



The Care and Feeding of A New Pastor

1. Please watch having our expectations set too high about any pastor. They are only human and can know and do only so much. One of the biggest problems any pastor and congregation has is when either or both expect too much of one another. It is a set-up for growing disappointment. I am not trying to rain on anyone's parade, but studies have shown that this is a large cause of later issues. Mutual grace must bind on the part of both. God pastors imperfect on purpose! To remind us that all of us are needed!
2. Give the pastor time to work his/her way into your culture and hearts – 10 or so months, at least. If you may be a bit slow in accepting him/her, it may be because you want to avoid getting too close too soon to void feeling past pains again. He/she will want to hear what you have to suggest for your lives here, but he/she will need time to get a real emotional "feel" for himself or herself, in order that his/her suggestions may be more "on target" for you to consider and ACT upon together. Sometimes what we say we want for our church means we may have to . . . get this . . . CHANGE! Are you sure you REALLY want new members and better programming? If you really do want change, go beyond talking and planning to actually helping bring about the very changes you say you so badly hope for.
3. Some churches support the pastor when its Search Committee serves as a kind of on-going, on-call advisory group for the pastor for the first year. This prevents early troubles setting in, in case he or she has some good ideas that could accidentally step on some "sacred cows" the pastor did not even know were there!
4. Charlie Shedd, pastor/writer, used to say, "If you want to keep and get the most out of your pastor talk him (her) up, pray him (her) up and talk him (her) up in your community."
5. If this person has a spouse, let him/her become a part of you life as he/she feels to be best and true to himself/herself and his/her own talents and interests. This person is not to be an unpaid "assistant pastor." He/she will enter areas of your life as he/she wishes.
6. If there are children involved, make them feel as welcomed as the new pastor and his/her partner. Recognize them at the welcoming events, etc. The children and partner need to feel that they are really appreciated and want to feel that his is their home and community, too. It helps the pastor when he/she feels their partner and children are happy to be here with you.
7. Support their home life. Encourage them to take time off . . . together, for obvious reasons.
8. Pastors do not have real close friends in a congregation. Oh, like all of us, some are easier to be with and know better than others. Still, he/she cannot have "favorites," but are here to be equally warm and available to all. They are to be professionals more than just being buddies or pals.
9. Make him/her take their vacations and study leaves . . . to STUDY for your good.

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MARCH

- 4 Easter Lilies on Sale
- 7 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Program to Follow
- 11 Day Light Savings Begins
- 14 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Program to Follow
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Program to Follow
- 24 Spring Clean-up
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 29 Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner 5:30 @ Murray Hill
- 30 Good Friday
- 30 Fish Fry 5:00pm
- 31 Easter Egg Party 11:00am



APRIL

- 1 Easter – 6:45 Sunrise & Breakfast
- 10:30 Regular Service
- 22 Newsletter Articles Due
- Earth Day



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*Being the Face of Christ
In our Community.*

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MARCH/APRIL 2018

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Linda Miller – CE&F

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JR Wood – B&G

10. He/she is not a “hired hand,” but a part of a dynamic system that works together, with Pastoral/Sessional leadership to assist you in moving even more into fulfilling the goals and missions you set for yourselves before ;you selected him or her.
11. Any pastor will need a few very trusted confidants . . . allies . . . to run things by or unload and clear things up with. If you are the one, feel honored and respect his/her confidentiality. Some members entertain themselves by finding little faults and picking on pastors. They feel called to be the “pastor police”. Get the facts before you judge.
12. Respect his/her time for office study and prayer and his/her need for recreation!
13. Focus on what is important. Don’t let yourselves get hung up on “the small stuff,” if differences come up, as they will. Keep personality (ego) out of things, as you can. If some misunderstanding arises, as it will from time to time, keep open and speak TO and not ABOUT one another.
14. While you expect your pastor to “lead you” (which assumes you think he/she will always “know” what is best for you), you will not always comply, in spite of what you say you plan to do, by giving in to his/hr suggestions! It may seem contradictory to him/her at times, especially in terms of what you want in worship services. Plan to be flexible and remember to use grace and humor quite a bit at such times. He/she does have the right to set the service and the messages in our denomination.

Finally, focus on what Paul recommended: “Whatsoever things are true, pure, right, holy, friendly, proper and worthy of praise, think on these things.” Then the God of Peace will be with each and all of you.

Rev. Jim Black

Congregational Care & Nurture

The Committee presented, on behalf of the Church,

- a delicious fruit basket to Kathy Vynanek in memory of her husband, John, and;
- a beautiful miniature rose bush to Pat Eubanks in memory of her daughter, Lou Rymza.

In Christ’s Love,
Frankie Hawkins

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Bill Allen, Diane Baylor,
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BFS&P Committee

Did you notice our positive cash flow for 2017 at our Congregation meeting, January 28, 2018?

The Annual Report showed our net worth increased due to Condo being sold and a positive budget year! Our income/expenses for 2017 was *a positive of \$1,563.66*. Our *first* positive since 2003!!

Thrift Store yearly contribution made the difference. A BIG thank you for all who give and work with the Thrift Store. There were no salary changes. The Operating Expenses increased 10%. Only committee to get an increase is M/E. Increased \$1,200 to give Gleaners \$100 a month. Designated Offerings - down 13% from 2016.

Major expenses, not part of the 2017 budget, were Refrigerator for Fellowship Hall, Media Room Update and Sanctuary Painted.

St. Andrews needs your continued support thru your offerings, committee work and volunteering!!! Are you "Being the Face of Christ in Our Community"?

Part-Time Pastor Committee

All candidates for Part-Time Stated Supply Minister must be approved by the Presbytery prior to any official contact. We were given 6 names by our Presbytery Area Relationship Coordinator, Earl Sickels. All were contacted. None were interested in our position. We are waiting for further guidance from the Presbytery.

Please continue to pray for our Part-Time Pastor Committee and our congregation throughout this process and know God has already picked our new Part-Time Pastor. He or she will be a blessing to our congregation in the near future. A 'job' in the PCUSA is referred to as a "Call from God" it is more than a job or career -- it is a calling.

If you have questions or concerns about the search process, feel free to contact the Part-Time Pastor Search Committee (Mary McNair, Linda Miller & Frankie Hawkins)

Mary McNair

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact the Office.

Christian Education & Fellowship (CE&F) Committee

Jumping right into Lent is always very busy and exciting. Although it happens every year, I am always amazed to learn something more about our Lord Jesus Christ. To help carry us through this Lent Season, we have meals planned for the Wednesday night services. All Dinners will start at 6:00pm and we would love to see everyone come and Worship and Fellowship with us.

- 3/07/2018- Southern Dinner (Fried Chicken and Fixins)
- 3/14/2018- Covered Dish (Please Bring your favorite Dish)
- 3/21/2018- Soup and Salad
- 3/30/2018 – Fish Fry 5:00pm (CE&F & B&G)

On March 31st, we are hosting our annual Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt for the children. We will be serving a Hot Dog lunch and will have activities and fun for kids and adults that like acting like kids. Party starts at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (non-chocolate) - a bin will be in the Narthex (need by 3/24/2018).

Our favorite Breakfast of the year will be served after Sunrise service on Easter, April 1st. We are asking for baked goods (muffins, cakes, etc.) and fruit to be donated, please see Linda Miller or Michelle Banks for details.

Date to remember - our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, June 10th, right after church. More details to come.

Summer Hacknev



March

2 Walter Poley

3 Viva McCall

5 Jim Black

5 Bailey Jones

6 Joe Brown

9 Annesley Brightwell

12 Pat Bukovac

April

1 Roger Smith

5 Brian Hackney

8 Sheryl Harmon

12 Julia Mago

15 Catherine Edwards

15 Rebecca Edwards

13 Katelynn Baylor

14 Trevor Moulton

15 Barbara Gobbel

19 Sherrie Smith

20 Glenda Gibbs

21 Clarence Sweat

24 Wendy Villa

29 Lindsey McCall

29 Kourtney Starkey

15 Caroline VanKouwenberg

20 Ralph Ramsey

25 Janet St. Jacques

26 Kathy Dahl

29 Sue Ramsey

30 Elaine Mechelke

30 Suzanne Brooks-Cope



March

18 Roger & Cathy Barr

April

14 David & Loraine Nelson

18 Jerry & Terry Hallihan

25 JP & Viva McCall

27 Denny & Vicki Roberts



Buildings & Grounds

Hi All,

Spring is in the air! Up and down temps as usual. We are still looking for someone to take over the garden in front of the office. If interested, please see me.

We replaced the broken office chair and think we fixed the drain in the sink in the Fellowship Hall. We will see? We are continuing Church up-keep as usual.

Received 1st new door and will install when doormen are available, haha. Bill is working on a leak in the Thrift Store.

Please make sure you lock doors at all times, we have been finding numerous rooms unlocked, thanks.

Spring workday will be Saturday, March 24th, starting at 8:00am, please plan on attending as more hands make the job easier! A light lunch will be provided.

If you see any problems at Church, please let myself or any B&G member know.

Serving our God!!!!!!
JR Wood & B&G Committee

Updates
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Dear Church Friend,

Thinking about you and our time together. Your love and support will always be remembered kindly. Thank you for your friendship and prayers.

I'm grateful for you,

Donna Lumley

*A Note from
the Clerk*



St. Andrews has numerous activities in March and April as we celebrate Lent and Holy Week. Please bring your family and friends and participate.

Summer

Lake Shore Presbyterian Church (LSPC)

During the Lenten Season at LSPC, each Tuesday they will have a lunch at noon followed by a study/devotional led by Pastor Steve Hulsey.

The dates are:

- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 20th

Lake Shore invites St. Andrews (as well as Murray Hill) to join them each week for these noon day meals and Lenten studies. Please call and let them know if you will be attending.

MAY/JUNE
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
DUE

***** APRIL 22nd *****

Articles can be e-mailed to
Terry Hallihan:

gwhfth@comcast.net

Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office

Mission & Evangelism Committee

HabiJax Habitat for Humanity Jacksonville is celebrating its 30th Anniversary Interfaith Build which will begin on March 17th, 2018, and continue for approximately seven weeks. Mary Kay O'Rourke, President and CEO, has requested that St. Andrews join them in this build. If you have any questions or wish to be involved, please contact Chris Folds, Director of Fund Development at 904-208-6651 or cfolds@habijax.org, or Catherine Freeman, Fund Development Coordinator at 904-208-6638 or cfreeman@habijax.org.

Easter Egg Party
March 31, 2018
11:00am

St. Andrews will host a community Easter Egg Hunt/Party for children of the Church and family members as well as children in the neighborhood. Spread the word about this fun event.

Plastic eggs filled with candy (preferably not chocolate which melts in the heat) are needed. Church members are asked to bring filled eggs to Church between now and March 24th. There will be a bin in the Narthex for these goodies.

Summer Hackney

Murray Hill Presbyterian Church

- Needs volunteers to help with WSCO, please call if you would be interested in helping with this worthy cause (904) 389-2939.
- Is starting a Bell Choir with the idea of having a Bell Choir that rotates between churches for services. No experience necessary! Practice is on Mondays @ 1pm. If interested, please contact Beth Bozeman (904) 635-1619.

Flower Chart

There are several dates open on our Flower Chart. The cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. Please consider "signing up" to beautify our sanctuary and then take your flowers home or to a shut-in to brighten their day.

JULIET (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together) First Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm location TBD.

Adult Bible Study in Lieu of Sunday School – Each Thursday at 11:00AM



Attention all Committee Members and others responsible for meetings:

Please ensure your meeting is on the Church calendar in the office. If it is not on the calendar, there is a good chance it will not be included in the Newsletter or weekly Ministry Page. Having it in the Newsletter is not enough. I use the wall calendar to type the weekly Ministry Page.

Thank you. Judy Medearis



Pastor Jim

For almost three years St. Andrews has been blessed in so many ways to have Pastor Jim serve as our stated supply pastor. Always putting his knowledge of the Bible and his life experiences into every sermon. Jim's love for people has no end and he has reminded us how to love and how to accept all people. Anytime you talk with Pastor Jim you never quite sure if he is telling you something that really happened or a joke, most of the time it's a joke. I know his Thursday Bible Class will miss him. This class he started has grown to over 15 people consistently, a true testament to the way Pastor Jim relates the Bible to the current and crazy life we live. Pastor Jim is going to shepherd another church. We will miss Jim and we pray that God continues to love and lead Jim through his Journey in Life.

Summer

Move/Sale of Church Property

We have had recent discussions around the church on selling our church property and moving to a new location. Session upon request brought this to the meeting for discussion. Session discussed the pro's and con's and for now we have decided to not consider this for the next 12 months, so we can focus on our search for our new stated Supply Pastor and to continue serving our community with our current missions.

Session

Worship Committee

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Activities

Hard to believe that Ash Wednesday was February 14th. Please make plans to attend the dinners and programs until Holy Week.

Easter lilies go on sale on March 4th for \$8.00 and orders will also be taken on March 11th & 18th.

March 7th, 14th and 21st - The times will be dinner at 6:00 and a program immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. The program will last about ½ hour. We found last year that these times work best for everyone and no one is out late. Lenten devotionals are still available in the Narthex and you will be able to order Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary starting March 7th.

Palm Sunday is March 25th.

Maundy Thursday is March 29th with a Seder at Murray Hill.

Easter is April 1st and of course we will have the Sunrise service at the fire circle in our back yard about 6:45am with Communion, followed by a wonderful breakfast put on by the Fellowship Committee. Our regular Sunday service will be at 10:30am.

We wish you all a Blessed Lent, Holy Week and Easter! Hope you can make as many services as possible.

Yours in Christ,

Diane Parker