

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Church Office: (904) 771-1596

November/December 2019

 

* 1 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering, Communion & 1st Sunday of Advent
* 7 Greening of Sanctuary
* 15 Cantata
* 17 Session Meeting
* 22 Winter Begins
* 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM
* 25 Christmas
* 31 New Year’s Eve



N O V E M B E R

* 3 Daylight Saving Time
* WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
* 3 All Saints Celebration
* 11 Veterans Day
* 19 Session Meeting
* 24 Dedication Sunday & Thanksgiving Dinner
* 28 Thanksgiving

Greetings from the road my friends! It’s been a busy couple of weeks. Leatha and I flew out to Tucson. Rented a car at the airport and, after visiting my sister Lisa and her husband Michael for a few days, we headed out for the Grand Canyon.

The Grand Canyon wasn’t a bucket list item for me personally, but I must admit that I was curious. Why? Simply because the Canyon is a cultural icon and, in some ways, symbolizes America. It’s big, it’s wild, and—it’s a long way down!

The thing that really amazed me is the size of the Grand Canyon. “Grand” does not even begin to describe the magnitude of the thing. It’s one hundred and eighty-three miles long. It’s an average of ten miles wide. I could not even manage to get the silly thing in the view finder of the phone/camera. Words are not adequate to do it justice!

From the Grand Canyon we headed for Death Valley. Where else would we go? I was a little nervous about going through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. I was not so much worried about evil as I was about overheating! I remember watching Death Valley Days on the boob tube when I was a kid. Those hearty pioneers—God bless them—littered that valley floor like so many burnt offerings! Thank God that it was only eighty-five degrees that day, and we made the trip without incident.

The next day we made a brief swing through Yosemite National Park and got a glimpse of Glacier Point. Guess what? It is BIG! Again, words don’t describe it! There was more to see but since there were rumors of snow and tire chains, we took the coward’s way out and split before the weather could do something untoward.

We headed out for Santa Rosa and then Eureka California. Left Eureka this morning and made it to Coos Bay Oregon, where I am writing this letter to you.

You may wonder why I am putting all this in the newsletter. Fair enough, my point is simple: the grandeur of creation—when we have brains enough to recognize it—is enough to erase any doubt in the mind of any doubter that our God is indeed an awesome God. The term can become trite certainly. We can become a bit jaded, taking God for granted and in our easy and comfortable familiarity, forget the power and grandeur of God.

We are faced with a double bind. We can become “comfortable” with our Father God but in doing so we lose sight of God’s power. Seeing the Grand Canyon, Glacier Point, the Sequoias and Redwoods brought all this into sharp focus in my little brain. God *is* awesome, the Good News is God is also in our corners! As the Apostle Paul said, “If God is for us, who can be against us?

Amen and amen!

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*

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**



Greetings from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

If this newsletter reaches you in time, please mark your calendars for November 9. That is date for the Church’s fall workday this year. Having extra help taking care of the building and grounds is diminishing and we could use your help. We don’t try to do anything extremely difficult on that day. Most of what we do is clean up the grounds and buildings getting it ready for the coming holidays. A little work with great fellowship makes for a good time to get together and further God’s work. A lite lunch will be provided.

If you can’t make it on the workday, our committee always has a lot of miscellaneous work to do each week. Trash continually is blown onto St. Andrews’ property from the road. If you could spare a few minutes each week to pick up trash, pick up tree limbs, or weed the flower beds, it would help us out a lot. Thanks to those who already do this for St. Andrews.

We need to mention again the number of homeless people seeking shelter and using our facility for the night seems to be increasing. While we should show compassion for those in need, please be aware of your surroundings if you go to the church early in the morning or late at night. Your safety and theirs is important.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

*OUR PRAYER LIST*



*Nancy Anson, Diane Bailey, David Barkeim, Diane Baylor, Alan Brightwell, Pat Bukovac, Danny Cone, Kim Cope,*

 *Connie Davis,*

*Barbara Wade Dennison,*

*Lynda Edwards,*

 *Dalton R. Furbee,*

*Thadys Gilder,*

*Linda Gordon, Theresa Gray,*

*Jim Howe, Lyndia Ison,*

*Catherine Jones, Lori Joyce,*

*Ken Lindscold, Jennifer Kessler,*

*Linda Kneece, Ray Massey,*

*Sue Massey, Howard McNulty,*

*Linda Miller, John Moore,*

*The Parramore Family,*

*Charleen Pavlakovich,*

*Tim Pierson, Ralph Ramsey, Ray Reedy, Vickie Roberts,*

*David Michael Schott,*

*Bob & Carol Shircliff,*

*David Spranger,*

*Richard Spranger,*

*Butch Stafflenio,*

*John & Suzi Starkey,*

*Helen Starks, Jack Strickland,*

*Phyllis Stubbs, Pat Sundt,*

*Clarence Sweat, Betty Tanner,*

*Robert Tarkinson, Sam Taylor,*

*Pat Thomas, Art Vaughn,*

*Jennifer Wright, Jean Yeaton & Family of Oscar Martinez*

Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact the Office.

 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!

Lydia Windham

 

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**F&P**

It’s that time of year again.  Your Finance and Personnel Committee has been hard at work gearing up for the Annual Stewardship Drive which actually starts the first week in November.  However this year we are getting the ball rolling with a VERY IMPORTANT Stewardship Dinner on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00.   The Fellowship Committee is putting on the dinner – you just need to bring your appetite. We will be discussing the questionnaire that went out and in what direction St. Andrews will be going the next few years.

You do know that “Stewardship” isn’t just money.  It is all that we do to further the work of Jesus Christ in our community.  Volunteering for committees, working in the Thrift Store, singing in the choir, repairing and fixing up our buildings, all sorts of ways that are vitally important to the life of our beloved church family.

The actual pledge drive will begin on November 4th when the all-congregation letter and pledge card will be mailed out.  Please give thoughtful prayer and consideration to your giving for next year – monetarily and volunteering so that many hands can still make for lighter work.  Dedication Sunday is  November 24th when we can show how truly thankful we are for the multitude of gifts God provides us with every day.

In Christ’s name,

Judith Yeaton, Chair

Kathy Barr

Phyllis Herpy

Mary McNair

Joyce Miller

 **Fall Bazaar**

Save the date and participate in the St. Andrews Fall Bazaar. Booths will be available for rent.

Saturday, November 2nd

8:00 - 1:00pm

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**Thrift Shop**

**Come in and checkout the goodies.**



 **November**

3 Cathy Barr 23 Joan Goldsmith

4 Jonathan Miller 24 Pansy Helms

12 Bill Banks 24 Jerry Miller

13 Jennifer Allen 24 Vicki Roberts

13 Jack Strickland 24 Ralph Story

20 Kandice Marie Perry 25 Nancy Anson

22 Allyson Baldwin 29 Herman Six

**December**

2 Donna Lumley 22 Amber Sweat

4 Stephanie Moore 25 John Starkey

5 Jean Yeaton 27 Priscilla Myers

9 Lydia Windham 28 Denny Roberts

11 Linda Miller 31 Ron St. Jacques

12 Chelsey Roberts



**November**

4 Roger & Sherrie Smith 24 Janet & Ron St. Jacques

19 Ralph & Miriam Story

**December**

7 Jerry & Joyce Miller 24 Frank & Lynda Edwards

9 Chuck & Rachel Kersten 27 Brent & Meredyth Hume

16 Alan & Annesley Brightwell 31 Brett & Kristie Christiansen

21 Jack & Phyllis Herpy

**Worship**



The Worship Committee is gearing up for the Holiday Season.  That really started with October 27th which is Reformation Sunday.  We have good old Martin Luther to thank for our even being here in a Protestant church.  The first Sunday following Halloween is All Saints Sunday when we remember those who have gone on to their eternal home.  November 24th is Thanksgiving Sunday and we always have an overflowing cornucopia on our Communion Table to remind us that we are so thankful for God’s never ending blessings.  The very next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent and we will once again be lighting the Advent Wreath candles in our sanctuary for the four Sundays in Advent plus the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve.  We anticipate the arrival of our Chrismon Tree on December 7th and would invite any who are interested and able to join us that morning to help decorate the tree and the church with wreaths and angels, etc.

The Advent booklet of devotions has been chosen and we hope that everyone will take one home – one per family – to guide our thoughts and make our Advent Season more meaningful.  Our Christmas Eve Family Candle Lighting Service will be at 7:00 – early enough for the whole family and long before Santa will arrive.  Please plan to bring your children, grandchildren and all interested members for this moving service.

Then the New Year will be upon us, but that is for the next Newsletter so stay tuned!

Sincerely yours in Christ’s name,

Diane Parker, Chairman

Lynda Edwards

Judy Medearis

Susan Spranger

Judith  & Bert Yeaton

J.R. and Jody Wood

Bill Starks

**C&E**

**Mission and 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. August’s Thrift Store income was $410.00 and September was $413.00. We are still teaming up with the Gleaners who provide free bread and bakery item to the public.

Dresses for Presbyterian Social Ministries had their ‘Fashion Show’ on Sunday, September 8. This was an event enjoyed by all.

Mission and Evangelism meets every first Sunday after service in the yellow room.

Lynda Edwards

JULIETs (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together) &

 **Romeos -** First Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm

location TBD.

Adult Bible Study – Each Thursday at 11:00AM

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**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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 Joyce Miller

***MAY***

***NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE***

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

*Articles can be e-mailed to Terry Hallihan:*

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*Or placed in the Newsletter box in the office*

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***\*\*\* DECEMBER 11th\*\*\****

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*St. Andrews has numerous activities in November and December. Please bring your family and friends and participate.*

*~ Summer*