



## St Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor

Church Office: (904) 771-1596

### 2016 YEAR END REPORT.....PASTOR BLACK

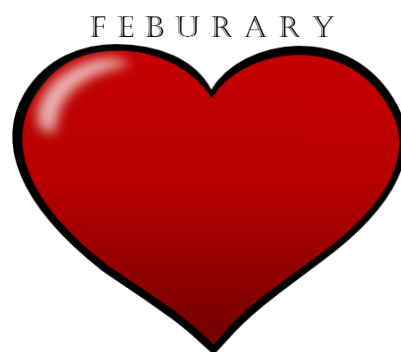
Much happened this past year....thanks to so many wonderful members. We:

1. Had many timely, needed and well attended Thursday night suppers providing fellowship and information with the needs of our members as well as others in the community being foremost in our minds with our programs.
2. We provided various types of worship experiences both within our sanctuary and on our grounds for members and guests.
3. Much good work was and is still being done and offered to the congregation and the community with our Thrift Store and Wednesday yard sales. Since August to the present, this ministry has brought in over \$6,000.00 to help us continue our operations and serve the needs of others at the same time! Everyone wins!
4. It has been a special blessing to us to have our Lutheran brothers and sisters join with us in worship and service, too. As you know, I have been available to take Holy Communion to Lutheran households upon request....especially since they miss this ministry in light of the pain many had to go through with the closure of their church. While we hurt with them, we are so pleased that God has brought them to share and show their on-going faith and love for God as they serve Him, with us, through this part of God's worldwide Church.
5. We have seen a few new faces too. We have a wonderful new and talented organist (thank you, Kathy) and gained members to offset the ones we have lost or others who have moved to other locations.
6. Each Elder has fulfilled their vows both to God and you as they faithfully served you in the care of your spiritual lives and supporting the overall life of this particular church.
7. I would be remiss if I did not give special recognition to our volunteer secretarial staff...without whom it would be almost impossible to operate! I ask you never to take them or their work for granted! We will miss Velvet and wish her God's special blessings on her as she copes with some physical limitations. We also welcome Pat Thomas, who will be serving as our Monday secretary/office manager/hostess/ pastor's assistant (you didn't know each secretary did so much, did you?). There are so many other very helpful and most appreciated folks who do so much, as well. It would take the several more pages to share their names with you! In short, you...almost every one of you....has kept your vows of your willingness to serve Christ in and through His Church with your attendance, giving and labors. Well done, good and faithful servants! I choose to say this prior to you hearing Christ saying this to you in heaven!

Finally, I praise and thank each one of you. The work of the Holy Spirit in and through you has shown through in your care and support of and for one another. You have encouraged and supported me and my own faith as I have had the joy of being here with you. I look forward to even better days ahead for St. Andrews because God has already blessed us in so many ways in and through YOU. God bless each of you. Now, with His continued presence, let us press on to finish the good work He started in us years ago...until we can all actually hear Him speak for Himself when He sees you and smiles and says, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy...the JOY of your Lord." Pastor Jim



- 8 Elder Ordination & Installation
- 15 Guest Minister
- 28 Session Retreat
- 29 Annual Congregational Meeting



- 5 Souper Bowl Sunday
- 14 Valentine's Day

Don't forget Ash Wednesday is  
March 1<sup>st</sup>



**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

6317 103rd Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ  
In our Community.*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017**

**Secretaries**

*Donna Kirksey*

*Judy Medearis*

*Pat Thomas*

*Judith Yeaton*

**Active Elders**

*Roger Barr – CCN and M&E*

*Summer Hackney – CE*

*Frankie Hawkins - CCN*

*Phyllis Herpy – BFS&P*

*Donna Kirksey - Fellowship*

*Mary McNair – BFS&P*

*Elaine Mechelke – B&G*

*Linda Miller – Fellowship*

*Janet St. Jacques - Worship*

*JR Wood – B&G*

*Judith Yeaton - Worship*

## Church Directory

The CCN Committee needs your personal information confirmed or updated for the 2017 directory. This year we are asking you to examine your listing in ONE of the many yellow directory packets available. They can be found on all the Narthex tables, on the office desk, in the choir room, the media center, and in the church pews on both sides of the sanctuary. Do this in only ONE (1) packet.

Step 1: Locate your name

Step 2: If everything is the same write OK in big letters and initial it, OR make corrections if necessary.

Please leave the directories where you find them. If you are given one by someone so that you can make your corrections, please give it back to them so it can be where it needs to be.

The new directory in a stapled form will be available at the end of the month.

Thanks to all that donated for poinsettias. The sanctuary was beautifully adorned with decorations and flowers. Your generosity is appreciated by all in the Congregation.

## OUR PRAYER LIST



*Eula Rae Alban,  
Duane Barkeim,  
Diane Baylor, Pat Bukovac,  
Angela Bumey, Barbara Canipe,  
Redick Copeland,  
Kathy Dahl, Joyce Doty,  
Charlie Eakins, Tommy Gibson,  
Marie Gibson,  
Barbara Gobbel,  
Margie Graham,  
Johnny Gwines,  
Margaret Hall, Brian Hackney,  
Rocky Harrelson,  
Frankie Hawkins,  
Ellen Hume,  
Carol Jepsen, Edna Jordan,  
Kathy Kouneh, Ray Massey,  
Sue Massey, Rod Morris,  
Merri Kay Nelson,  
Bart Parmore,  
Charleen Pavlakovich, Tim  
Pierson,  
Howard Pratt, Elaine Redy,  
Vickie Roberts, Denise Scronce,  
Vivian Sims,  
Butch Stafflenio,  
Jack & Linda Strickland,  
Bill Strubbe, Jr. & Sr.,  
Phyllis Stubbs,  
Clarence Sweat,  
Betty Tanner,  
Sam Taylor,  
Caroline VanKouwenberg,  
Roselle Wade,  
Jan Westmoreland,  
Tony Westmoreland,  
Don Wight  
&  
Tom Whitten*



### A Note from BFSP Committee

#### Church Finances 2017

Our budget for 2017 reflects the reduction in cost from a full-time pastor to a part-time pastor. With this change, paying close attention to our expenses and your financial support, we believe we have a very good chance for our income not to exceed our expenses. 2016 Budget was \$137,201, our 2017 Budget is \$121,086 a reduction of \$16,115.

#### The Condo

The condo from Ben Gundlach's estate has not been sold. Currently SAPC is responsible for the mortgage, condo fees & electric - about \$780 a month. Our payment of these expenses will be reimbursed when the condo is sold. This condo located at 7110 Cypress Cove, Unit 52, is on the market for \$72,000 (3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1642 sq. ft., 2 stories). It must be owner occupied and cannot be purchased for investment purposes. Contact, Sheryl Harmon, Hunley Realty, 904-880-1428, for more info. Please help us get this unit sold!!

Interested in being part of **Budget, Finance, Stewardship & Personnel Committee??** Contact Mary McNair, Chair or Phyllis Herpy, Co-Chair.

*Remember this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

#### 2 Corinthians 9:6

**Mary McNair**

## VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact Pastor Jim Black.

**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

### Christmas Bazaar

The 2016 Christmas Bazaar was not as successful as the 2015 one which raised \$2,046.46. The final figures are not yet available, but we probably did half of what we did in 2015. However, all that participated had a wonderful time and our continuous efforts are impacting the surrounding community – with the weekly Flea, Bread Give Away, and the Hope Chest.

The current figures are:

Vendors	\$ 135.00
Kitchen (Linda Miller)	75.50
Bake Sale (Michele Banks)	113.35
Raffle (Linda Miller)	84.00
Yard Sale	322.15
Christmas	164.94
Am. Vets (Pick-up)	?????
Tentative Total	\$ 894.94

Judith Yeaton and Jan Poley



#### January

5 Terry Hallihan	20 Joyce Oleson
11 Chloe Allen	20 Diane Parker
11 Jack Herpy	24 Jan Poley
14 Hannah Miller	25 Kristen Merrill
18 Bert Yeaton, Jr.	26 Donna Kirksey
19 Helen Ballester	30 Bill Starks

#### February

1 Lynda Edwards	11 Baylee Parramore
2 Bernadette Gilmore	13 Liz Parker
2 Jimmy Poff	16 Roger Barr
4 Jennie Leverett	21 Kyle Miller
6 Sydney Baldwin	22 Pat Eubanks
6 Claire Helmer	25 Olivia Hume
11 Michael Miller	



#### January

4 JR & Jody Wood

#### February

2 Bernadette Gilmore & Jimmy Poff



*Buildings & Grounds*

Happy New Year from B&G,  
hope everyone had a very rewarding  
Christmas season.

We have been busy with normal  
upkeep and repairs to mowers etc.

Our next workday will be this  
spring, stand by for date.

Next meeting is Tuesday,  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30am.

Thank you all for what you do for  
St. Andrews!

JR Wood

## Youth Program Update

The youth are still plugging along and learning about Revelations. It's a long, but important study. We are hoping that in the New Year working in conjunction with the CE Committee we will come up with some helpful community events that not only help out our locals, but may bring some more young ones into our church.

We had a new youth member join us a few weeks ago, her name is Allaijah. She is 13. Some of you may have seen her but hopefully those who didn't, can meet her in the new year. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Ashley Zeilic-Licari

## Worship Committee

Our Advent/Christmas holidays were enjoyed by all. The Hanging of the Greens went smoothly with members putting the last touches on decorating the sanctuary. The Cantata, was a huge success. The Joy Gift Program was readings by our youth.

Christmas Eve service was beautiful with the outside luminaries and the recessional candles lights with songs. We all enjoyed the sermonette on "Good Things Come in Small Packages" and Christmas hymns.

Don't get too settled – Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Lent/Easter schedule will be in the March/April Newsletter.

Judith Yeaton

*A Note from  
the Clerk*



- Installation/Ordination of elders January 8, 2017
- Session Retreat January 8, 2017
- Annual Congregational Meeting January 29, 2017

*Summer Hackney*

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**MARCH/APRIL  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
DUE**

**\*\*\* FEBRUARY 20th \*\*\***

*Articles can be e-mailed to  
Terry Hallihan:*

**99gwhfth@comcast.net**

*Or placed in the Newsletter box  
in the office*

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## **Updates**

### Address Changes

Kathy Dahl 904-708-2758  
973 Cobblestone Dr.  
Orange Park, FL 32065

Ezekiel Grusenmeyer  
67 44 Alismahane  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

### New Members

Priscilla Myers 904-771-5967  
6840 Snow White Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Priscilla is a widow. Both she and her husband were in the Navy. She has 2 children and 4 grand children. Priscilla loves cats and enjoys reading and working cross word puzzles.

Pat Thomas 904-237-8865  
6734 103<sup>rd</sup> St. #704  
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Pat never meets a stranger and is always willing to lend a helping hand. She is so excited about her new great-grand child. Pat will be working in the Office as part of the secretarial staff.

Joe Brown 904-572-2639  
5165 Dee Gee Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Joe is retired. He graduated with a college degree in computer science which was his vocation. He served in the Navy. He enjoys drawing and painting – oil, acrylic and the new water based oil medium. He is also a writer and is currently working on a science fiction novel. He likes Church Game Days.

**Please welcome these new members to St. Andrews.**

## **Mission & Evangelism Committee**

The Flea/Thrift Store continues as a success with proceeds of \$1,658.44 for the months of November and December. We willingly accept your donations and help! St. Andrews is providing an encouraging place to fellowship with our neighbors and offer them needed items at reasonable prices. Our neighbors have expressed their gratitude to St. Andrews.

The Joy Gift Program was well received and the congregation was delighted with the youth's participation.

The Fashion Show of the pillow case dresses will be in February or March with the dresses as give a-ways at the St. Vincent's Day of Service in March.

Your continued support of the monthly food collection for WSCO as well as the Thanksgiving Dinner has made an impact on those Westside residences in need of food.

The M&E Committee meets the second Sunday of each month at 9:15am. You are invited to attend our meetings and to become a member of the Committee.

Thanks to all of you for your support of M&E over the past two years while I was Committee Chair.

Michele Banks

## **Congregational Care and Nurture Committee**

Members of the committee delivered Christmas stockings to our shut-ins. Frankie Hawkins will be serving as the CCN Chair after her Ordination and Installation at the service for new session members. My term on the session has ended. I appreciate the assistance of the congregation over the past two years while I was Chair, as our Committee went about our tasks in service to the church, our community and our God.

Judy Medearis





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## THANKS

### To the Elders that are rotating off Session:

- Michele Banks
- Lynda Edwards
- Judy Medearis
- Joyce Miller
- Ralph Ramsey

### Welcome to the new members on Session:

- Frankie Hawkins
  - Phyllis Herpy
  - Linda Miller
  - Janet St. Jacques
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### Salvation Army Barrels

Once again our barrels were filled to their brims with toys for little ones. Your gifts brought many a broad smile and plenty of happy faces and twinkling eyes. Thanks for your generosity.

Flo Six and Helen Starks

### WANT TO STRETCH THE DOLLAR? SURE YOU DO!

In support of the Congregational Care and Nurture Committee, I am working with their blessing to offer even more “congregational care” to our members (and any others you want to include). These three items serve as proof of our care:

1. As you know, we already have a **“call line”** open between any member who wishes to call or be called thanks to the care and support of Caroline. All you need to do is call her and let her know if you wish to have your name on her call list and the times you wish to be called...or.... when you wish to call in to her. She will sort out the situation and offer assistance as she can by using me or others, if the need requires it.
2. NOW, we are offering a **home service to members....**usually single, older members (I will let you decide who you are!)....who need real help and hope to save money! Let’s say you are having trouble with a heater or air conditioner or your lights or water or toilet, or leak or drain, etc. What can you do? If you want, you may call the church office and ask one of the willing members of our Building and Grounds committee to come by your place and either try and fix it for free (you have to pay for the parts) or advise you that you really do need to call an expert. The office knows who has what skills to help you out. We will call this volunteer member and they will come to your home once they set a time with you. SAVES MONEY!
3. Come this February, (time and date to be set) we are offering a workshop on how you can **make your money go further and save more money. After a meal, each member present will be able to share several ideas with the group on how they, personally, have saved money on clothing, groceries, their car, gifts, travel, the home, utilities, etc.** You will be delighted that you attended this one....and brought someone with you whom you hope can benefit from this service as well.

**We aren’t perfect but no one can say that we aren’t trying to serve all ages of members in this congregation! If you have other ideas, let us know and we will do what we can to make more care available to each of you.**

**Faithfully, Your Congregational Care and Nurture Committee and Pastor Jim**