

Finance & Personnel

March Financials reflect Income \$9,178.43 and Expenses of \$8,910.39 yielding a positive of \$268.04 and Year to Date totals of Income \$27,608.02 and Expenses \$25,766.12 for a positive of \$1,841.90. However our positive will be significantly reduced with the upcoming quarterly insurance payment of \$3,090. \$900 was received from Presbytery to assist in our purchase of the new 'purple Hymnals' to supplement the ones we received with the closing of Lakeshore. This has given us sufficient "purple Hymnals" to place several in each pew.

SAPC entered into an agreement with the United Church of God (UCG) for them to use our Sanctuary for a fee of \$200 per Saturday plus \$75 per usage of our Fellowship Hall on those Saturdays they want to use the Fellowship Hall after their 11:00 – Noon Saturday Worship, excluding those Saturdays SAPC will be using the Hall such as the upcoming Mothers' Day Tea. The arrangement has worked well thus far as was evident recently when UCG held their Easter Services on Wednesday with a live broadcast at 11:00 and then again at 4:00pm with a broadcast from their Orlando affiliate. Roger Barr assisted UCG audio visual folks and it has been very successful.

F&P members and members in the Office and those members working the Thrift Store and Bread Give-away were encouraged to go into the Narthex that Wednesday and see the use of the Sanctuary by UCG. **It is very uplifting to see the impact SAPC is having on sharing our property with UCG.** Additionally UCG adjusted the start time of their Saturday Service from 11:00am to 2:00pm on April 22nd to accommodate our Yard Sale.

The Annual Festivals of God celebrated by UCG in 2023 are April 5th Passover, April 6-12 Feast of Unleavened Bread, May 28 Pentecost, September 16 Feast of the Trumpets, September 25 Day of Atonement, September 30 – October 6 Feast of Tabernacles and October 7 The Eighth Day. UCG may have special services for these Festivals in addition to their weekly Worship on Saturdays.

The \$800 check for UCG rent for April was received. Lines to separately account for UCG fees and related expenses will be added to the SAPC Financial Statement to separately account for Rental Income and Rental Expenses. UCG provided a Certificate of Insurance (COI) for the limits required by SAPC's Insurance Carrier. The increase in our insurance premium for use by UCG is approximately \$34/year.

Inquiries from outside groups to use Church property will be requested to provide a COI and sign a Use Agreement. The Bridge Club (6 individuals) that use the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays for 2 hours pay \$15/week and have signed a User Agreement.

Complaints have surfaced on areas not being dusted or vacuumed and trash cans not emptied. Our custodian using a checklist to document when and if an area has been cleaned is being considered.

The next F&P meetings are May 10th and June 14th at 10:00am. Those interested in learning more about Church finances are welcome to attend.

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

Congregational Care and Nature

We have been trying to improve communications within the congregation by helping to update the church directory and providing a new SAPC Directory - 2023 Edition. These are available in the Narthex and we invite you to take a copy and get rid of your old ones. Everyone's information changes so frequently these days, it is hard to keep up, but we all need to know an address or phone number from time to time. These include our new members' information also.

Our new Computer Prayer Chain email address is: sapc_prayers@yahoo.com. If you receive a notice with that address, and perhaps my name, Susan Ramsey, please open it and help us by saying a prayer for the person or situation mentioned. If you do not receive these notices, please see me or someone in the session and we can correct that.

We plan to try to visit shut-ins a little more frequently now that summer is upon us, and COVID germs are slowing down. Please contact someone on our committee if you know of a person in need that we should visit, encourage, or assist in some way.

CC & N Members

Susan Ramsey, Marie Jean,

Sue Massey, Elaine Starks &

Kathy Vynanek

Meet a few of our New Attendees (Learn more about others in upcoming Newsletters)

Helen Cook

Helen is an avid reader of mystery and romance novels. She enjoys watching the Hallmark Mystery Channel as well as HGTV Home Improvement segments. Helen has an 11 year old grand nephew who she enjoys spending time with he is her buddy.

Eric Sanford

Eric was born in St. Vincents in the mid-80s and attended Bayview Elementary, Lake Shore Jr HS and Peterson HS. He is definitely a “Westsider”. His hobbies are electronics and he enjoys playing video games. He is also a “ham radio operator”.

Marolyn Sanford

Marolyn moved to the Jacksonville area 43 years ago. She met her husband, Norman in the “woods” when he was there picking up a friend of Marolyn’s. At that time Marolyn was working for the US Forest Service. They celebrate their 42nd Anniversary on May 4th. They have 3 children – one son (Eric) and 2 daughters, 5 grandsons (ages 14-24) and 2 great-grandsons (ages 6 mos. – 4 years). They eat out at least once a week and thoroughly enjoy MURSS in Ortega. Marolyn enjoys crocheting and playing word games (Scrabble and Wordle) and word to the wise she is an excellent baker.



The Fishing Line

Each year the Presbyterian Church (USA) publishes a "Planning Calendar." This calendar is extremely helpful for Ministers, Elders, Deacons, and other leaders in the church to plan worship services and other events in the life of the church. Among other listings are liturgical notices which highlight various Biblical and Church related events from throughout Church history. Other listings include Presbyterian/protestant special celebrations as well as those of other faiths. Also included are certain national and world events that deserve recognition as part of our worship and mission.

The month of May has several such listings of which we hope you may become aware. The first day of May has two such listings: Mental Health Month begins and as well as Foster Care Month. Both of these noteworthy life experiences deserve our thoughts and prayers.

Mental illness has many forms and because it has been stigmatized it has not received the attention needed to counter its effects on the population. Some of the more common types are anxiety disorder, depression, bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia and sociopathic disorder.

There was a time when you saw someone walking down the street, apparently talking to no one, you could assume they may have a form of schizophrenia. However, today they may have Bluetooth buds in their ears and a cellphone in their pocket, talking to family or friends.

Depression and anxiety disorders are becoming more prevalent in the population. If left untreated with therapy and/or drugs, can cause serious problems for a person's life and with their relationships with others. The same may be said for all the other forms of mental health. Times are changing and seeking help for mental disturbances is becoming less of a stigma.

There are more than 391,000 children in foster care here in the United States. More than 19,000 in the state of Florida. There are more than 500 on waiting lists needing adults to step forward to become a Foster Parent. Unfortunately, 1 in 5 will reach the age of 18, be dropped from the foster care program and become homeless. Compared to their peers they are more likely to end up in prison at some time in their lives. Under 3% ever achieve a college degree and for females 70% will be pregnant before they turn 21 years of age.

Why are these situations important enough to be in the Presbyterian calendar? Why have we included them in this newsletter? We have just journeyed with Jesus and the disciples through the Lenten Season and Easter celebration. Life for them was filled with threats, anxiety, mental and physical stress, torture, abandonment, a cruel death, and a resurrection that left some still questioning.

As we continue our journey with Jesus, the Christ, may we become more aware of those who must endure threats, anxiety, mental and physical stress, torture, abandonment, cruel death with the uncertainty of resurrection. This is where we, the church, can make a difference in people's lives. We have been witnesses on that journey each year, and although we may have some doubts, we have a church family to support us through dark times into the light.

Our denomination has adopted Matthew 25, specifically verses 31-40, as a "Mission Statement" for those churches which chose to make this part of their church's ministry. Essentially, this passage points out that when we lift up any of those who are suffering from any of the troubles we humans are subject to, we in reality are doing this for the Christ who suffered to give us eternal life. We don't need to know all the circumstance, causes and effects, all the things that hold us back from addressing the needs of those God has put before us. We can respond in some way by uniting in prayer and responding needs God puts on our hearts to lessen the suffering in our world as Christ would have us do.

May Peace, Joy and Love be yours always, Ann & Larry



M A Y

- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 14 Mother's Day
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 23 Session
- 28 Pentecost
- 29 Memorial Day



J U N E

- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day
- 20 Session
- 21 Summer Begins



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In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MAY/JUNE 2023

Secretaries

Judy Medearis

Linda Seiler

Judith Yeaton

Active Elders

Michele Banks – M&E

Joan Goldsmith – Fellowship

Summer Hackney – CE&F

Terry Hallihan – F&P

Stephanie Moore - Worship

Sue Ramsey - CCN

Becky Slaton - Worship

Fellowship

Thank you to all who took part in the Lenten Programs at St. Andrews this year. The Committee was pleased with good participation, and many assisted with the preparation and clean-up. We cannot go without giving kudos to those helping with the Easter Breakfast. The entire Easter Season went so fast and we really hope everyone enjoyed the get togethers as much as we did.

We are eagerly looing forward to May with the Mothers Day Tea on Saturday, May 13th, 11:00 – 1:00pm, honoring not only our mothers and daughters but sisters, aunts, mother figures and women in our lives in general. Please come out and help us celebrate. All women are invited.

Then in June, let's celebrate Father's Day with a Fish Fry, on Friday, June 16th at the Church Fellowship Hall 6:00pm, calling all fathers and any men who have played a similar role and all who would like to celebrate them, one and all. Hope to see you there.

*God Bless & Keep You,
Joan, Michele, Helen and Summer*

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Eldon Barkeim,
Shannon Boudreaux,
Joe & Diane Brown,
Pat Bukovac,
Kade Buchanan,
Laura Conard, Helen Cook,
Kim Cope, Stacie Crane,
Connie Davis,
Diane Davis,
Judy Good, Judy Grubbs,
Brian Hackney,
Wes Hanlin, John Harris,
Pansy Helms,
Jim Howe, Marie Jean,
Stephanie Johnson,
Jennie Kendrick,
Craig Marshall, Sue Massy,
Joan McCutchen,
Tim McKutchen,
Jerry & Joyce Miller,
Al Nelson, Pat Palmer,
Sherry Paul,
Susan Ramsey,
Vicki Roberts & Family,
Barbara Shaffer,
Pat Shaffer,
Susan Spranger and brother,
Bill Starks,
Kathy Stretch,
Pat Sundt, Pat Thomas,
Judy and Bob Wendt,
Matthew Windham and
Family of Rosalie Alligood*

WORSHIP

What a beautiful Easter Season we had! Praise God.....Jesus is risen!!!! Sunrise Service and Easter Sunday Service were well attended. A big thank you to all who helped with the seasonal services!

The cross in the Narthex will remain there for prayer requests to be attached to it until Pentecost Day. Please place any requests you have on the cross and give it all to Jesus.

As we look forward, Pentecost Sunday is May 28th. We will be celebrating the beginning of the Church Age and the miraculous events that took place that day. We are encouraging everyone to wear red that Sunday. Reminders will be in the bulletin and announced during service.

You may notice we have plenty of new purple hymnals available for use now. They were purchased mostly with a grant from the Presbytery. We are so grateful for their generosity and had to supplement the grant with very little.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th and we will be honoring all ladies with a special gift. Likewise, Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th and we will be honoring all men with a special gift as well.

If anyone knows of someone graduating this year, please let the church office know. We want to honor all our graduates.

Next meetings May 7th and June 11th after Worship.

Most sincerely in God's love,
Stephanie Moore, Co-chair (2023)

Becky Slaton, Co-Chair (2023)

Kathy Dahl

Lynda Edwards

Austin Merrill

Harry and Linda Seiler

Linda Webb

Lydia Windham

JR and Jody Wood

Judith Yeaton

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** – First Tuesday @ 6:00PM

Adult Sunday School – Each Sunday at 9:30AM

Adult Bible Study – Each Thursday at 11:00AM



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

A special thanks to all volunteers and those who donated items for the April 22nd Yard Sale which brought in \$500. Remember to stop by and check-out our Bread Give-Away & Thrift Store on Wednesdays between 8:00am – Noon.



May

5 John Harris	
7 Norman Sanford	15 Linda Webb
11 LeoLine Young	21 Rachel Kersten
13 Chuck Kersten	23 Valerie Boardman
15 Scott Haynes	23 Phyllis Herpy

June

6 Ann Graham-Johnson	18 Kenadie Christiansen
8 Meredyth Hume	19 Pat Sundt
11 Stephen Shaffer II	21 Ron Moore
15 Brett Christiansen	29 Katlin Starkey



May

4 Michael & Susan Jones	
4 Marolyn & Norman Sanford	
10 Ron & Stephanie Moore	29 Steve & Pat Shaffer
18 Todd & Jennifer Allen	

June

4 Michael & Susan Jones	
14 Jim & Virginia Black	
14 Scott & Suzanne Brooks-Cope	
16 Paulette & Ronald Lester	
24 Bert & Judith Yeaton	
27 Ann & Larry Graham-Johnson	



Buildings & Grounds

It's been a busy last few months for our committee. Here are just a few of the completed projects:

- New Roof on East Wing
- JEA backflow diverted installed with fence post guards
- Kitchen drain in the Fellowship Hall unclogged
- Mower repairs as always
- Flag Pole donated and mounted
- New refrigerator donated for Thrift Store
- New flood lights installed at cross on front lawn
- New mulch in flower gardens
- New light fixture installed in garage
- New contract with Consolidated Utilities for monthly inspection of our sewer pumping station
- Stump in backyard ground down
- Numerous odds and ends jobs

Upcoming projects are to replace lights in pastor's office and also to replace the water damaged ceiling tiles in the East Wing.

We are always in need of volunteers to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. If you have any talents that you could share with this committee, please come to our meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9:30. We always welcome new ideas and new and old hands!

Next meeting is May 2 @ 9:30 then June 6 @ 9:30.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

*A Note from
the Clerk*



Pastors Ann & Larry are on vacation May 14 – 21 and Guest Pastors will fill the pulpit. Issues requiring Pastoral Care should be directed to Sue Ramsey. Join us for the many activities St. Andrews has planned for the months of May and June.

Summer

Mission & Evangelism

The Thrift Store and Bread Giveaway are thriving. We are always accepting donations of items to sell and canned goods to give away.

Thank you always for your support.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the April Yard Sale. It was beautiful day.

Please come join us at the Mothers Day Tea on May 13th at 11:00am.

In Christ's Name
Michele Banks
Laura Conrad
Lynda Edwards
Judy Medearis

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School is held every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Media Center with Judy Medearis as the leader. The group is studying Mark's Gospel. Bible Study is lead every Thursday at 11:00am by Ann and Larry Graham-Johnson in the Media Center and in May will finish "Crisis as Opportunity". The attendees will select the topic for June from Pastors' suggestions.

Summer Hackney

**JULY/AUGUST
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

DUE

***** JUNE 26th *****

*Articles can be e-mailed to
Terry Hallihan:
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Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office*
