30 with a concert during worship on July 24.



From director Kathryn Adkins: *For one week students entering grades 1-6 may expand their imagination of musical possibilities through singing, musical games, playing instruments and learning musical fundamentals in a safe environment among peers with the same passion for music.*

All information and registration is on our website: www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org.

Manna Ministries at Resurrection Church

Last October, St. Andrew joined several other churches in a ministry for local mid-county homeless individuals. Every Saturday, these individuals attend a luncheon after which they can select clothing and hygiene items. St. Andrew's responsibility has been to supply the hygiene items listed in the March newsletter and available at the office.

At this time, we are suggesting that members outside the Outreach Committee join in this effort - a one-hour commitment made occasionally. You would be joined by an Outreach Committee member the first time you go, and the big box of hygiene items will be ready for use.

Please let any member of the committee know if you are interested in joining us.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee: Dee St. Clair, Marian Langdon, Karla Norton, Sally Griffin, Janet Maack, Dee Hamil, Pam Arnsberger, Anne McAnelly, and Gwen Yeo

Santa Cruz al Salvador Wine-tasting - May 15, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.



The twelfth annual SCaS wine-tasting will take place at Bargetto's Winery with an excellent selection of Bargetto wines to taste. Wine is also available for purchase and Bargetto's will donate 30% of the sale amount to Santa Cruz al Salvador. There will be food, live music and three baskets for drawing: a wine basket, a garden basket and a teacher/grandmother basket.

Tickets will be available after church from Outreach Committee members for \$30, or at the door of the event itself for \$40.

Come and spend a spring afternoon on the relaxing Bargetto patio. All proceeds go to Santa Cruz al Salvador to support their work in El Salvador.

SESSION NEWS

Eileen Mihm

On April 19 Session met with the new members who will join St. Andrew on April 24th.

After opening prayer, Karla Norton discussed with us the possibility of forming a Caregivers' Circle as a ministry of our church. Session approved this.

We approved the minutes from previous meetings and Anne updated us on calendar events and alternative worship services. Committee chairs were encouraged to seek volunteer help from members of the congregation when planning all the events that happen during the year.

Committee chairs reported on their meetings and upcoming events.

Action items approved by the Session are:

- 1) To approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 Session Meeting.
- 2) To approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Deacons' Meeting.
- 3) To form a Caregivers' Circle as a Ministry of St. Andrew led by Karla Norton.



New Member Kevin Coates

NURTURE NEWS

Cathy Zimel

Spring Tea - April 16, 2016

A delightful afternoon of tea and crumpets was enjoyed by about thirty people. An important comment is that this year that number included five brave gentlemen.

Please enjoy the photos from this event on later pages and on the *Inspirations...Reflections* page.

Our **Annual Men's Breakfast** will take place on **Saturday, May 21 beginning at 8:30**. A hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon and pancakes will be served to give all the hungry men a good start to the weekend. Sign ups will begin on May 1. We hope to have a full house for this special time together.



New Member Pam Arnsberger



New Member Carol Finchum



New Members
Rachael and Ryan Cash



New Member
Linda Wright

Kathy Gleaton, Director

Dr. Krista Healy asked me to thank you for inviting her to speak at your service on Sunday April 24th. She is very proud of the preschool and the sense of community it gives her family. The connections that are made here are threads that resonate throughout Aptos.

The Board, families and of course Teacher Luisa and I would like to thank you for your support in our raffle and auction. With music, food, good friends and our first try at a silent auction we partied like preschoolers - without the snowball fight!

May 27th is the last day of the school year. Thank goodness Summer Session means we have six more weeks of hearing chattering and laughter from the preschool before we hang the "GONE SURFING" sign on the door.

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.



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Inspirations, Reflections

Spring Tea - April 16, 2016



New Members - Class of 2016

