



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor

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Sometimes Prophets Have a Hard Time

I wonder. I wonder if an Old Testament prophet knew what he might be in for when he dared to “speak the word of the Lord” to the people? Nathan dared to address King David on what he had done by arranging to kill Bathsheba’s husband. I wonder what Moses thought when God asked him to speak truth to power before the exodus. He tried to beg off. I wonder what Amos and Hosea and Micah thought when, with fear and trembling, they had to say, “Hear the word of the Lord” to a comfortable Israel who was being asked to change?

Maybe it was the timing or the way it was done or maybe it was the content of the message that had folks riled up. Jesus and Paul also riled folks up from time to time....and they both paid a price for it, too.

I often tell my Session that as long as their **motives are good and their method is fair** we will earnestly and honestly try and respect new ideas they have in mind for the good of our congregation.

Well, recently, someone(s) motives were truly good. They were not out to shock or even rile anyone up. But they were inviting others to think about how we all...all of us...might work even harder and more intentionally at trying to love and show respect to everyone around us. Some call this “consciousness raising”. We all agree that this is always a good and necessary thing to try and do, too. Jesus asks us to risk suffering for Him at times. Their goal was worthy, for sure.

Some might agree that it was the method that caused the stir....maybe so. Maybe so. And, so, while we salute them and appreciate their courage for caring and daring to follow the call of Christ, we all might learn something from this effort so we may do an even better job at showing care. In this case, here are a few ways we can “have our cake” of caring and “eat it too” without having to suffer the backwash:

Have a working Christian Education Committee on our Session (CE) vs. the fly by night, “do what you can” way of doing things with our children, youth and adult CE program. In this way, ideas can better be worked out and through for what we hope to get done.

In the case of the recent event, we might say something like, “What a great idea and what a creative way of seeing that what we are after gets across!” In this way, we can appreciate the idea of the caring person who came up with this creative approach and use her way of trying to get us engaged in a ministry of loving and respect in our daily living even better.

We might say, “this is too good an idea for us not to do it at an after church luncheon or family night supper? In that way, we could have a panel of youth and older sharing together at discussing it and.... maybe find ways for all of us to put love and respect into practice even better”, etc.

I heard the piece of music offered originally. Actually, it was good and not offensive! It was a creative way of learning and I salute the youth for her care and attempt to bring gifts to our congregation. She and our Lord are providing us ways to grow in Grace and offering us ways both to improve how we manage our C. Ed program and to grow in love and respect for one another at this moment.

In His service with each of you, Pastor Jim



NOVEMBER

- 6 All Saints Day Observance & WSCO Food Collection
- 3, 10, 17 & 24 Weekly Bible Study
- 13 Veterans’ Day Sunday
- 20 Thanksgiving Luncheon & Last Day for WSCO T-Day Food Collection
- 21 Session
- 27 1st Sunday of Advent



DECEMBER

- 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Weekly Bible Study
- 3 Greening the Sanctuary
- 4 WSCO Food Collection, Joy Gift Offering, Finger Food Luncheon & 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 11 3rd Sunday of Advent
- 18 4th Sunday of Advent & Cantata
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Christmas Service



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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*Being the face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

Secretaries

Donna Kirksey

Judy Medearis

Velvet Whitaker

Judith Yeaton

Active Elders

Michele Banks – M&E

Roger Barr – M&E

Lynda Edwards – Worship

Summer Hackney – Fellowship

Donna Kirksey - Fellowship

Mary McNair – BFS&P

Judy Medearis - CCN

Elaine Mechelke - CCN

Joyce Miller – BFS&P

Ralph Ramsey – BFS&P

JR Wood – B&G

Judith Yeaton - Worship

2017 Budget & Finances

Over the last 10 years, our income has not met our expenses. SAPC first used the Savings, which is now depleted, to pay the pastor, organist, nursery attendant, grounds keeper, utilities, insurance, committee expenses, etc. We are now using the Capital Fund. The Session needed to stop this drain. Church membership has dropped from 195 to 120 the last 10 years. After much discussion by the Session and the pastor, it was decided we would go from a full time to a part time pastor.

Pastor Jim has reduced his hours in the office at SAPC from 4 days a week to 2. This allowed our expenses to be reduced around \$1,000 a month.

With this reduction in our staff payroll, our monthly deficit can be reduced or eliminated completely! This approach allows us to reduce our deficit, it does not mean we as a church are going to close. We still strive to "Be the Face of Christ in the Community".

We again have a very tight budget for 2017. Even with the salary reduction for the pastor, no salary increases for staff and the utilities, insurance, etc. all increased slightly (nothing goes down, it always goes up!), we have an excellent opportunity to not use the Capital Fund in 2017.

Our current income (consisting of your faithful giving, Hope Chest and others) may not be sufficient. We also need funds for our committees to do the mission work needed to keep SAPC a vibrant church in the community.

How are we to keep SAPC from disappearing from the Westside? It is all up to you!

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

BFSP

OUR PRAYER LIST



Clara Jean Anderson,
Duane Barkeim, Diane Baylor,
Pat Bukovac,
Barbara Canipe, Kim Cope,
Joyce Doty, Charlie Eakins,
Jim Edgar, Dalton Edwards,
Barbara Gobbel,
Johnny Gwines,
Rocky Harrelson,
Brian & Robert Hackney,
Sheryl Harmon,
Lee Hofsted, Ellen Hume,
Edna Jordan, Kathy Kouneh,
Redick Loring, Donna Lumley,
Ray Massey, Ellen Meacham,
Jack Mester, Ron Moore,
Stephanie Morebo,
Michael Moreno,
Adam Morris,
Merri Kay Nelson,
Debbie Pace, Robert Padgett,
Bart Parramore,
Charlene Pavlakovich,
Tim Pierson, Jiles Pinkston,
Elaine Redy, Denise Scronce,
Butch Stafflenio, Dean Starks,
Jack & Linda Strickland,
Bill Jr. & Bill Sr. Strubbe,
Phyllis Stubbs, Clarence Sweat,
Betty Tanner, Sam Taylor,
Pat Thomas,
Caroline VanKouwenberg,
Susie Volpe, Roselle Wade,
Don Wight,
Jan & Tony Westmoreland,
Pam Yubas,
The Family of Ted Windham &
The Nominating Committee

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)
Fourth Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm location TBD.

Adult Bible Study 11:00 Thursdays

Congregational Care and Nurture Committee

Letters were sent to new homeowners in our community encouraging them to visit a church and giving them a special invitation to our church.

The prayer list is being updated. Please check and see if you have people on this list who you would like removed. As a usual rule, names remain on the prayer list for 4 to 5 weeks unless requested to be kept on longer. You may email or call the church office to make additions to the list or to remove those who no longer need to be on the list.

Work will begin on a pictorial directory late winter or early spring.

I would like to thank the members of my committee for their faithfulness and hard work this year. The members of the committee are: Elaine Mechelke, Sue Massey, Jan Poley and Velvet Whitaker.

Judy Medearis



Buildings & Grounds

Hi Church family!

We have had a VERY busy month thanks to Matthew. But GOD blessed us, no trees down and no major roof leaks. Many thanks to Elaine and the crew that included our Choir Director who showed up for cleanup!!! Bill has been busy on roofs and tree disposal along with plumbing and fence clearing. (Our Superman!!)

Thanks to Herman and Flo with "garden" upkeep among other things and Ron Moore with garage lighting and his swift recovery! Oh yeah - Grumpys been busy everywhere! Hope he heals soon after his surgery.

I could write a book on all the work of the committee members, but GOD knows whose done what! That's all that matters. Still working on painting and door estimates, but this shall be fixed.

Thanks to the Ladies with yard sales, you are saving the Budget and keeping our church strong. (If you have time, please volunteer!)

A special thanks to Dan Pinto for his mechanical help with fixing stuff people have donated. Barb you are his Angel!

On another note, I cannot thank my wife enough for all her support both on B&G and Worship! Advent is coming, please help, we need it!

Mark your calendars for our Fall Workday on November 5th – 8:00am to whenever.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas!

Glory Be to God!
Love,
JR Wood

WE DEFINITELY CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AT ST. ANDREWS!

ANOTHER WAY WE SHOW CARE IS BY LETTING YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A WAY TO LOOK AFTER OLDER MEMBERS WHO MAY WANT A LITTLE EXTRA CARE AND ATTENTION.

MY "ASSISTANT MINISTER", CAROLINE VANKOUWENBERG, IS WILLING EITHER TO CALL YOU OR ASK YOU TO CALL HER IF YOU NEED SOME ADDITIONAL CARE. THIS IS FOR MEMBERS WHO WANT US TO CHECK IN ON THEM EACH DAY OR ONCE A WEEK. IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN CALL HER AS TO YOUR NEEDS AND SHE CAN HELP SEE THAT YOUR EMERGENCY NEEDS ARE MET.

SOME PEOPLE LIKE BEING CALLED EACH MORNING OR EVENING OR "CALLING IN" TO SHARE A SPECIAL NEED YOU MAY HAVE AND NEED HELP WITH....ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE.

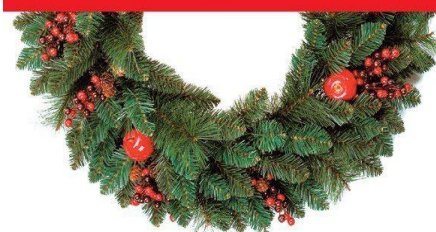
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING CALLED REGULARLY, SIMPLY CALL CAROLINE AND SHE WILL ADD YOU TO HER CALL LIST. HER NUMBER IS 781-1610. SHE WILL ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST AND THE TIME(S) YOU MAY APPRECIATE BEING CONTACTED.

PASTOR JIM

January/February
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
***** DECEMBER 21, 2016 *****

Articles can be e-mailed to Terry Hallihan:
99gwhfth@comcast.net
Or placed in the Newsletter box in the office

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Don't forget that our 5th annual **Christmas Bazaar** is Saturday, November 19thst. **Only three weeks away!!**

This year as in the past, we will be having a huge **Yard Sale** as part of the Bazaar. The room is already filling up with donations so if you have anything just lying around the house be sure to bring it to the church on Sunday or any morning Monday thru Thursday, 9 – 12 am (the hours that the church office is open). Donation deadline – Monday, November 14th.

Look around for **Christmas items** that are new or in good condition that you no longer want, as well as **ornaments, collectibles, plants, crafts, and homemade baked goods**. We will use them all. Michele Banks is doing her bake sale table again so donations are always welcome. Plan to purchase your Thanksgiving goodies of cakes, cookies and pies as well as Christmas cookies. Come and help support the Church in this endeavor.

We always need helpers to keep an eye on the tables as sadly, things can "walk off" unnoticed. Please consider giving your time that day as well as your donations. You'll find out that it's fun to work together. The bazaar goes from **8:00 am to "2ish"**, as long as we have customers we will sell, sell, sell.

We will also be having hot dogs and egg salad sandwiches for sale for lunch. **FREE COFFEE FOR WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS!!**

ALSO – we will **rent spaces** to individual vendors for \$15.00. They need to bring their own tables as all of ours will be in use.

If nothing else, please come and support our church-wide venture. You never know what you will find that you can't live without! If you want to volunteer or have questions or concerns, contact Judith or Jan.

Judith Yeaton & Jan Poley



November

1 Kelly Johnson	20 Kandice Perry
2 David Nelson	22 Allyson Baldwin
3 Cathy Barr	24 Pansy Helms
4 Jonathan Miller	24 Luke McNair
5 Gabby Heredia	24 Jerry Miller
7 Nicholas Villa	24 Vicki Roberts
12 Bill Banks	24 Ralph Story
13 Jennifer Allen	25 Nancy Anson
13 Jack Strickland	29 Zach McNair
15 Eugenio Gonzalez	29 Herman Six

December

1 Jerry Hallihan	9 Lydia Windham
2 Jim Dennison	11 Linda Miller
2 Donna Lumley	12 Chelsey Roberts
4 Stephanie Moore	15 Grayson Zeilie
4 Chloe Welch	22 Amber Sweat
5 Jean Yeaton	25 John Starkey
6 Amelia Rose Simms	28 Denny Roberts
8 Austin Merrill	31 Ron St. Jacques



November

4 Roger & Sherrie Smith	
19 Ralph & Miriam Story	24 Ron & Janet St. Jacques

December

7 Jerry & Joyce Miller	28 Brent & Meredyth Hume
9 Chuck & Rachel Kersten	31 Brett & Kristie Christiansen
16 Alan & Annesley Brightwell	
21 Jack & Phyllis Herpy	
24 Frank & Lynda Edwards	



BFS&P Committee

January was a good month! Our income for the month was \$8,850.70; expenses were \$8,494.96. For the month, we were \$355.74 in the black; however, we are in the red for the year - \$6,656.54.

Pledge letters and pledge cards were handed out on Sunday, October 23rd. Pledge Commitment Sunday will be November 6th. There will be a finger food luncheon after Worship on Commitment Sunday. Please pray diligently and let God lead you in your pledge.

Just a reminder – recycle your newspapers. Remember the proceeds go to the Church.

The Hope Chest is doing very well! All of your donations are appreciated.

The Committee invites anyone who is interested in the finances of the Church to attend any of our meetings. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 9th at 10:00am, in the Media Room. There will be no meeting in December.

Joyce Miller

Make A Pledge

After prayerful consideration, and in response to all that God has provided and in faith that God will continue to provide, we hope it is your intent to fulfill our church ministries through your financial pledge for 2017.

Thank You,
Ralph Ramsey

What is Advent? Why do we celebrate it; it's not in the Bible?

What Denominations Celebrate Advent?

Advent is primarily observed in [Christian churches](#) that follow an ecclesiastical calendar of liturgical seasons to determine feasts, memorials, fasts and [holy days](#):

[Catholic](#)

[Orthodox](#)

[Anglican / Episcopalian](#)

[Lutheran](#)

[Methodist](#)

[Presbyterian](#)

Today, however, more and more [Protestant](#) and Evangelical Christians are recognizing the spiritual significance of Advent, and have begun to revive the spirit of the season through serious reflection, joyful expectation, and even through the observance of some of the traditional Advent customs.

Origins of Advent

Advent has probably been observed since the fourth century. Originally, it was a time when converts to [Christianity](#) readied themselves for baptism. According to the [Catholic Encyclopedia](#), Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of preparation for [Epiphany](#), and not in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the [wise men](#) and, in some traditions, the [Baptism of Jesus](#). At this time new Christians were [baptized](#) and received into the faith, and so the early church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.

Later, in the 6th century, St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. Originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but rather, the [Second Coming of Christ](#).

By the Middle Ages, the church had extended the celebration of Advent to include the coming of Christ through [his birth](#) in Bethlehem, his future coming [at the end of time](#), and his presence among us through the promised [Holy Spirit](#). Modern-day Advent services include symbolic customs related to all three of these "advents" of Christ.

Definition of Advent

The word "advent" comes from the Latin "adventus" meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

The Time of Advent

For denominations that celebrate Advent, it marks the beginning of the church year. In Western Christianity, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to [Christmas](#) Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24. When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, it is the last, or fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. There are three meanings of 'coming' that Christians describe in Advent. The first, and most thought of, happened about 2000 years ago when Jesus came into the world as a baby to live as a man and die for us.

Advent is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word, meaning "coming".

Advent Wreaths

Advent wreaths have their origins in the folk traditions of northern Europe, where in the deep of winter people lit candles on wheel-shaped bundles of evergreen. Both the evergreen and the circular shape

symbolized ongoing life. The candlelight gave comfort at this darkest time of the year, as people looked forward to the longer days of spring.

Later, Eastern European Christians adopted this practice. By the sixteenth century, they were making Advent wreaths much as we know them today. An advent wreath traditionally contains four candles-three purple and one rose. Purple dyes were once so rare and costly that they were associated with royalty. The three purple candles in the Advent wreath symbolize hope, peace, and love. These candles are lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. The rose candle, which symbolizes joy, is usually lit on the third Sunday.

Sometimes a fifth candle is placed inside the Advent wreath. This candle is lit on Christmas Day. It is white, the color associated with angels and the birth of Jesus.

Because Advent wreaths are an informal celebration, not all are the same. Instead of purple candles, some people use blue, which recalls the color of the night sky before daylight returns. Others use all white candles.

Advent Symbols and Customs

Many different variations and interpretations of Advent customs exist today, depending upon the denomination and the type of service being observed. The following symbols and customs provide a general overview only, and do not represent an exhaustive resource for all Christian traditions.

Some Christians choose to incorporate Advent activities into their family holiday traditions, even when their church does not formally recognize a season of Advent. They do this as a way of [keeping Christ at the center](#) of their Christmas celebrations.

The wreath, typically a circular garland of evergreen branches, is a symbol of [eternity](#) and unending love.

White

White is the color of Advent representing purity and light. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. He is the light come into a dark and dying world. Also, those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made [whiter than snow](#).

Spiritually preparing by focusing on the colors of Advent in the weeks leading up to Christmas is a great way for [Christian families](#) to [keep Christ the center of Christmas](#), and for parents to teach their children the [true meaning of Christmas](#).

Advent Calendars

An advent calendar is a card or poster with twenty-four small doors, one to be opened each day from December 1 until Christmas Eve. Each door conceals a picture. This popular tradition arose in Germany in the late 1800s and soon spread throughout Europe and North America. Originally, the images in Advent calendars were derived from the Hebrew Bible.

We all know that [Christmas](#) officially begins on Christmas Eve, but when does Christmas end? It's complicated. On January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany (in most places in the U.S. the feast is transferred to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8), the Church celebrates the biblical event where the Magi, also called the Three Wise Men or Three Kings, traveled from the East to pay homage to the newborn King, Jesus Christ. Many believe that this is the date when the Christmas season officially ends, being the end of the 12 days of Christmas.

Lynda Edwards (using several internet sources)

St. Andrews Youth Program

Recently it was suggested I write a Newsletter article about what I have been doing with the youth. First let me just say that I am so proud of all three of my youth girls in the progress they have made in the last three years in their relationship not only with God, but with themselves. Self-esteem issues are something all teens deal with at some point or another, and all people deal with too. God can help that. Having someone to encourage and recognize the talents that one possesses can help. This is what I have tried to do over the years, and have taught the girls to do for themselves and one another. We have done numerous self-esteem building exercises, read books, done bible study series, went to camp, had overnights, combined with another youth group for more support one day a week, and much more... and I can honestly say that it has all paid off. Each one of the girls has grown spiritually in their walk with God and have also grown to be kind caring young adults who love themselves and others around them. They want to help others and be a light for those in darkness. They have a voice and they want it to be heard. Three years ago they would sit in silence, now they speak up for God and what they believe in no matter what price they pay for it. They still have their moments of doubt and fear and anxiety just like the rest of us, but they are learning how to stand tall in a cruel and unfair world.

As of right now, we are studying Revelations because that is what the girls wanted to do. We are reading a book with questions and journal time and also have a bible study they take home with them weekly. I told them it is a difficult study, and it isn't always encouraging and sometimes it's even scary and dark. Because Revelations is real. It is the realist part of the bible and the truth isn't always easy to hear. The things that happen leading up to Jesus's second return and what happens after is scary and uplifting at the same time. If you have never read or studied Revelations I recommend you do so too, because a lot of what is happening in the world is exactly that in Revelations. The light at the end of the tunnel is that no matter what darkness we face, God is glory in the end, forever and ever.

But with that knowledge still comes a responsibility. God very clearly states that if you are not doing what he has asked of us as an individual or a church we will not be blessed. He clearly states he will destroy everything that is not pure at heart. So this is why we study it. God knows our intentions, and he will judge accordingly. We are learning to make sure that our actions are something that would please God, and that our intentions are pure. Some people may be upset at what I said a few weeks ago, and to be honest I can't understand why anything I said would offend anyone. I am just trying to do God's work, to love everyone and to bring our community into the church to help them, because that is what we are here for, that is what we are called to do. I fall short sometimes, as we all do, but our work as God's people is to do what he would do. And in all we do we need to ask ourselves, am I doing this for him or for myself?

I am doing what I feel God is calling me to do, and teaching the youth how to become responsible, caring and successful adults that love God with all their heart. And I am doing what I have to in order to make that intention a reality. I will be working with the Christian Education Committee in developing guidelines for the St. Andrews youth program. I do my best and try to ask God for guidance when I feel like I have hit bottom ground. I will meet periodically with the Pastor and the Christian Education Committee for guidance and to advise them of what we have been doing. All I am trying to do is to make this world a little brighter because it's full of hatred and darkness, and I want my youth to do the same.

Ashley Zeilic - Licari

VOLUNTEERING? WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Bet you didn't know that your church honestly believes that it is not doing a good job of caring for you very well unless it offers you the opportunity to volunteer?

You thought it was because we needed to have this or that done and we called on you in the hope that what the church needs to get done can get done by you. This really is not the whole story! Really!

Here are just a few of the benefits you get wherever or however you choose to share together:

- The chance to feel that your life can make an appreciated difference in this world.
- The chance to be recognized and feel appropriately good about yourself.
- It is a great feeling to have....that YOU mattered...YOU counted.
- It is good to have fellowship with others....feel a part of great community of people.
- It's fun to have folks hear all about your children and grandchildren, etc.
- It is good to know you are with others who know and care for you.

You know whether or not you like to work alone or with others. You know whether or not you like a one-time project, a short-term project or a long term project. You get to pick and have control over what you are willing to take part in!

This is how your church is respectful and responsive to your life and your desire to be a part and make a great difference somewhere. It is our service to YOU.

Now, to be honest, here is where St. Andrews needs real help now:

- If you want **more Thursday night suppers/programs**, we need a few good volunteers to pitch in and help make it possible. We train!
- If you see any committee of the Session that needs your strengths or abilities to see that something gets done or done better, step up and say something! Don't wait until you are asked.
- What is it you like to do? What do you see that we don't see? Let us know!
- Who may be willing to work on a desperately **needed new pictorial directory**? Only THIS time we will do it ourselves and no one will be pressured into buying anything!!
- Who might like to work with **visiting prospective members**?

You are like the letter "e" on my keyboard!
Rxxmxxbxx! Xvxry mxmbxr is nxxdxd hxxr! If you arx missing, thx whole thing sxxms to go down in so many ways. Do not makx the mistakx that you don't count! You count and arx nxxded vxry, vxry much!

Pastor Jim



Advent/Christmas Dates

Tuesday, November 1st All Saints' Day
Observed November 6

Sunday, November 20th
Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 27th - 1st Sunday of
Advent/Poinsettia Sale Begins

Saturday, December 3rd 10:00am
Decorate the Sanctuary - All Welcome

Sunday, December 4th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11th - 3rd Sunday of
Advent/Poinsettia Sale Ends

Sunday, December 18th - 4th Sunday of Advent -
Cantata

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
Service at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 25th - Christmas
Service at 10:30am

Friday, January 6th - Epiphany of the Lord
Observed on Sunday, January 8th with
installation of new elders

Sunday, January 8th - Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11st - Sunday after Christmas

Saturday, January 14th 10:00am - Un-
decorating the sanctuary All Welcome

Worship Committee

Hope Chest

Our mini-flea vendors have slacked off, but we continue to have lots of good customers and lots of sales in our Hope Chest. Until Christmas, we will be wrapping our customers' presents for free. We are asking for donations of tissue paper, wrapping paper, bags, bows, ribbons, scotch tape, to and from labels, and anything else you may have left over from previous years that would help make a package pretty. Again, we thank you for helping make the Hope Chest a successful fund raising venture!!!

Jan, Barbara, Sheryl, and Elaine



SALVATION ARMY

We will be doing the "barrels" again this Christmas Season. The "barrels" will be available for toys the first part of November and will be picked up on December 5th. That gives us ample time to fill the "barrels" with toys. Thank you for your support of this worthy organization's endeavor to bring a little happiness into a child's life that otherwise might not happen!

Please remember the Salvation Army wants NEW toys. The children's age group is infants through 12 years old. In years past we had set a price not to exceed \$20 to \$25 dollars for the gift. All gifts are to be put into the barrels UNWRAPPED.

Thank you!

Helen Starks & Flo Six

*A Note from
the Clerk*



St. Andrews has numerous activities in November and December. Please bring your family and friends and participate. Annual Committee Reports due January 12th.

~ Summer

Mission & Evangelism Committee

We will be participating in the WSCO Thanksgiving Basket Collection. Please bring your contributions of Stuffing and place them in the bin in the narthex on or before November 20th.

As part of St. Andrews' mission work M&E will be passing out bottled water at the Christmas Bazaar. The water will be labeled with information about St. Andrews Church.

The Joy Gift Special Offering will be collected on December 4th and the children and youth of St. Andrews will read scripture that morning during Worship. Immediately after Worship there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall with finger food.

Michele Banks