

The Fishing Line

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

March/April 2020

Church Office: (904) 771-1596

I guess I can take some comfort in the fact that I am predictable. Maybe consistent is slightly less stodgy. One of the things that consistently surprises me is how fast time slips by me. Oh well. This year is well begun. No big sails on the horizon. I've been here almost a year already. Lent is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday is on February 26th and Transfiguration Sunday, February 23rd.

Life in the church is pretty much the same. We've been blessed with several new members. We've lost some members. We'll miss the ones who have gone to be with the Lord. We'll miss the ones who have moved away.

Summer Hackney, Terry Hallihan, and I went to the meeting of the Presbytery at the first of the month at Memorial Presbyterian Church. The meeting was uneventful with one notable exception: The presentation of Matthew 25 Ministries. Matthew 25 Ministries is designed to put wheels under Jesus' description of the final judgment of the nations. We're talking sheep and goats here.

The primary thrust, or at least the one that's always jumped out at me is this: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' Matthew 25:44–45

This is both alarming and convicting. I think of this every time I see someone standing on the corner or even worse, on the traffic dividers at intersections. The least of these...there go I but by the grace of God.

Matthew 25 is simple. It's a ministry that helps people by "providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need. Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries also educates the public on the conditions and needs of the "least of these" and by providing resources for action.

Matthew 25: Ministries is also "an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor and disaster victims locally, regionally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion. By rescuing and reusing products from major corporations and manufacturers, Matthew 25: Ministries provides basic necessities, nutritional supplements, educational materials, micro-enterprise supplies and disaster relief across the US and worldwide.

Matthew 25: Ministries has always placed an emphasis on education, job creation and providing aid to children. Matthew 25: Ministries is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

More information is available on line at https://m25m.org/about-us/

Pastor Marc



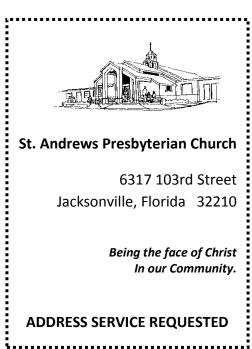
MARCH

- 4 Dinner & Service 6:00pm
- 7 Movie Night 4:00pm
- 11 Dinner & Service 6:00pm
- 15 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Session Meeting
- 18 Dinner & Service 6:00pm
- 25 Dinner & Service 6:00pm



APRIL

- 1 Dinner & Service 6:00pm
- 4 Movie Night 4:00pm
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 9 Maundy Thursday
- 10 Good Friday
- 11 Easter Egg Hunt
- 12 Easter (Sunrise & Regular)
- 21 Session Meeting
- 22 Earth Day



MARCH/APRIL 2020

Secretaries

Donna Kirksey Judy Medearis Judith Yeaton

Active Elders

Michele Banks – CE&F Summer Hackney – CE&F Terry Hallihan – F&P Bonnie McNally - CCN Walter McNair – B&G Judith Yeaton – Worship

Finance & Personnel

Our January financial reports show Income: \$7,051.14, Expenses: \$11,526.04 = Negative (\$4,474.90) due to several large bills, most notably our property and liability insurance (\$3,206.95), Copier Expense (\$553.39) and our Per Capita payment (\$308.00) to Presbytery.

The Committee agreed to develop a St. Andrews Accident Report and a form to report income and expenses associated with Church activities, to review and work on telephone replacement and copier contract renewal, to check and update the Church Procedures Manual on designations of "Liaisons" for funerals and weddings as to instructions and responsibilities for such special events, and securing volunteers to do an "internal audit" of the books for 2019. No such audit has been done for several years.

Our meetings in 2020 will be held at 10:00am on April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th and December 16th. Those interested in learning more about Church finances are welcome to attend these meetings.

Terry Hallihan (Chair), Cathy Barr, Phyllis Herpy, Mary McNair, Judith Yeaton and Linda Seiler

Congregation Care & Nurture

Committee is working on updating the St. Andrews Membership List to produce a pictorial directory of Church members. Chair, Bonnie McNally, continued to mail "birthday", "thinking of you" and "get well" cards to members of our Church family. Committee members made telephone contact or left messages to our "shut-ins". Those interested in joining CC&N contact Bonnie.

Bonnie McNally

******** Welcome New Members ********

Joan Goldsmith

Harry and Linda Seiler

Movie Nights

March 7 4:00pm "God's Not Dead"

April 4 4:00pm "I Can Only Imagine"

The first Movie Night was a great success. Join us on the above dates for two more delightful evenings.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Nancy Anson, Diane Baylor, Alan Brightwell, Kim Cope, Connie Davis, Lynda Edwards, Genny Farley, Janet Fowler, Brian Hackney, Frankie Hawkins. Lyndia Ison, Linda Kneece, Elinor Jordon, Lori Joyce, Ray Massey, Sue Massey, Howard McNulty, Linda Miller, The Parramore Family, Charleen Pavlakovich, Ralph Ramsey, Vickie Roberts, John Roth, David Sanchez, Michael Schott, Carol Shircliff, David Spranger, Susan Spranger, Helen Starks, Jack Strickland, Phyllis Stubbs, Pat Sundt, Clarence Sweat, Betty Tanner, Robert Tarkinson, Pat Thomas, Stacy Thomas, Judith Yeaton, and friends & families of Tim Pierson, Sam Taylor and Betty Snow

WORSHIP

With Christmas behind us and after a brief respite in January, we find that Lent is just around the corner starting on February 26. Now we all need to "gear up" for our wonderful Easter Season. Lenten Devotionals will be available the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Please consider purchasing one or more Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary. The nursery has not notified us of the price yet but there will be ample time to order (usually 3 weeks prior to Easter the flower envelopes will be in the church bulletins).

February 26 - Ash Wednesday with our traditional Baked Potato Supper at 6:00 pm. Supper is followed by the service in the sanctuary with the imposition of ashes for those who want them.

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 – Wednesday evening light supper at 6:00 followed by a program in the Fellowship Hall. Usually 1 hour or less total.

April 5 – Palm Sunday

<u>April 9</u> – Maundy Thursday with a light supper and service in the sanctuary

 $\underline{\text{April 10}}$ – Good Friday. There are no plans for a service at this time

<u>April 12</u> – Easter! Sunrise Service in front of the church at about 6:30 (exact time to be determined) with Holy Communion. This is followed by our traditional Easter Breakfast. Our regular service of worship will be at 10:30 again with Holy Communion.

The entire Worship Committee wants to extend sincere thanks to Austin Merrill, Roger Barr and Brian Gowens for the many hours needed (including all night stints) to install the new TVs in the sanctuary and the hours needed to put all the words of the hymns and scripture readings up on the screens for us to read more clearly. <u>All</u> feedback has been positive.

Also consider joining us for a free MOVIE NIGHT with popcorn and drinks (to purchase) at 4:00 pm on the first Saturday of each month followed by a light supper (donations) in the Fellowship Hall. Lots of fun!!

But wait!! Don't get too comfortable – Mother's Day (also Blanket Sunday) and Father's Day are waiting in the wings.

Yours in Christ's Service, Judith Yeaton, Chair Lynda Edwards Joan Goldsmith Judy Medearis Diane Parker

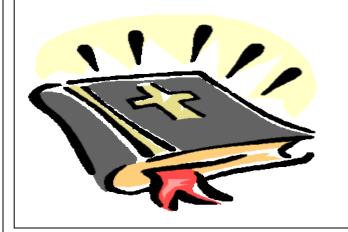


Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact the Pastor, Rev. Marc Jones.

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

Adult Sunday School – Each Sunday at 9:15AM

Adult Bible Study – Each Thursday at 11:00AM



St. Andrews Church's Flea/ Thrift Shop – "Hope Chest"

Remember to check-out the goodies in the "Hope Chest" on Sundays after Services or on Wednesdays between 8:00am – Noon.

Thank you,

Donna, Elaine, Diane and all Our Volunteers



<u>March</u>

2 Walter Poley 3 Viva McCall 12 Pat Bukovac 4 Harry Seiler 13 Katelynn Baylor 5 Jim Black 21 Clarence Sweat 5 Bailey Jones 26 Susan Spranger 6 Joseph Brown III 29 Kourtney Starkey 9 Annesley Brightwell 29 Lindsey McCall <u>April</u> 1 Roger Smith 20 Ralph Ramsey 5 Brian Hackney 25 Janet St. Jacques 12 Julia Mago 26 Kathy Dahl 15 Catherine Edwards 29 Sue Ramsey 15 Rebecca Edwards 30 Elaine Mechelke 30 Suzanne Brooks-Cope



- <u>March</u> 18 Cathy & Roger Barr
- <u>April</u> 27 Vicki & Denny Roberts



Greetings from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

As noted in the last newsletter we are working on improving the lighting conditions and have installed two new lights in the kitchen. Look for more new lights in the Fellowship Hall next.

We are also looking into the acquisition of some video cameras to enhance security at our facility. More info to follow in the coming months.

There is much to do on our buildings and grounds and could use your help. We invite you to join us for work and fellowship. The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We should have plenty to do in 2020.

Walter McNair



Please bring your family and participate in the many Lenten Season Services and activities.

Summer

Mission & Evangelism

M&E committee is continuing 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. December's Thrift Store income was \$618.00 and January's was \$352.00. We are still teaming up with the Gleaners who provide free bread and bakery items to the public.

We will also be purchasing a Flock of Chicks from Heifer International for \$20 to help feed families in need.

Mission and Evangelism meets every first Sunday after service in the yellow room, come join us.

Lynda Edwards

<u>CE & F</u>

February 26th is Ash Wednesday and we will celebrate with our Baked Potato Supper at 6:00pm followed by a Service and Ashes. **March 4**th, **11**th, **18**th, **25**th **and April 1**st we will be having our Lenten Dinners and Services and on **April 9**th we will celebrate Maundy Thursday.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and we will celebrate with a corned beef and cabbage lunch after worship.

April 11th we will be hosting our annual Easter egg hunt and lunch from 11am to 1 pm. We are asking for bags of individually wrapped candy to fill all of the plastic eggs we already have on hand. Thank You in advance for all of your generous donations.

April 12^{ht} is Easter we will be serving our annual breakfast after sunrise service. We hope to see everyone at all of these fun and meaningful events. *MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE *** APRIL 22nd****

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

Yours in Christ, Michele and Summer