



The Fishing Line

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30
Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor
November/December 2017
Church Office: (904) 771-1596

WE CAN BE THIS WEST VIRGINIA LADY, TOO!

Did you know that most churches...not all...hold "Commitment Sundays" in late Oct. and/or Nov. Ever wonder why? Well, pledging and going to church as 11:00 a.m. is an OLD American tradition. Some of you know, because you have heard that it is "when all the crops have been harvested and farmers know how much they may have to live on the rest of the agricultural year". They then would give their "first fruits" to the Lord who gave all the seasons and harvest ...just as the early Jews would give their first born or their first crops to the Lord...their tithe. Early America would worship at 11:00 because that is the best time to get there in view of the kids who had to be dressed, the cows milked, the lunches mom prepared and the horse hitched to the wagon so all could "load up and go". Now you know.

In a small mountain town in the coal fields of West Virginia the Elders of a small church prepared to have the regular "every member canvass", as they called it back then. Looking over the membership, they decided to not give a pledge card to one elderly woman in their flock. She was poor and, at times, the little church would give her things she needed when she was really low on funds....food, clothes, etc. She noticed that she did not receive a commitment card that year and wondered why. The pastor, sheepishly, told her as kindly as they could why they would not send her one...thinking she would appreciate their consideration. The pastor was surprised when she almost snapped, "You'd better give me one of them things!" She went on to say something like this: "I may not have much but it gives me a warm feeling to know that I can have some part with the rest of you to serve Jesus!" This is a contemporary story of "The Widow's Mite", I suppose. Jesus was impressed with her, too, I feel sure because her heart sure was in the right place! She needed to show gratitude in some costly way back to Jesus for how He went out of His way in a very costly way, to show us that there (a) really is a God, (b) that He is a very caring God and that (c) He gives a normal person's a way of sharing in God's great work and being able to thank Him for His marvelous Grace!

I had one congregation thinking of leaving our denomination over various issues but they decided to remain because they were delighted with the wonderful work our denomination does in the area of local, national and international mission work! It gave them great satisfaction and pride to see (once they were aware of the many needs that we do meet) the work that was being done and the great needs that were being met.

So, as Commitment Sundays are coming, you can join in with the deep satisfaction over the many differences you are making with your gifts to and through St. Andrews Presbyterian Church...YOUR church.

Thank you for your partnership with the rest of us in causing God great joy!

Pastor Jim



NOVEMBER

- 5 Communion & Dedication Sunday
- 12 Salute to Veterans
- 12 – 26 Poinsettia Sale
- 18 Fall Clean Up Day 8:00am
- 19 Thanksgiving Sunday & Dinner
- 23 Thanksgiving



- 2 Greening of the Sanctuary 10:00am
- 3 1st Sunday of Advent Communion
- 8 Last Day for Toys – Salvation Army Barrel
- 10 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 17 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy Gift- Christmas Cantata - Light Lunch
- 18 Session Dinner
- 24 Christmas Eve 4th Sunday of Advent
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 5th Sunday of Advent- New Year's Eve



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

6317 103rd Street
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*Being the face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

Secretaries

*Donna Kirksey
Judy Medearis
Judith Yeaton*

Active Elders

*Roger Barr – CCN and M&E
Summer Hackney – CE
Frankie Hawkins - CCN
Phyllis Herpy – BFS&P
Donna Kirksey - Fellowship
Mary McNair – BFS&P
Elaine Mechelke – B&G
Linda Miller – Fellowship
Janet St. Jacques - Worship
JR Wood – B&G
Judith Yeaton - Worship*



Worship Committee

On November 5th, we will welcome a representative from Jamaica to our worship service. She/he will talk briefly about our ongoing relationship of many years and where we stand today.

On November 26th, we will welcome back to our pulpit our long-standing Jewish/Christian friend from Israel, Gemma, who will be here to talk with us again. Her message is always fascinating and pertinent to today's happenings.

The Worship Committee will start decorating the sanctuary on December 2nd at 10:00am so as to be ready for the first Sunday in Advent, December 3rd. Help is always welcome.

Envelopes for Poinsettias to beautify our Christmas sanctuary will be in the bulletins of November 12, 19, and 26. Please consider purchasing one or more plants to help bring the Christmas Spirit into our sanctuary.

Starting December 3rd and continuing four Sundays AND Christmas Eve, we will be lighting the candles on our Advent Wreath. We need two (or three) people each Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, and the 24th both morning and evening. Five groups in all. If you would like to volunteer to read a very easy script and light a candle, please speak to Judith Yeaton, Diane Parker, Lynda Edwards or Janet St.Jacques.

The Christmas Cantata will be performed on December 17th. Our Music Director and choir work very hard to bring their very best effort before our Lord. This is always a high point in our church year.

There will be two services on December 24th. Our normal Sunday morning service AND our special Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:00.

The Worship Committee is always looking for new members to share the work – many hands make light work – and it's fun to work with a group. We usually meet on the second Sunday after worship. November 12th and December 10th are our next meetings.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Judith Yeaton

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Eula Rae Alban, Bill Allen,
Bryce Bagley, Tiffaney Bailey,
Diane Baylor, Marsha Best,
Barbara Bradshaw,
Diane Breitsprecher,
Pat Bukovac, Barbara Canipe,
David Carmack, Kim Cope,
Kathy Dahl, Connie Davis,
Diane Davis, Joyce Doty,
Andy Eberhardt, Jim Enfinger,
Terry Fountain, Helenepa Garriss,
Terry Hallihan,
Carol & Jim Jepson,
Dibby Johnson, Safia Kalid,
Dale Kerup, Ellen Lee,
Redick Loring, Guy Madrid,
Mike, Robin & Craig Marshall,
Ray Massey, Sue Massey,
Joan McCutchen, Johnny McNally,
Jim & Linda Miller, Loraine Nelson,
Merri Kay Nelson, Julie Normal,
Bart Parramore,
Charleen Pavlakovich,
Tim Pierson, Vicki Roberts,
Lou Rymaza, Joe Scronce,
Larry Scronce,
Charles Severance, Richard Sims,
Vivian Sims, Adam Spencer,
Butch Stafflenio, Ralph Story,
Linda Strickland, Bill Strubbe, Jr.,
Phyllis Stubbs, Pat Sundt,
Clarence Sweat, Betty Tanner,
Sam Taylor,
Caroline VanKouwenberg,
Roselle Wade, Don Wight,
Dean Wilson and Russell Wright*



BFS&P Committee

Financial Report

September — Income: \$7,019.52, Expenses: \$8,260.20, = Negative (\$1,240.68)

YTD: Income \$81,134.73, Expenses \$82,775.06 = Negative (\$1,640.33)



The Stewardship

Meal, October 12, was a lot of fun! Everyone enjoyed themselves. We learned the responsibilities charged to each committee and were encouraged to consider being a part of a committee. In order for SAPC to go forward, we need our members and friends to support the church's ministry by joining a committee in 2018! Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.



IMPROVEMENTS

Have you

noticed the changes?

The *Sanctuary and Narthex* were painted. Wallpaper was removed from Narthex bathrooms, repainted and new faucets.

The *Media Room* is being renovated. Walls painted, the bookshelves updated, new ceiling tiles installed and new chairs will be delivered soon.

Looking good!!!

Calendar dates:

BFSP meets Wednesday, November 15, 2017. No meeting in December.

Mary McNair

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

Adult Bible Study in Lieu of Sunday School – Each Thursday at 11:00AM



Fall Clean-up

Saturday, November 18th

@ 8:00am



November

1 Kelly Johnson
2 Debra McCall
2 David Nelson
3 Cathy Barr
4 Jonathan May
4 Jonathan Miller
7 Nicholas Villa
9 Sharon Clifton
12 Bill Banks

13 Jennifer Allen
13 Jack Strickland
22 Allyson Baldwin
24 Pansy Helms
24 Luke McNair
24 Jerry Miller
24 Vicki Roberts
24 Ralph Story
25 Nancy Anson
29 Herman Six

December

1 Autumn Corbitt
1 Jerry Hallihan
2 Jim Dennison
4 Stephanie Moore
4 Chloe Welch
5 Jean Yeaton
6 Amelia Rose Simms
8 Austin Merrill

12 Chelsey Roberts
22 Cheryl Bogacki
22 Anastasia Fekete
22 Amber Sweat
25 John Starkey
27 Bob Morris



November

4 Roger & Sherrie Smith

19 Ralph & Miriam Story

December

7 Jerry & Joyce Miller
9 Chuck & Rachel Kersten
16 Alan & Annesley Brightwell
21 Jack & Phyllis Herpy

24 Frank & Lynda Edwards
28 Brent & Meredyth Hume
31 Brett & Kristie Christiansen



Buildings & Grounds

This is just a sample of the many projects that B&G accomplished this year. We are a busy group always looking for help to keep our church grounds and buildings maintained.

Completed Projects:

1. Painting of Sanctuary, Narthex, bathrooms, & new fixtures
2. Removal of shelf in Media Room
3. 2 Trees cut down in back, clean up thru November
4. Air Conditioning repair/vandalism to roof units
5. New water heater for Fellowship Hall
6. Numerous lawn mower repairs
7. Prep for Hurricane Irma (shutters for windows)
8. Replaced lighting in Thrift Store with LED
9. Repaired stove
10. Fire inspection completed
11. Security Lights replaced
12. Exit lights replaced
13. Lift station inspected
14. Replaced refrigerator in back of Fellowship Hall
15. Registered alarm system with JSO
16. Conducted an Estate Sale with profits of over \$1,300
17. Replaced men's room door lock
18. Spring Clean-up

Ongoing / Pending Projects:

1. Continue cleaning fence line and ditches (ongoing)
2. Doors
3. Replacement of A/C in Fellowship Hall with a donated one, pending estimate
4. Roof sealant
5. Help with Media room (ceiling tiles)
6. Tree limbs
7. Fall Clean up November 18th

Thanks to everyone who has helped with any of these projects this year.

Thanks be to God and His Rock!

J.R., Elaine, Bill, Herman, Walter, Dick, Jerry, Jody,
Ron M., Ron S.



*A Note from
the Clerk*



A brief Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders to the Session will be held (date to be determined). Please keep the nominating committee in your prayers as they continue to search for elders.

December 18th – The Stated Session meeting will start at 6:00pm at Red Lobster, spouses are welcome.

*Just a reminder to all
Committee Chairs:*
Annual Reports are Due
January 14th.

CCN - Congregational Care & Nurture

As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, we will be delivering Christmas poinsettias and visiting with our homebound congregants. It seems that after delivering Easter lilies and visiting these folks last Easter we found ourselves wondering if we brought them as much joy as they brought us. It is our hope and intention that these folks know that these visits and the time spent with them minister to their visitors as much as they were intended to minister to them. We thank them for that.

Due to our current status as we seek a new pastor for our re-retiring Pastor, (Not to worry, Jim has agreed to stay with us until the position is filled.) this committee suggests we delay a new pictorial directory until later.

The committee meets on an as need basis so we have no scheduled meetings for November and December.

Frankie Hawkins and Roger Barr

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
DUE**

***** DECEMBER 20th *****

Articles can be e-mailed to
Terry Hallihan:

99gwhfth@comcast.net

Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office

Christian Education Committee

Stay tuned as to what 2018 brings!!!

Summer Hackney

SALVATION ARMY

We will be doing the “barrels” again this Christmas Season. The “barrels” will be available for toys in November and will be picked up around December 12th. 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 for the gift. All gifts are to be put into the barrels UNWRAPPED.

Thank you!
Helen Starks
Flo Six



St. Andrews Church’s Flea/ Thrift Shop – “Hope Chest”

The Thrift Store will have normal hours for these two months. At this time we are stocking fall and winter clothes and jackets. We welcome seasonal donations, shoes, handbags and any holiday decorations too. We will have all kinds of decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas for sale soon. So be sure to tell your friends to stop by. We will plan an after Christmas sale for the 27th. We have not decided on any dates to be closed.

At this time I would like to say thank you very much for the help from our busy volunteers - Elaine, Diane, Clare, Marie, Helen, Bill, Sheryl & Margo. I hope I didn’t forget anyone.

Have a Blessed Christmas season everybody and don’t forget to stop in and share some fellowship!

Merry Christmas
Thank you
Donna Kirksey

All Session Members want to say a big **THANK YOU** to BFS&P for the successful and fabulous Stewardship Dinner on Thursday, October 12th. The program and turnout were exceptional.

Thanks

The Worship Committee and Congregation want to extend our **Very Sincere Thanks** to Susie Starkey and her daughter, Kourtney, for many years of helping to prepare and clean up our Communion bread, wine and grape juice every other month. Our committee never had to worry about it – they were always reliable and there was never any problem. Thank you!

Jody and J.R. Wood continue to provide this special service on the alternate months. Lydia Windham and Sheryl Harmon will be taking over the job Susie & Kourtney did. Thank you, Lydia and Sheryl.

We will work in the name of the Lord.

Judith Yeaton & Janet St. Jacques

Worship Committee

Updates

New Member: Kathy Dahl

Birthday: April 26th

Kathy became a member of St. Andrews in September. She has many musical talents as we have seen and heard over the past year while she has been our Music Director, Pianist and Organist. Kathy was born in MN and moved to Jacksonville as a Navy wife and they stayed in town after her husband's retirement. Kathy had her first job as a Church Pianist when she was in the 9th grade. Kathy has 2 daughters and 7 lovely grandchildren.

Fellowship Committee

November

We will be very busy in the month of November. First we will provide lunch on the 18th during Fall Workday for the Church members, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who work very hard to clean up our campus. We will have met in Oct. to plan the 19th dinner.

Then –Guess what? It is time for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on the 19th; we will celebrate after Worship Service! Yes it is that time of year already! There will be a list in the Narthex of dishes needed to make this another perfect dinner. We will provide the meats as always; don't be surprised if we have a fried Turkey again. So get out those favorite family recipes and come and join us for this joyous gathering. As always family and friends are welcome too. Well that takes care of November.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

December

In December at this time we don't have anything planned. Unless we throw in a surprise after the Cantata! So from all the members of the Fellowship Committee, we wish everybody a very Blessed "Christmas Season."

We will announce in January, with M&E, when we will be starting the Community Dinners.

In The Lord's Name,
Donna Kirksey