



From the Pastor ...

This past month during the Session meeting, we had a discussion on *social media*. Do you know what this is? Social media is the use of technology to connect with one another – think Facebook, websites, texting, Instagram, Twitter.... the list goes on and on. This discussion was part of an ongoing discussion on leadership in the church we have been having around the table each month.

When I asked folks around the table about their use of social media, I received mixed results. All session members email. That's great! Email is an easy way for us to communicate, and much quicker than 'snail mail.' But Facebook? Not all raised their hands. My guess is that not all of the congregation uses Facebook, either. Only 31 members have actually joined the group. But it can be a great communication tool, and also an outreach tool. If you use the internet, and are on Facebook, please 'friend' the Friends of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church – Decatur, AL, so you can ask questions, see pictures, and be informed about what's going on!

Secondly, Ceil Hydrick and the CEO team are busy at working updating and changing our website. Look for more information to come on this, but we hope to have an updated calendar, and even a 'members-only' directory on our site, plus constantly updated information and news. Have you added www.standrewpresbyterian.weebly.org to your list of favorites? Perhaps even consider adding it to those pages which immediately come up when you click onto the internet. The more times folks open our website, the higher it goes in search engines, which is a good thing.

You may say you're not interested in this stuff, but in this case ignorance is not bliss. Over and over I have heard from you about how we need to attract younger folks to our worship and events. Well, social media is HUGE for young adults. To quote an article from *Presbyterians Today*, (May 2014 issue,) in the article "11 practical ways to engage young adults": *Use social media – For many young adults, you don't exist if you don't have an up-to-date website, Facebook page, and Twitter account. Make consistent, daily posts. Ask questions; invite conversation. Post about current events. Be casual. Share lots of photos and videos. Consider using Instagram, Vine, or Pinterest. Be prepared to text a lot.*

The bottom line is, this bandwagon isn't going away. Social Media is here to stay, and how we choose to engage it and use it will bear a mark on how relevant we will be to those younger than ourselves, and how well we can share the gospel outside our walls. Think about it – and do something about it!

I continue serving in Christ, Pastor Toby

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June Volunteer Schedule

	6/1/14	6/8/14	6/15/14	6/22/14	6/29/14
Liturgists	Ceil Hydrick	Barbara Allen	Faye Anderson	Cheryl Ellerbe	Nellie Gates
Ushers	John Abbott Jim Bochte Jim Boyd Lee Brown	Doug Coshow Harold Culbert Ann D'Olive Matt D'Olive	Dave Ellerbe George Hilleary Ceil Hydrick Margaret Marsh	Turner Matthews Harold Moore Brantley Motes David Nelson	John Newbill John Shull Stu Strong Greg Vogel
Nursery Worker	Shelly Shull	Cheryl Ellerbe	Aileen Crawford	Betty Matthews	Ann D'Olive
Wednesday Host	6/4 Need Host	6/11 VBS Supper	None	None	7/2 Need Host
Communion Servers 6/1	Ceil Hydrick, John Jordan, Faye Anderson, Cheryl Ellerbe, Nellie Gates		Communion Preparation	Wayne & Kathy Simmons	

Birthdays

- 1—Bill Heim
- 2—Jerry Blevins
- 5—Jamie Heim
- 6—Susan Simmons
- 7—Jay Coshow & Nelda Gilbert
- 10—Kara Fokker
- 12—Sara Sutton
- 15—Linda Grissom
- 19—Linda Livingston
- 20—Rita Abbott
- 26—Sandy Baldwin

Anniversaries

- June 19—Matt & Ann D'Olive
- June 19—David & Sherrie Nelson
- June 20—Harold & Teresa Culbert
- June 20—Jeremy & Gretchen Stephens

JUNE CELEBRATIONS



Margaret Marsh and Claudia, at the CCC, with some of the donated shoes.

The CCC and the Tennessee Valley Outreach were recipients of some **new** New Balance athletic shoes donated recently! We were able to donate about 40 pairs of shoes to each agency (men's, women's, and children's sizes). Attached to each box was a note indicating these shoes were given in love by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. It also requested the recipient take a moment and say a prayer of thanks, and consider worshipping somewhere.

(Our address was included, but not mandated.)

Thanks for your generosity!

Thanks a million – again!

I want to thank you all for making my birthday such a special day. Worshipping our Lord was such a fine way to begin the day, and then your gifts were quite overwhelming! Thanks again so much!

Financial Report



Our income and expenses were essentially on budget through April. We do have some notables in our finances this year: A detailed report is posted on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall.

1. We have received notice from our insurance carrier of a marked increase in premium for our next year and have therefore started a search for competitive bids from other carriers.
2. Our maintenance budgeted amount has already been spent for the year on needed repairs. We will need to use at least a part of the Maintenance Fund that we contributed to in 2012 for any added repairs.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our finances. I will try to get an answer for you.

Dan Watt, Treasurer



CCC Luncheon, June 9, no Sunday Prep needed. But we need volunteers to prepare hot dogs at the CCC and help serve food and drinks that day. Sign-up sheet is in the church office.

Missions Corner Stats

167 Cans/boxes of food were donated to CCC

\$200 Outreach Foundation

\$1700+ from Yard Sale for Camp Maranatha Scholarships

\$2,000+ CROP Walk

A big THANK YOU for sharing.

Margaret Marsh
Mission Chair

Mission Opportunity

Sunday, June 1, is "Collection Sunday" for the CCC Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items and leave them in the shopping cart or on the tables outside the Fellowship Hall. If you forget them on Sunday morning, you can leave them anytime during the week. The Mission Team will deliver them to the CCC the following week.



Thanks for helping feed the hungry in our neighborhood.

John Jordan, Missions Committee

Session Notes

The following items are highlights from the May 19, 2014 Stated Session Meeting

1. Rev. Mueller opened the meeting with a prayer and a study on Transformational Leaders, Chapter 5: Social Media.
2. Our membership was reduced by three, 118, as a result of Session action to transfer the memberships of Rick, Cheryl and Jennifer Heeth to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, as requested by Covenant.
3. The minutes for the Stated Meeting of April 21, 2014 were approved as distributed.
4. Approval was given for the use of our facility to a couple who have requested that they be married by Rev. Mueller in September. They will be using the sanctuary from 5-7 pm on September 12 for the Rehearsal and the sanctuary and parlor from 4 pm to 8 pm on September 13, 2014. Approval was also given to Ceil Hydrick for a TVPC Cursillo Training event on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 8am to 4pm. See the church calendar for details.
5. Thank-you notes were received from Bob McGehee for the new hymnbook which was presented to him by the Session; from the Chapel Hill Neighborhood Association for the use of our facility; and from Jane Lowery for the gift given to her in thanks for her service to our young people.
6. The Admin Team presented, and the Session approved, a revised Facility Use policy making it easier for members to schedule the building for their Not For Profit events. See the policy in the church office if you have a need.
7. The Christian Education Team reported on a very successful yard sale. Funds are available for Maranatha camp scholarships. Forms are in the church office, if you have a child who needs help in going to camp this summer.
8. Finance is continuing to explore alternates for our Church Insurance due to a substantial rate increase by our current carrier.
9. Member Care encouraged each elder to contact their shepherd list. Our Ice Cream Social will be at the Culbert's house on June 29. Stay tuned for details.
10. The Mission Team reported on the Crop Walk - we raised \$2000. We will have Rev. George Mourad, a Lebanese Presbyterian pastor, with us on June 14 at 10:00. Invite your friends to hear him that Saturday morning.
11. The Worship Team will be redoing the usher list - if you would like to provide this service sign up. Training will be provided. We will have special services for Memorial Day and for Pentecost.

The next Stated meeting will be on June 16, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Stu Strong
Clerk of Session

Summer Schedule for Wednesday Night Programs:

Wednesday evening programs will not be meeting every week in the summer. Mark your calendar for the following dates:

June 4, Supper 6:00 and Programs as usual starting at 6:30, Choir at 7:30 (host needed)

June 11, VBS Hot Dog supper, 6:00 and 6:30 VBS Program

July 2, Supper 6:00, Programs starting at 6:30, Choir at 7:30 (Host needed)

August 20, Supper 6:00, Programs at 6:30 and Choir at 7:30 and continues through the winter.

St Andrew Presbyterian Church on Mission



Left photo and below:

Residents of Presbyterian Towers enjoyed an afternoon Birthday Party on Tuesday, May 20 given by the Presbyterian Women's Circle. Birthdays for April, May and June were celebrated. We played a game, gave door prizes, then Dr. Mueller played her guitar and led in hymns which were enjoyed by all. There were plenty of desserts and fun. We had five in attendance and PT had about 30 attending. Host was Barb Mouton.



CROP Walk—Over \$2,000 received! THANK YOU!

Those who participated walking are: (below, left to right)
Our crop crawler (Diane and Dr. Douglas's grandchild)
Diane & Rev. Dr. Cameron Douglas (Pastor of First Christian)
John Jordan
Luke Jordan (grandson)
Terri Morris
Beau, the dog



CCC Appreciation Luncheon for Volunteers bottom

right: Attending from St. Andrew were: Kay & George Hilleary, Rev. Dr. Toby Muller, Nair Sehler, Margaret Marsh, and B. J. Breeding (not pictured)



Member Care

As St. Andrew's congregation is aging, we have various needs that others can help us with. These needs include transportation to the doctor, sitting with someone while caretaker is out, minor home repairs, cutting grass, transportation to church services, or picking up groceries. If you are available to help with these services, please let Member Care know so a list can be prepared and people called when a service is needed. Thank you for helping us provide for each other. Please complete information on bulletin insert Sunday, June 1. Nellie Gates, Member Care



If interested in being an Usher, please call the church office or sign up on the sheet provided in the church office. **We need all current ushers to sign up to again—you will not be removed unless you request to be.** If we have a enough people (men and women), you will only need to usher once a quarter. Each usher is responsible to get a substitute when not available to serve. A print out of Usher Duties can be found near the sign-up sheet.

Thank you in advance for faithfully greeting our visitors and serving our congregation.



A special thank you to those who participated in Work Day activities. Here are the finished projects and others will be posted later.

- *Barb Mouton, Aileen Crawford and Barbara Allen - cleaned and straightened pantry
- *Linda Grissom and Margaret Marsh - cleaned and polished the refrigerator and freezer
- *B.J. Breeding - cleaned and straightened Seekers classroom
- *Nair Sehler - mopped and straightened under the sink in the kitchen and polished silver service
- *Linda Grissom - cleaned the parlor and under the sink in that room
- *Joan Jordan - laundered nursery bedding and cleaned the room; also helped in the sanctuary
- *Teresa Culbert - cleaned, dusted and stocked the pew racks, polished the pews in the sanctuary
- *Bonita Smith - cleaned the office and workroom
- *Pastor Toby - sorted things in her office and suite ridding them of outdated items
- *Shelley Shull and Sylvia Newbill - cleaned and straightened the pre-school room
- *John Jordan, Philip Gilbert, and Tom Meier - trimmed trees
- *Philip Gilbert - hauled multiple truck beds of debris
- *Barbara Allen - planted flowers in the urns by the carport

We still have additional classrooms to clean and straighten, outside trimming to do, the kitchen to finish cleaning and straightening, tables and chairs to clean in the fellowship hall, and special vacuuming to finish in the sanctuary. Times will be scheduled for these activities. If you helped and your name is missing from the names above, please contact Barbara so it can be recorded and you can be thanked.

Barbara Allen

June 2014

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Nominating Committee 10:30 am	3 6:00 p CEO Meeting	4 Vision Mtg 5:00 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	5 Boy Scout Round- table 6:00	6	7
8 VBS 6-7:30p Pentecost Offering	9 VBS 6-7:30p 8-noon CCC Soup Kitchen	10 VBS 6-7:30p	11 VBS 6:00 Hot Dog Supper VBS Program 6:30 Choir 7:30	12	13	14 Flag Day Rev. George Mourad 10 am
15 Trinity Sun. 	16 Session 6p	17	18 No Wed. Services	19	20	21 Choir to Montreat June 21-28
22	23	24	25 1-3:00 PM Children's Program Teacher Training No Wed. services	26	27	28
		Choir at Montreat Camp				
29 Pulpit Swap: Don Haas Ice Cream Social 5:00 @ Culberts'	30					



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CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 4-11 — ITS VBS TIME!



Calling all children ages 4-11

All Aboard! All Aboard for Vacation Bible School!

The VBS Boomerang Express is leaving the station at 6 pm on Sunday June 8. Don't be late! Join your friends on June 8-11 from 6 to 7:30 for a journey filled with Bible study, singing, crafts, and food!

Grab your bag and get ready to board! On June 11 at 6 pm, there will be a hot dog supper and the closing VBS program will follow. Invite your parents and family.

Registration forms are in the church office. Please complete a form and return to the office before June 8 if possible and take extra forms to give to children who might be interested in attending.

Volunteers are needed to help with the various activities. Sign-up sheets are in the church office.

We also need empty paper towel tubes for the craft activity. Please save your empty tubes and place them in the box at the Donation Center.