

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Church Office: (904) 771-1596

July/August 2019

 

AUGUST

* 4 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
* 18 Sundae Sunday

No Choir Practice



J U L Y

* 4 Independence Day
* 7 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
* 7 Watermelon Sunday

No Choir Practice

Summer’s here again! I don’t know where the time goes. Like sands through the hourglass…kind of hokey, but pretty accurate. This year is almost half over. You have all been working hard to fulfill our mission statement: “Being the face of Christ in our community.”

 The church is performing an important mission in the neighborhood. The food pantry and clothes closet continue to help meet the needs of a variety of people in our community. You do good work.

At present there are numerous folks in the hospital. I have been doing my best trying to see them and keep in touch. Our prayer list is fairly long. Please make sure that you spend a little time praying for all of the folks whose names are on that list. I’ve decided to pray for them in worship each Sunday. It doesn’t add too much time to the service and it gives me a sense of peace knowing that they are brought before the Lord in prayer.

I’m looking at a couple of new Bible studies. One is titled, “The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians.” Could be good for Advent. Another one that looks interesting is “The Hard Sayings of Jesus” by F.F. Bruce. I’ve read another book by Bruce who is a respected Biblical scholar, titled “Hard Sayings of the Bible”. Interesting stuff.

God bless you all. Thanks for allowing me to become part of your fellowship!

Pastor Marc

**Bible Quiz**

Complete this proverb from the Bible: “Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is … ”

A. “ … than a silver platter of meat and unresolved anger.”
B. “ … than a fatted ox and hatred with it.”
C. “ … than a prepared bird and family bickering.”
D. All of the above.



**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

6317 103rd Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

***Being the Face of Christ***

***In our Community.***

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Secretaries**

*Donna Kirksey*

*Judy Medearis*

*Judith Yeaton*

**Active Elders**

*Michele Banks – CE&F*

*Lynda Edwards – M&E*

*Frankie Hawkins - CCN*

*Bonnie McNally - CCN*

*Walter McNair – B&G*

*Linda Miller – CE&F*

*Diane Parker – Worship*

*Judith Yeaton – F&P*

**JULY/AUGUST 2019**

*OUR PRAYER LIST*



 *Nancy Anson, Diane Baylor,*

 *Marji Beluch, Cheryl Bogacki,*

*Alan Brightwell, Danny Cone,*

*Kim Cope, Pat Craig,*

*Barbara Wade Dennison,*

*Jim Edgar, Lynda &*

*Frank Edwards, Dalton R. Furbee, Thadys Gilder,*

*Martha Gillebean,*

*Linda Gordon,*

*Margaret Graham,*

*Sheryl Harmon, Crystal Hefner, Pansy Helms, Linda Hill,*

*Benson House, Lydia Ison, Catherine Jones,*

*Laryn Jordan-Rodgers,*

*Ken Lindscold, Jennifer Kessler, Linda Kneece, Ray Massey,*

*Sue Massey, Howard McNulty,*

*Judy Medearis,*

*Merri Kay Nelson,*

*The Parramore Family,*

*Charleen Pavlakovich,*

*Tim Pierson, Susan Powel, Ralph Ramsey,*

*Vickie Roberts,*

*David Michael Schott,*

*Bob & Carol Shircliff,*

*David, Richard, Sandra & Susan Spranger,*

*Butch Stafflenio,*

*Helen Starks, Jack Strickland,*

*Phyllis Stubbs, Pat Sundt, Clarence Sweat, Betty Tanner, Robert Tarkinson,*

*Sam Taylor, Pat Thomas,*

*Morgan Thornton,*

*Heath Towers, Art Vaughn,*

 *Jennifer & Wendy Wright*

*& family & friends of*

*Chad Jones*

*Nancy Anson, Diane Baylor,*

**F&P**

The Finance & Personnel Committee met on Monday, June 10th.  Our main discussion point was to approve four names as counters on Sunday mornings.  Over the past few months we have lost three people who have been steadfast counters for the Sunday morning collections.  The new people are Marie Jean, Bonnie McNally, Susan Ramsey and Judith Yeaton (as alternate).  Thank you so much for stepping up to the plate to help out.

The church has a new contract with our trash collector at a lower cost.  HOWEVER – if the bin is “overfull” (and the driver takes a picture as proof), the church will be billed for a double run.  Lately items have been found in the bin that were not church related leaving little-to-no room for our own trash, especially if we have had a picnic or dinner.  Some of our members have taken to bringing home the church trash for their own local pickup dates in order to prevent a double bill from happening.  Because the church is a “business”, there is no city pickup of brush or tree limbs so that type of trash needs to go into the bin also.

The Presbytery sent out a letter to all the churches in the Presbytery requesting additional funds to cover a shortfall in their operating budget as well as a new mission initiative at the site of the closed Highlands Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.  Our church gives a pledge of 8% monthly of whatever we take in – large or small.  The committee decided to see how the Session felt about a possible one-time additional donation to Presbytery.  The Session voted to send a $2,000.00 donation to Presbytery.

We respectfully request that even though summer is certainly here, the church’s bills do not take a vacation and we hope when you take your vacations, that you remember to pay your pledge so that the church can pay its bills.

We are not meeting in July.   Our next meeting will be Wednesday,  August  14th  at 10:00

Our members are:  Cathy Barr, Phyllis Herpy, Mary McNair, Joyce Miller & Judith Yeaton, Chairman

Yours in Christ, Judith Yeaton

Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact Rev. Marc Jones.



Greetings from the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Summer is here and you can tell by the hot days and intermittent rain showers. Recently we had a large portion of a tree fall on the east side of the property near 103rd street. After cutting it in smaller pieces we moved it next to the fence by the nursery. Anyone wanting to get a jump start on winter firewood is welcome to get what they want. There’s nothing like sitting around a warm cozy fire in July.

When using the church dumpster please do not over fill the container. On our last bill we had two additional charges for “overages.” An overage occurs when too much trash has been put in the dumpster. If the doors won’t shut completely, too much trash is in the bin and Republic Services will bill us extra for each pickup. The effect is we have exceeded our contracted amount of one container per week. Pick up is Tuesday of each week so be aware of how full the dumpster is before adding to the container.

Our committee always has a lot of miscellaneous work to do on the grounds. If you are interested in maintaining the two flower beds on either side of the narthex we could really use your help. Please let us know if you can help us keep the flowers looking beautiful. A couple of members dedicated to the task would be great for St. Andrews.

Walter McNair

**Worship**

It’s July!!!  Most of our working committees are taking a well deserved break and the Worship Committee needs one too.  No more holiday flowers to order, Easter, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day have come and gone.  Time to sit back and relax and catch our breath for a while.  The Choir will also be taking their summer break for July and August.

                But wait!!!!

Life goes on!  There is church every Sunday.  Bible Study will continue as usual on Thursdays at 11:00.  And as a reminder, JEA bills and others don’t take a summer break so when you are on vacation, please remember to keep your pledge up to date.

Behind the scenes Pastor Marc is beginning to plan a “New Members Class” for those among us who may want to join us in our journey with Jesus.  And please don’t forget to support our food bin as people continue to eat all summer long too.  WSCO put out a request for applesauce, fruit cups, canned meats and bottled water.  These foods are among the most requested.

And before you can blink an eye, fall will be upon us!  Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner – really.  When the Worship Committee meets again on August 8 at 12:00 noon, we will be looking ahead to the Holidays and beginning to plan for them.  If you are looking to be of service to your church, why not join us.  Many hands make light work.

Members of this committee are: Lynda Edwards, Judy Medearis, Diane Parker, Chairman, Susan Spranger and Judith Yeaton.  Working for us in the background are:  J.R. and Jody Wood, Bill Starks and Bert Yeaton. Have a fun, safe summer

 In Christ’s love, Diane Parker, Chairman

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

**Adult Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:00am in the Media Room

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**Fellowship and CE**

Thank you very much to everyone who helped with the annual picnic, especially Jodi and JR for the delicious ribs and chicken, plus the people who set up and cleaned. Also, how could we forgot everyone who brought food and those that attended and ate the tasty goodies, as well as the delightful trio who sang that day. We had over 35 people this year and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks again!!!

On July 7th after Church service join us in the courtyard for a slice of cool watermelon to help beat the heat. Then on August 18th we will have “Sundae Sunday”, ice cream with your favorite toppings. So please come join us for “fellowship” and some yummy snacks.

Michele Banks



July

 3 Donald Kollah 12 Dick Massey

 5 Linda Stickland 15 Pat Thomas

 8 Kristen Brightwell 15 Sam Taylor

 9 Miriam Story 22 Alan Brightwell

 10 Virginia Black 26 Kathy Vynanek

 10 Nancy McCall 28 Walter McNair

 10 Suzi Starkey

August

1 Joel Still 17 Brent Hume

6 Shirley Haynes 18 Joe Fowler

6 Helen Starks 26 Betty Tanner

8 Gabriel Bagnola 29 Charleen Pavlakovich

13 Connie Davis 30 Susan Jones

13 Mary McNair 30 Judy Medearis

17 Michele Banks 31 Marie Jean

17 Scott Brooks-Cope

**C&E**



**Directory Updates**

**New Address:**

Nancy Anson

c/o Benton House

417 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway

Jacksonville, FL 32222

Donna Lumley

c/o Riverside Presbyterian House

2550 Park Street

Room 714

Jacksonville, FL 32204



July

None

August

 4 Walter & Jan Poley 17 Bill & Michele Banks

7 Dick & Sue Massey 22 Ralph & Sue Ramsey

 14 Bill & Helen Starks

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*St. Andrews has numerous activities in July and August. Please bring your family and friends and participate.*

*~ Summer*

***SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER***

***NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE***

***\*\*\* AUGUST 20th\*\*\****

*Articles can be e-mailed to Terry Hallihan*

***99gwhfth@comcast.net***

*Or placed in the Newsletter box in the office*

**BFS&P**

Summer arrived early this year! With summer months comes vacation and usually higher utility expenses for all of us and the Church. Also, the summer months bring lower attendance in our worship services

The month of May was a good month for us. Thanks to each of you, so far, May was the first month this year that we have been in the black. Our income was $9,035.67; expenses were $8,806.01. However for the year, we are still very much in the red to the amount of $8,085.99.

The two (2) cemetery plots in Jacksonville Memorial Garden in Orange Park are still available. If you are interested in purchasing them and need additional information, please call me, (H) 904-317-9747 or (C) 904-316-9402.

We welcome Velvet Whitaker as our Monday secretary. Thanks, Velvet, for the giving of your time and talents to our office staff.

We, also, would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Jan Poley, for her years of dedication in the office of St. Andrews. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our next Committee meetings will be July 14th and August 11th in the media room at 7:00PM.

My prayer for each of us is to have a safe, wonderful and fun filled summer. While you are enjoying your summer, remember, also to enjoy your time with God.

God Bless,

Joyce Miller

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***MAY***

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**Mission & Evangelism**

M&E committee is continuing on our mission of helping members as well as the community in many ways. Our Thrift Store is open Wednesdays 8-12 and Sunday mornings after services. All money is deposited into St. Andrews general fund. April’s Thrift Store income was $618.00 and May was $639.00. We are still teaming up with the Gleaners, who provide free bread and bakery items to the public.

We collected items from the Lake Shore Presbyterian Church DLC wish list to go to their after school programs during the month of June. We will begin collecting school supplies during the month of July.

Donations:

* One Great Hour of Sharing-$380.00
* Blanket Offering - $194.05

Dresses for Africa has been changed to Dresses for Presbyterian Social Ministries as they service both here and abroad.

Lynda Edwards