

**ST. ANDREW  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**Our Mission:**

We believe God is calling St. Andrew Presbyterian Church to provide an opportunity for every person to know, to love, and to experience Jesus Christ.

## *From the Pastor ...*

*So that ... you may know what is the hope to which he has called you... Eph. 1:18*

It is indeed a great joy to be sitting at the pastor's desk here at St. Andrew, and writing this first newsletter article to you. We have been on our separate journeys, you and I, and God has seen fit to journey us now side by side for this season of ministry. I look forward to being with you in the midst of your journeys, your joys and celebrations, and beside you in the inevitable griefs and bumps in the road.

As I began praying for my time here with you, one word which continued to rise up in my devotional time and thoughts was the word, *hope*. I do believe this is a word from our Lord, to strengthen us and encourage us as we journey together. No doubt you will hear the word *hope*, or at least its idea, quite a bit in the weeks and months to come!

What do you hope for... in your own life as a child of God, and also in your corporate life as a disciple of Jesus here at St. Andrew? Is what you hoped for ten years ago still the same hope, or has it changed? And the final question, perhaps the most difficult: what are you willing to do to help bring this hope to fruition?

Being part of the Body of Christ means we all have gifts and skills to use in service to, and for the glory of God in our community. No one person can do it alone, nor should they! Therefore, I ask you to be in prayer about these questions. You may well hear them again from me, and I would like to hear your responses.

I continue serving in Christ,

Pastor Toby

**Notes & Stuff:** I plan to be in the office at least Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 9am-noon. Through the end of the calendar year, I will be spending Wednesday mornings at the presbytery office as Stated Clerk.

If you want to meet with me, please feel free to call me (256-425-3181) and set up a time to meet. Also, if you need to get a hold of me, please use my cell phone (256-425-3181) or my email: [muellert04@yahoo.com](mailto:muellert04@yahoo.com) . Please note: the 0 before the 4 is a number, not a letter.

# October Volunteer Schedule

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
<b>Liturgist</b>	Margaret Marsh	Nellie Gates	Harold Culbert	Stu Strong
<b>Ushers</b>	Turner Matthews Harold Moore Brantley Motes David Nelson	John Newbill John Shull Stu Strong Greg Vogel	John Abbott Jim Bochte Dan Watt Fate Webster	Jim Boyd Lee Brown Doug Coshow Harold Culbert
<b>Nursery</b>	Shelly Shull	Aileen Crawford	Connie German	Barb Mouton
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Harold Culbert, Jan Foster, Brantley Motes, Stu Strong		<b>Communion Preparation</b>	John and Shelly Shull

## October Birthdays

### ***Birthdays***

**October 5** - Hank Livingston

**October 6** - Allison Gay

**October 8** - Joyce Boyd

**October 12** - Cheryl Ellerbe

**October 13** - Jacob Shull

**October 15** - Lee Zeiher

**October 18** - Nair Sehler

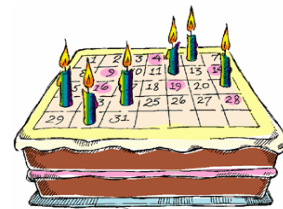
**October 21** - Leslie Matthews

**October 22** - Jane Blevins

### ***Birthdays (cont.)***

**October 28** - Dave Ellerbe

**October 28** - Kay Hilleary



Birthdays  
This Month

# Financial Report - Dan Watt, Treasurer



Our income and expenses for YTD August 2013 were as follows:

Contributions through August 2013 ..... \$148,249

Expenses through August 2013 ..... 130,034

Budgeted income and expenses ..... 158,401

Our income for the first eight months of 2013 has remained ahead of our ex-

pectations. Our expenses trailed the budgeted level by just under \$59,000. A significant portion of the "below-budget expenses" was due to the lack of pastor and associated costs. A detailed report of this info is posted on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall.

Our mortgage has been reduced to \$539,196, which is still a major burden, amounting to 35% of our spending. We do have a mortgage reduction fund if anyone wishes to

donate extra money to that purpose. We are about to begin a new and exciting chapter in the history of St. Andrew and are in decent financial condition. We do have to be aware that our 2013 pledge level will not meet expected expenditures in 2014, so our excitement will need to reach into our pockets a little deeper to maintain our financial state.

If you have any questions about our income or budget, please contact me.

## Session Notes - Stu Strong, Clerk of Session



The following items are highlights from the September 12, 2013, Stated Session Meeting:

Members from the Committee on Ministry met with the Session to conduct an exit interview on the Rev. Mel Strain. The consensus was that Mel had done a very good job, leading and preaching during his time at St. Andrew.

The minutes for the Stated Session Meeting of June 13, 2013, the Called Meeting of August 6, 2013, and the Congregational Meeting of August 25, 2013 were approved.

Our membership remains at 126 as of August 31, 2013

The Session reviewed copies of our Sexual Misconduct Policy which, after a more detailed review by our Personnel Committee Chair (Harold Culbert), our Clerk of Session (Stu Strong), and our new pastor (Rev. Toby Mueller), we expect to approve at our next Stated Session Meeting.

The Session gave approval for the chaplain of Alacare, Harold Fanning, to conduct a memorial service for Juanita Kuykendall at St. Andrew on Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

The Session called for a congregational meeting to be held after the worship service on Sunday, October 6, 2013, for the purpose of hearing a report from the nominating committee and electing a class of elders and a trustee for the Class of 2016.

## St. Andrew Shirts

***It's time ...*** You can now order a St. Andrew t-shirt or polo shirt! They are even available in an array of colors. The t-shirts will have a picture of the church with the church name and address in black printing. The polo shirts have the Presbyterian logo and the words "St. Andrew Presbyterian Church" in white print.

The T-shirts and polo shirts are a 50/50 cotton/polyester blend fabric. The order form and some sample shirts are on a table in the hallway near to the fellowship hall. The cost is \$11.00 for t-shirts and \$28.00 for polo shirts. There is an extra fee for sizes 2X - 4X; see the sign on the table.

Make your check payable to St. Andrew. These shirts would make great Christmas presents for your family. We will have many opportunities to wear our new shirts. Orders will be taken through Wednesday October 16, 2013. Questions? Contact Barbara Allen.



## PW News

Morning and evening PW circles will meet on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively. Lesson Two, "God's Call to Serve," will be the study lesson for both groups. The morning circle leader will be Jan Foster. The evening leader will be Nelda Gilbert, and the hostess will be Linda Grissom. This month's projects are Prayer-o-grams to our college students and Soles 4 Souls, a program to collect new or gently used shoes for women and children in Iraq.



## Installation Service

Our new pastor is here! Dr. Mueller's first worship service was Sunday, September 29, 2013. She will officially be installed as the new minister of St. Andrew Presbyterian on Sunday, October 27, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the installation service.

Please make plans to attend the service and also invite someone to join us as we unite in ministry with Pastor Toby on this special day.

# Peacemaking Offering



St. Andrew will receive the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2013. The Peacemaking Offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC(USA). It supports the peacemaking efforts of congregations, presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly. Twenty-five percent of the offering remains in the congregation to support its peacemaking efforts, 25% goes to presbytery and synod efforts, and 50% supports the work of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program uses its share of the offering to assist the congregations and the other governing bodies of the denomination do peacemaking.

# Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2013, following the morning worship service. The meeting has been called for the purpose of electing new elders and a trustee for the Class of 2016. Please plan to attend meeting.



# Peacemaker Presentation



St. Andrew will host Presbyterian congregations from Decatur, Athens, and Hartselle on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, for dinner and a presentation by two international peacemakers from Bolivia. We look forward to this opportunity for our local area Presbyterian churches to come together to enjoy food, fellowship, and an informative program.

Dinner will be potluck and will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please join us, bring along a dish to share, and make the members of our sister churches feel welcome. The presentation by Wilhelm Pierola Iturralde will start at 6:30 p.m.

Wilhelm, a civil engineer, is the founder of the Center for Regional Development. He has worked in Central and South America to improve working conditions and the environment. He is the president of the Bolivian Joining Hands Network, which works with the PCUSA Hunger Program. His family lives in the world's highest city, Potosi, Bolivia. Chenoa Stock will accompany Wilhelm and serve as translator. She has worked as a Young Adult Volunteer in India, with the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Sri Lanka following the tsunami there and is now in Bolivia. A graduate of Wittenberg University, she is the daughter of retired Presbyterian co-pastors.

Regular childcare and children's activities will also be available.

Please contact Jan Foster or Margaret Marsh if you have questions about this event. For more information about the visiting International Peacemakers or the Peacemakers committee, you may go to <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking>.

## Bob C.A.T.S. Trip

The "Bob" C.A.T.S. are on the prowl again. We will be traveling to Lynchburg, Tennessee, on Friday, November 1, 2013, to tour the Jack Daniel's Distillery and enjoy a delicious lunch at Miss Mary BoBo's. Lunch is served family style and the cost will be \$25 (including tax and tip). There is no charge to tour the distillery. Plans are to be at the distillery at 9:00 a.m. for the tour (It takes about one hour and fifteen minutes.) and on to lunch at 11:00 a.m. For those who wish to stroll through the town of Lynchburg, there will be plenty of time after lunch.

There is a sign-up sheet in the office. Since we will be carpooling, please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you can drive. Plans are to leave the church at 7:30 a.m. Miss Bobo's requires payment by one check; therefore, you will need to pay in advance. Make your checks payable to 'St. Andrew Presbyterian Church' and place in the envelope provided. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Plan to join us for this fun outing. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Marsh or Barbara Allen.



## Thanksgiving Meals

Our Thanksgiving meals project will begin on Sunday, October 13, 2013. Together, we have been able to provide Thanksgiving meals for local needy families for many years. The list is to the right and also on the calendar. *Thanks for your help!*

**Oct. 13** Corn

**Oct. 20** Green Beans

**Oct. 27** Candied Yams

**Nov. 3** Cranberry Sauce

**Nov. 10** Cornmeal & dessert mix

**Nov. 17** Potatoes - 5 lb. bag

**Nov. 24** 10 lb. turkey or donation

## Page Turner News

The Page Turners Book Club selection for the October 22, 2013, meeting is Defending Jacob by William Landay. A brief overview: Andy Barber has been as assistant district attorney in a suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. Jason, his fourteen-year-old son, has been charged with the murder of a fellow student. Jacob insists that he is innocent, and Andy believes him. It's a suspenseful, character-driven mystery and a spell-binding tale of guilt, betrayal, and how our lives can spin out of control.

We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Come and join us!

# October 2013

**Sunday Service Times:** Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> PW - 9:30/7:00 Scouts - 6:30	<b>2</b> Supper - 6:00 Peacemaker Presentation - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30	<b>3</b> Member Care mtg. - 10:00 DAR - 2:00 Boy Scout Roundtable - 6:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> World Communion Sunday Congregational meeting  Peacemaking	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Scouts - 6:30	<b>9</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>10</b> Session mtg. - 6:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ensemble practice - 1:00
				Cursillo Retreat: October 10-14, 2013		
<b>13</b> Thanksgiving Meals collection begins - Corn  Ensemble practice - 1:00	<b>14</b> Chapel Hill Neighborhood mtg. - 7:00	<b>15</b> Presbytery mtg. - Camp Maranatha  Scouts - 6:30	<b>16</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>17</b> Mission mtg. - 10:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Thanksgiving Meals collection - Green Beans	<b>21</b> Scout Leaders mtg. - 6:30	<b>22</b> Page Turners - 9:30 Scouts - 6:30	<b>23</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> DMC Hymn Festival - 8:00  Ensemble practice - 1:00
<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Meals collection - Cranberry sauce  <b>Installation  Service - 2:00</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Scouts - 6:30	<b>30</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>31</b>		



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**"Where God's Love Transforms Lives"**

Devote yourselves to  
**PRAYER,**  
keeping alert in it with  
**THANKSGIVING.**

Colossians 4:2, NRSV

