



Paul wrote to the Church, telling them not to forsake the assembling of the Church. (Heb. 10:25) If there's one thing 2020 has taught us it's how important fellowship is. Video is good if you can't make it in person but it's kind of dry. Being shoulder to shoulder with our church family is a great comfort and just being able to touch someone; simply shaking hands and getting or giving a hug satisfies some primal itch.

Summer and I attended the Winter meeting of Presbytery. The biggest news from Presbytery was the hiring of Holly Dillon Inglis as the Presbytery's Mission and Ministry Coordinator. I said we "attended" the Winter meeting of Presbytery. I should note that it was via Zoom. There are a couple of good things about Zoom. You don't have to drive. You don't have to worry about being exposed to a virus or some other bug. You don't even have to be completely dressed since the camera only shows you from the chest up. But it's not as good as being physically present.

Zoom is useful; but, it's certainly not perfect and that goes beyond the lack of fellowship that I mentioned. There are some other minor annoyances. In the last couple of months, I've been reading about how other people are using electronic/video formats for worship, since we're making the leap to on-line worship.

One thing that is particularly difficult about online worship is singing. I had hoped that if we are unable to meet, we might be able to get the choir together via Zoom and record choral arrangements which could then be broadcast on-line. I have seen videos of professional musicians and a choir or two who have connected via internet and recorded music together even though they are not physically present with one another who sounded just fine.

However, as with most things it's not that simple! The challenge comes with a phenomenon called latency. Latency is the difference in the internet connections or the speed of your computer's processor. They are not all the same. Latency wreaks havoc with music. Music is only music when everyone is in tune and in time. Unfortunately, with video conferencing you can count off a piece—which is supposed to set the tempo—but due to latency soon find yourself out of time. The result is cacophony, to be polite. It's a possibility with more equipment/software to slay the demon of latency, but it's still a work in progress.

The big idea and our hope is to continue to meet in person, but at the same time to expand our online capabilities and thus be prepared for whatever the future may hold for us. Please keep all of this in your prayers and may God bless you all!

Pastor Marc



MARCH

- 7 3rd Sunday in Lent
- 14 Daylight Savings Begins
4th Sunday in Lent
Congregation Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Session Meeting
- 21 5th Sunday in Lent
- 28 Palm Sunday



APRIL

- 1 Maundy Thursday
- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter, Sunrise,
Breakfast
- 21 Session Meeting
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 Yard Sale



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*Being the face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MARCH/APRIL 2021

Secretaries

*Donna Kirksey
Judy Medearis
Judith Yeaton*

Active Elders

*Michele Banks – CE&F
Lynda Edwards – M&E
Summer Hackney – CE&F
Terry Hallihan – F&P
Bonnie McNally – CC&N
Walter McNair – B&G
Judith Yeaton – Worship*

Finance & Personnel

Our January financial reports reflect Income of \$5,141.62 and Expenses of \$11,526.04 yielding a Deficit of (\$5,141.62) due to our large January property and liability insurance bill (\$3,206.95). We ended 2020 with Income Year to Date of only \$84,577.52 as compared to our Expenses of \$108,220.91, yielding a Deficit of (\$23,643.39). To start 2021 \$119 was transferred to zero out the Flower Fund and \$25,000 was moved from the Capital Fund to Operating Escrow yielding a positive balance of \$7,399.77. Since we do not need a Nursery, F&P recommended and Session approved removal of the Nursery Attendant Salary from the 2021 Budget.

2021 Pledges totaled only \$66,780 which will just cover employee wages - \$66,259. However, if the prior experience in shortfall of Pledges in 2020, 2019 and 2018 is any indication, the Church finances for 2021 will experience higher deficits. The projected Deficit for 2021 could be as high as \$58,000, further depleting our Savings which then would be exhausted by 2nd Quarter 2022.

Although during COVID-19 for some Sundays we have done on-line worship services or Pastor Marc has done remote sermons, St. Andrews operating expenses have remained constant - utilities, insurance, salaries and the like. We need you and your contributions to continue supporting our ministry and mission in the community. Your tithes and contributions should be sent to the Church or directly to Cathy Barr (7731 Mariner St. Jacksonville, FL 32220-3473).

Meetings in 2021 will be held at 10:00am on April 14th, June 9th, August 11th, September 15th, October 13th and December 8th. Those interested in learning more about Church finances are welcome to attend our meetings.

Terry Hallihan (Chair), Cathy Barr, Phyllis Herpy, Mary McNair,

Judith Yeaton and Linda Seiler

Congregation Care & Nurturing

CC&N continues to mail "birthday", "thinking of you" and "get well" cards to members of our Church family. Additionally, Bonnie telephones and chats with our "shut-ins". Those interested in joining CC&N contact Bonnie.

Bonnie McNally

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Pam Altwater,
Jill Anderson,
Elaine Austin, Diane Baylor,
Diane Brown,
Kade Buchanan,
Pat Bukovac,
Diane Carr,
Jim Chapman, Kim Cope,
Connie Davis,
Barbara Dennison,
Jim Edgar, Lynda Edwards,
Rebecca Edwards,
Jerry Fernandez,
Dave Fountain,
Janet Fowler,
Brian Hackney,
Karen Hardy,
Phyllis Herpy,
Jeanene Hiett,
Belle Hockett, Robert Horn,
Jason Kanengater,
Donna Kirksey, Pam Kozak,
Bonnie McNalley,
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Charleen Pavlakovich,
Yolanda Raftice,
Judy Sholds, Flo Six,
Susan Spranger,
Miriam Story,
Phyllis Stubbs,
Betty Tanner,
Pat Thomas,
Judith Yeaton and
LeoLine Young*

WORSHIP

We're happy to report that after being closed for 4 weeks in January, we were able to open the sanctuary for worship (proper distancing and masks for everyone) on the first Sunday in February – and hopefully we will be able to stay open from this point on.

We were able to observe Ash Wednesday the “normal” way and receive the ashes on our foreheads, being careful to observe proper distancing on our way to the Communion Table. Unfortunately we are not able to have our usual Wednesday evening Lenten light supper and program as we have had in the past BUT we are looking ahead to Maundy Thursday and Easter (April 4th.)

Hopefully we can have a Sunrise Service in front of the Church followed by a special breakfast and then our regular service at 10:30. Stay tuned for further information. Hope we see you in Church on Sunday.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Judith Yeaton, Chair
Lynda Edwards
Joan Goldsmith
Harry Seiler
Linda Seiler

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Please keep our Shut-Ins in your prayers and check-in on them by calling and/or writing.

JULIETs (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together) & **Romeos** – On hiatus due to COVID.

Adult Sunday School – Each Sunday at 9:15AM but on hiatus due to COVID.

Adult Bible Study – Each Thursday at 11:00AM via Zoom



St. Andrews Church's Flea/ Thrift Shop – “Hope Chest” & Bread Give-Away

Remember to encourage folks to stop by and check-out our Bread Give-Away. Wednesdays between 8:00am – Noon.

Thank You



March

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

April

1 Roger Smith	25 Janet St.Jacques
5 Brian Hackney	26 Kathy Dahl
12 Julia Mago	29 Sue Ramsey
15 Catherine Edwards	30 Elaine Mechelke
15 Rebecca Edwards	30 Suzanne Brooks-Cope



March

18 Cathy & Roger Barr

April

27 Vicki & Denny Roberts



Buildings & Grounds

Greetings from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Welcome 2021. After getting started with a wet couple of months, the weather is getting better. We can hopefully get back to doing what we normally do. Limbs continue to fall and trash magically blows in off 103rd street and lands on St. Andrews' property. Help us keep the grounds clean. If you see something that should be thrown in the dumpster go ahead and do it. We appreciate your help.

Projects we will be working on this year include working on roof leaks which have reappeared, removal of the remaining playground swing poles, replacing the rear door on the west side of the sanctuary, cleaning out the west end storage room, air conditioner repair in the yellow classroom, and replacement of the picnic table bench in the back yard. This is in addition to maintenance items which we don't know about but will appear later.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 3, 9:30 AM. The following month we will meet on Tuesday, April 6, 9:30 AM. Come join us for good exercise and good fellowship. We should have plenty to do.

Walter McNair

*A Note from
the Clerk*



Join us on-line for live streaming or if you feel comfortable join in person observing social distancing and mask wearing.

Summer

Mission & Evangelism

We have begun this year with clear hearts and minds by continuing our services with the Hope Chest and bread and food give-a-way each Wednesday 9-12pm following our COVID 19 guidelines.

M&E committee is continuing our mission of helping members as well as the community in many ways. Although the church is still broadcasting Sunday services we also are welcoming anyone who would like to join us live. Masks MUST be worn while on the church property.

We are continuing Hope Chest sales for clothes, shoes, purses, undergarments and socks and more. We also have racks of clothing. There will be signs for social distancing and mask wearing.

The Hope Chest total for December was \$776.49, yielding a 2020 total of \$2,979.97. The January total was \$122.15. Our Souper Bowl Offering collected on February 7 was \$122.00 and that plus the \$109 from the Thrift Store on February 24th will be used to purchase meats and sides for Easter food bags for people in need. Donations of canned vegetables, shelf stable milk and instant mashed potatoes will be accepted from the Congregation.

One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected on April 4th. M&E committee meets every first Sunday of the month in the yellow room.

Please keep safe and pray for all our leaders.

Lynda Edwards

CE & F

Fellowship is happy to announce a Pancake Breakfast on **April 4th**, Easter, after the Sunrise Service with social distancing, individual condiments and Committee Members serving pancakes and meats from the kitchen window in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast sweets, fruit cups and drinks will be available. We will do everything we can to ensure safety, please plan to participate.

Sorry but with COVID there will be no Easter activities for children again this year. We look forward to having such activities in 2022.

Adult Sunday School remains on hiatus until further notice.

*Thank you all for your continued cooperation in these trying times. God Bless
Michele and Summer*

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
