



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

NESTING. Have you ever discovered a bird's nest? I have one right now on my deck, carefully built atop my light fixture. It is small, but strong and lined with some soft bits and feathers to make it welcoming to the little ones. Of course in November it is not actively holding eggs or birds, but it reminds me that it once did and might once again.

St. Andrew is about to become a congregational nest for a young congregation seeking a new home. Iglesias de Dios Santa Cruz, a Church of God congregation, will be renting our sanctuary and our two Sunday school rooms three evenings a week. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday you might hear them singing or praying in Spanish as they worship God. On the last Saturday of the month they will meet for fasting in Hubler Hall. You might be wondering about weddings and funerals which often happen on a Saturday. This will take some cooperation on both sides and we have agreed to work with each other, but the needs of St. Andrew do take precedence. We have been meeting with them for several months to see if this would be a good fit. Session voted in October to approve the one-year lease, which will start on January 1, 2017. If you have questions about this, please feel free to speak to me or a Session member.

Pastor Ernesto Rivas started this congregation 15 years ago and wants a new place to call home. I attended one of their lively services, where the women were leading worship, and guitars and voices were joyfully raised. I am sure we will get to know the members of this congregation as we both seek to do God's work in this community. I pray we will all grow in our ministry to Christ as we all worship God here at St. Andrew.

November is Thanksgiving! It is a time to thank our God for our many blessings. It is also a time we conclude our Stewardship campaign. Our goal is to hear from every one of you so that we can plan God's work for the coming year. The stewardship team will be calling those we have not heard from, so I do pray you will respond soon. Thank you to everyone who has already shared their commitment; we cannot do the work of Christ without you.

Holiday Blues. While most of the country is celebrating Christmas, the shopping and the sacred, this time of year can also be a time of sadness. A good friend of mine says, "He just gets through the holidays" because it is the anniversary of a loved one's death. For those who have lost a loved one and are missing them, or those who just can't seem to get in the Spirit of Christmas, we are creating a worship service to honor their loss. On **Thursday December 1 at 7:00** we are creating a worship time to hold their grief and bridge into the promise of God's love through the birth of Jesus. We call this service **Blue Christmas**. I am personally anticipating this service to honor the loss of my mother, a woman I still dearly miss during the holidays. She passed over 25 years ago. Please invite your friends, family and coworkers to this service.

Thankful for you. I want to express to you and to God my deep appreciation for this congregation. Thank you for the faith you share, the dedication you have, and the community you have so beautifully built around Christ's love. My heart is open and full.

May God continue to bless each one of you!

Anne

HEART LINE

Please pray for these members and friends.



Helen Cooke
Shirley Coleman
Paul Fuelling
Lois Holcomb

Clare Pelich
Nez Phister
Lyle Silldorff
Judy Smith

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

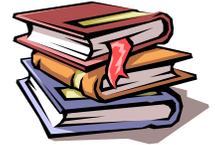
(Each month we will be offering a prayer from the Mission Yearbook. These prayers address current concerns for our world.)

Let Us Pray

God of compassion and justice, we pray your blessing on the churches and peoples in our Southern Hemisphere. May your Spirit anoint these brothers and sisters In Christ and lead us to join them as they proclaim the good news to the poor and release from all that holds people captive. Amen

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Susan Mahan



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

For the month of November, the Adult Education class will continue reading and discussing *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. On Nov. 6 we will discuss Ch. 10, Nov. 13, Ch. 11 and on Nov. 20 we will have a wrap-up discussion. It's not too late to join the discussion. This is one of the best books the class has ever shared.

On November 27 we will open Advent with a study of the first three chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Join us to compare the two and to see why we find shepherds in Luke and the Magi in Matthew.

We are a friendly group and life-long learners. For further information, contact Susan Mahan [831-320-6422](tel:831-320-6422) or stmahan181@gmail.com



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will take place on November 28 at 1 p.m. We will be studying Lesson Three "According to Luke" from the book *Who Is Jesus*.

SESSION NEWS

Eileen Mihm



On October 18, Session opened with prayer. We approved the minutes from the September Session meeting and the September Deacons' meeting.

Committee chairs reported on their meetings and upcoming events.

We reviewed the Lease Agreement with Iglesia de Dios Santa Cruz.

Discussion centered on upcoming events such as St. Andrew Day in November and the Advent and Christmas celebrations in December.

Action items approved by the Session are:

- To approve the September 20, 2016 Session Meeting minutes.
- To approve the September 28, 2016 Deacons' Meeting minutes
- To approve the current Lease Agreement with Iglesia de Dios Santa Cruz.
- To approve Rental Rates for St. Andrew Church as listed in the Lease Agreement.
- To close the office on Fridays
- To remove five members from our rolls
- To send out Advent Event postcards to local addresses.
- To move Marketing/Advertising budget from Outreach to Office under Operating Expense.



Sunday School News

By Rachael Cash

Over the next month the kids and I will be finding small ways to serve the church. On October 23rd we made bags for the homeless; families can keep these in their cars and dispense them as they find a need. On November 20th kids will host Coffee Hour after church (see details below). Lastly in our Sunday School Room we have a CASA stocking hanging up and would love for families to shop for small items for this wonderful project (see the Parent Corner for more details). Giving of our time and resources is difficult at any age but hopefully by modeling this with our children they can learn the joy of giving and become generous adults. Thank you for your support with these projects.

November 20th Kids Host Coffee Hour

Sunday School kids will decorate cookies to serve for Coffee Hour and pour and serve coffee. If families would like to bring in a fresh fruit (berries, grapes, orange slices) to add to a serving tray that would be a great way for kids to contribute.

We are still looking for teachers to fill in our 2017 calendar; if you can help please let me know. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Sally Griffin and Marian Langdon

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

Multifaceted Mission in Latin America and the Caribbean

As hurricanes are making their disastrous rounds this time of year, we are reminded of the continued work and presence of the PC(USA) in the areas often affected. Our mission is helping farmers in Haiti produce more food, so this very poor country can rely less on imports. They assist community leaders in Nicaragua to respond to natural disasters. They are resuming the first full time presence in Cuba since 1956. Programs that promote conflict resolution and peace throughout the region are being developed.

Glaum Egg Delivery

The Outreach Committee is seeking persons willing to bring Glaum eggs to church for Sunday pickup by parishioners. Pam Arnsberger is spearheading this program, which used to be called the "Charlie Cheddar" fund. The new name is "Glaum/Allen Egg Basket".

NURTURE & ENRICHMENT NEWS

Cathy Zimel

Sign up for Lunch and Dinner Clusters will be Sunday, November 20. We are hoping to have a leader to coordinate each cluster.

Looking Ahead: The Advent Festival will be held after church, on December 4, with a potluck lunch and activities. Details will appear in the December newsletter.

St. Andrew Day, November 13

Break out your family tartan; get ready for some lively piping, St Andrew Day is fast approaching. November 13 we will welcome piper Michel D'Avenos to share his musical talents, and some Celtic history with us in worship. He will also share music with us after the service as we enjoy our

tasty treats. Our church was named after the disciple Andrew who is known for sharing the gospel with people in the region around the Black Sea, including Georgia and Malta. Legend holds that he was so venerated that his remains were taken to Scotland to the place where St. Andrew is located, hence our Scottish connection. Please wear your tartan plaid and be ready to shout your clan name during the service. I can't wait to wear my new tartan skirt!!! See you then!

2016 Church Picnic Pictures





Kathy Gleaton, Director

November is a special time to remember all the blessings we have received. At preschool we pass on history and family traditions through poems, songs, art and of course sharing a Thanksgiving Feast. But these lessons don't end with the holidays.

For 50 years the preschool has taught not only our children but our parents as well to cherish our differences through love and respect. Our students and families take with them the gift of time and the acceptance of another's capacity to love.

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to those who have supported the preschool by giving their time and love,

Don't forget to "fall back" on November 6!

The preschool will be closed:

In observance of Veterans' Day, November 11
Thanksgiving break, 23, 24, and 25



Sunday, November 6

Inspirations, Reflections

Dee St. Clair

CASA

Oh, my! It is December already. Christmas is coming. What will it be like for me this year? So many things have changed, questions are not answered, and confusion continues. The foster home is okay... I do have a CASA friend ...

Could these be the thoughts of the CASA children for whom we will be providing stockings? With the help of church members and friends, over fifty stockings have been lovingly quilted. The names of the children will be embroidered on the cuff. The first weeks of December, they will be stuffed and distributed at the CASA Christmas party.



St. Andrew members will be able to participate by purchasing a gift certificate for one of fifteen older children with CASA.

We pray that these Outreach projects will paint smiles on the faces of the children. Hopefully, it will provide a good memory during this difficult time.

Do you know about CASA? CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. These advocates are trained by CASA and appointed by judges. The advocate becomes a supportive adult friend to the child by visiting weekly and providing reports to the judge.