

THE MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2010

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Steps in Faith . . . in the Great Congregation

I remember once attending a Chinese New Year Parade on the narrow streets of San Francisco's Chinatown. In the air was the scent of tasty Asian street vendor treats, small firecrackers snapped all around and colorful dragons and costumes processed by. But at one point during the parade, the crowd became so large and the streets became so crowded that it was impossible to see. My wife and I were very fortunate to quickly find an open, higher locale. And it provided an unexpected glorious view of this unique New Year's cultural celebration.

On Sunday, February 14, at St. Andrew we will be celebrating together as one large community of faith. And we pray it will be a joyous experiment that offers us all a glorious view of the breadth and strength and variety of the St. Andrew faith community.

It says in Psalm 35, "I will thank you in the great congregation. In the mighty throng I will praise you." And on Sunday, February 14, this will be our creed.

In this great gathering, we will seek to experience our unique and blessed oneness as the St. Andrew Body of Christ. We will celebrate our ministry together. And we will collectively lift our worship voices in praise to God. You may even see a friend you haven't seen in a while who doesn't usually attend the Sunday service that you do.

Church ministry teams and staff are preparing to welcome, and to comfortably accommodate, all guests and members for this Sunday morning celebration of "Many Gifts, One Community."

Many Gifts, One Community Sunday, February 14

8:00 - 9:00 am:

Fellowship + Greeting Time in the Narthex and entrance areas with coffee, juice, and donut holes served. Music by Jazz pianist Dick Watson in the Sanctuary beginning at 8:30. Childcare will be available from 8:15 until the beginning of the potluck.

9:00 - 10:00 am:

"Many Gifts, One Community" single worship service with musical offerings by the Joy Club, Logos Choir and Matins Ringers.

10:15 - approx. 11:30 am:

Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary. A separate activity will be provided for children in grades 1-6 during the congregational meeting.

11:30 am:

All-Church Potluck to follow the congregational meeting. Music by Al Mebus and his barbershop quartet. As it is Valentine's Day, you are invited to honor a loved one by bringing an extra special dish that you would make for them.

Also, if you have never attended an annual congregational meeting, I invite you to participate on this day. It is a distinctive Presbyterian Christian affair. A week prior to the meeting, a full written report (also to be available on-line) of the 2009 activities of the church's ministry teams and staff, plus a 2010 ministry budget, will be made available to the congregation for review. Then at the congregational meeting brief reports will be given by certain teams including a presentation of the 2010 ministry budget. Also, in keeping with parliamentary order, congregational members will be invited to ask questions of those offering reports. And all active members - which in our governance includes newly confirmed youth - will be entitled to vote as we select new officers of the church and approve the 2010 compensation terms-of-call for St. Andrew church pastors.

After the meeting, we will enjoy the fellowship and fun of an all-church Valentine's Day potluck, breaking bread together at tables in the Fellowship Hall and in various church classrooms-turned-dining-rooms.

God has brought together at St. Andrew a marvelous collection of disciples who love Christ, who love the work of discipleship in the church, and who daily answer the call to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Come and be with a mighty gathering of them on Sunday, February 14.

Peace,

Bob David
Interim Senior Pastor



Community News + Events

PNC News

The Committee on Ministry of the East Iowa Presbytery has given the Pastor Nominating Committee of St. Andrew permission to advertise the position of head pastor. This is very good news. We will do so ASAP using both hard copy (periodical) and online sources. If you'd like to read our Church Information Form (CIF), used to advertise us as a congregation, check out the PNC blog on the church website. We hope to narrow the pool of candidates down to a select few sometime in late spring of this year. Please continue to pray for our deliberations!

Bill Ford, Chair of the PNC

Women's Retreat

Women are invited to take a break from the cold of winter by attending the 9th annual Women's Retreat February 5-6 at St. Andrew. Watch for registration forms in early January.

The women's retreat is a weekend designed by women, for women, with time for fellowship, Bible study, praise music, worship, prayer, reflection, food, creative activities, laughter and rejuvenation.

Women do not have to attend St. Andrew to participate in the retreat. Invite your sisters, friends and neighbors! If you have never attended, THIS is your year to come!

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table. For more information, talk to Heather Woodin or email heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org

Consultant to Visit St. Andrew

Alban Institute Church Consultant Susan Nienaber has been scheduled to be at St. Andrew Friday, February 12 - Sunday, February 14, 2010, for her first visit. This consultant has been hired by the St. Andrew Session. In her time here, Susan Nienaber will provide tools, strategies, and workshops to assist church members and leaders to effectively communicate with one another during times of disagreement. Susan has a long record of experience in helping people in a church community work through differences in a timely manner and in ways that can lead to future renewal and vitality.

In her first visit, Susan will meet with small groups of 6-8 people to discuss a particular issue (i.e. possible move of the church, same-sex marriage). Susan has recommended that diversity of viewpoints be encouraged in these

small groups. Some small groups will not be limited to a particular topic. The St. Andrew Session and the St. Andrew Church Consultant Hiring Team members invite you and encourage you to take part in this excellent opportunity to come share your story. Susan is one of the pre-eminent consultants in the nation in this area of ministry, but the success of her work is wholly dependent on the involvement of congregation members.

Susan will also be convening a larger group of 30 or more. Those in this larger group will participate in a skill - building workshop to prepare people to lead and facilitate future complex conversations that may challenge the congregation.

Finally, as the stated Sunday for the biannual Congregational meeting is Feb. 14, Consultant Nienaber will briefly address the congregation that day to say more about her ministry with St. Andrew.

Please see the front page of the December 2009 Messenger (www.saintandrew-ic.org/news/messenger/) for a full description of the decision-making process to hire a consultant.

Our Church Family

Births

*I praise you, for I am fearfully + wonderfully made.
-Psalm 139:14*

Breslin Grace Wing - 1.04.10

Jean Gardner, grandmother

Deaths

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.

-John 11:25

Ernie Larson

(father of Phil Larson)

Haiti Response

St. Andrew is diligently working with our contacts in Haiti to provide up-to-date information on what is happening in the aftermath of the earthquake and how we as a community of faith can be working to provide assistance on many different levels.

A Haiti HAFF missionary, Connie Curilla, is adding blogs daily to her site at www.connieinhaiti.blogspot.com.

You may visit our webpage, www.saintandrew-ic.org/mission/haiti, that is dedicated to updates and news on Haiti, including a letter of response from Interim Senior Pastor Bob David that outlines several opportunities for your own response.

Serving Opportunities

Silent Auction

Items are now being accepted for the silent auction held in conjunction with the April 18 concert presented by Agape Singers and kingsingers. Donations for the silent auction make this annual event popular, fun and a financial success. The most popular packages are those that involve fellowship, such as dinner at someone's home or an afternoon of boating. Other outstanding donations for this year might include tickets for theater performances, sports events, restaurants or movies; gift baskets; sports equipment; hand-crafted furniture; and services, such as childcare, a massage or yard work. We also are seeking auction items that will appeal to children, both in content and bidding level. For more details about the auction or to make a donation, call the church office or e-mail Heather Woodin, heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org.

Building Team Seeking a Volunteer

The St. Andrew Building Team is seeking a volunteer to address the day-to-day building issues that can arise at the church. This person would be a liaison to the Building Team and would forward information/requests to the team as needed. This is an ideal position for someone who is retired or semi-retired who wishes to serve St. Andrew. The volunteer would also coordinate contacting subcontractors currently utilized by SAPC, be in on-going conversation with them, and attend the monthly Building Team meetings (first Tuesday of each month). Sound interesting? Want to know more? Please feel free to contact any Building Team member:

Glen Schmitz (319/358.7447),
Dick Perkins (319/354.3767),
Ken Gibson (319/337.3809),
Rich Schmidt (319/337.4467), or
John Lavelly (319/828.3493).

Small Groups

The St. Andrew Women's Book Group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 10, to discuss *Driftless* by David Rhodes (2010 All Iowa Reads Selection).

Future meetings will feature:

- Mar. 10 *The Island* by Victoria Hislop
- Apr. 14 *Devil in the White City*
by Erik Larson
- May 12 *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See

Visitors/new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Susie Pappas (319/338.0692 or susiepappas@hotmail.com).

Children + Youth Ministries

Late Night at the Lighthouse!

Fri., Feb. 26 to Sat., Feb. 27

Cost: \$3

Come for an evening or stay all night and sleep at church! It's time for another exciting Late Night for kids in grades 3-6! Bring your friends! More information and registration forms are available at the Welcome Table or by contacting Heather Woodin, heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org.

Presbyterian + United Campus Ministries

Night Prayer + Chocolate

(every first and third Wednesday) at Trinity Episcopal Church (320 E. College St.) at 8:30 pm. Come for a 15 minute ancient prayer, stay to eat chocolate and take chocolate to someone who needs a lift. All students and community members are welcome.

Games + Grub (college students)

Sundays at 6 pm in the Butterfly Room at St. Andrew. Pizza and drinks are provided. Contact Nancy (319/325.2620) if you have questions or need a ride.

Stay in touch with Campus Ministries

If students want to sign up for the Quote/Question of the Week and Announcements they can send a message to iowaucm@gmail.com.

Stephen Ministry

Boundaries in Care Giving

Thurs., Feb. 4 from 7 to 9 pm

Stephen Ministry Training will study the question of "Boundaries in Care Giving," namely the rights and limits that both care receivers and care givers may expect to abide by in the caring relationship. Pastor Kyle Otterbein and SM Leader Gail Hockom will lead the discussion. All people, not just Stephen Ministers, are invited to attend the 7-8 pm section in Fellowship Hall. Supervision for current Stephen Ministers will follow, 8:15-9:00 pm.



Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Sunday, February 21 at 8:30 + 11:00

Commissioning of newly trained Stephen Ministers and of those returning to service in various roles will take place during the first service and be acknowledged in the second. A special breakfast and short program (Feb 21) will be held at 7:20 am for all current, new, and returning to service Stephen Ministers (Fellowship Hall).

Prayer Ministry

God's Vision *by Gwen Skeens*

God's vision shall be our calling.
God's purpose guiding as we serve.
God's spirit bringing peace in the world,
through one body, through one faith, through one love.

God summons us to live with virtue and commitment, and through our actions give the best we can provide. With gentleness and care, with patience and forbearance, our peaceful hearts embracing unity.

God's vision shall be our calling.
God's purpose guiding as we serve.
God's spirit bringing peace in the world,
through one body, through one faith, through one love.

God's blessings do abound throughout the world's creation. Our thankfulness and praise we offer gratefully. And as we gather here, bestow your greater wisdom upon our lives and guide us day by day.

God's vision shall be our calling.
God's purpose guiding as we serve.
God's spirit bringing peace in the world,
through one body, through one faith, through one love, through one body, through one faith, through one love.

Worship + Music

Music in Worship Calendar:

Sunday, Feb. 7:

8:30: Logos Choir, Resound!

11:00: Agape Singers, kingsringers

Sunday, Feb. 14:

9:00: Logos Choir, Joy Club,
Matins Ringers

Sunday, Feb. 21:

8:30: Cantate Choristers,
Alpha + Omega Ringers

11:00: Logos Choir

Sunday, Feb. 28:

8:30: Logos Choir, Woodwind Ensemble

11:00: Brass Ensemble

Session Minutes

Minutes from the January Session meeting will be published at a later date.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Team thanks all participants in the Abundant Catch annual stewardship campaign. We received an even 251 pledges for a total of \$731,065, up from 161 and \$561,238, respectively, from the prior year. More information and observations will

follow in the annual report to the church. *Thank you* to all of you for your faithful pledges of support to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

SERVING CHRIST AND THE COMMUNITY FOR 50 YEARS

Our Focus: Sharing the Community of Christ

Our Mission: To follow Jesus Christ • Grow in commitment • Cultivate our gifts
Reach out in mission • And bring others to Christ



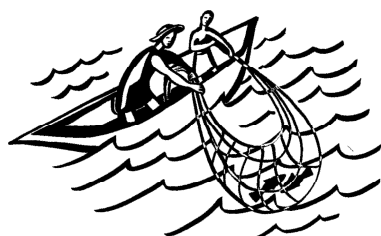
Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)

GENERAL FUND 01, December 2009

	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget %	Budget Difference
INCOME					
PLEDGES & IDENTIFIED GIFT	\$96,420.77	\$886,172.43	\$990,400.00	89.48%	-\$104,227.57
CAMPUS MINISTRY GRANTS	4,166.67	37,000.04	37,000.00	95.27%	-1,749.96
FACILITIES/OFFICE INCOME	105.00	5,540.00	6,000.00	92.33%	-460.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	78.85	1,267.94	1,200.00	105.66%	67.94
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	114.46	5,636.90	750.00	751.59%	4,886.90
TOTAL INCOME	100,885.75	935,617.31	1,035,350.00	90.20%	-101,482.69
EXPENSES					
LAND	\$272.45	\$3,272.32	\$6,300.00	51.94%	-\$3,027.68
BUILDING	8,175.73	91,219.98	93,000.00	98.09%	-1,780.02
UTILITIES	2,695.04	26,208.35	30,800.00	85.09%	-4,591.65
EQUIPMENT, F & F	0.00	136.26	1,250.00	10.90%	-1,113.74
VEHICLES	278.03	3,446.24	6,551.00	52.61%	-3,104.76
CAMPUS MINISTRY	115.63	3,124.89	5,000.00	62.50%	-1,875.11
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	579.04	3,961.74	8,400.00	47.16%	-4,438.26
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	166.69	1,423.18	1,450.00	98.15%	-26.82
MINISTRIES - CARE/SUPPORT	204.69	649.50	1,500.00	43.30%	-850.50
MEMBERSHIP/EVANGELISM	276.22	3,552.41	6,475.00	54.86%	-2,922.59
MISSION	13,482.46	127,372.31	140,556.00	90.62%	-13,183.69
MUSIC	555.69	7,267.09	13,100.00	55.47%	-5,832.91
OFFICE EXPENSE	924.97	20,082.68	29,775.00	67.45%	-9,692.32
OPERATING EXPENSES	4,066.42	47,253.71	54,847.00	86.16%	-7,593.29
PERSONNEL	49,468.76	588,895.94	618,236.00	95.25%	-29,340.06
WORSHIP	0.00	3,567.38	6,225.00	57.31%	-2,657.62
YOUTH MINISTRIES	152.32	6,973.57	11,885.00	58.68%	-4,911.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	81,414.14	938,407.55	1,035,350.00	90.64%	-96,942.45
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	\$19,471.61	-\$2,790.24	\$0.00	0.00%	-\$4,540.24

Have you paid your Per Capita?

Per Capita is a way for individual churches to share in the expenses incurred by the larger PCUSA church. It supports the important work of the General Assembly as well as the work of our synods and presbyteries. It is the financial grease that keeps the greater church's cogs spinning, just as our weekly offering keeps St. Andrew running. Churches are assessed a fee based on confirmed members. Again this year, because of budget concerns, we are asking that each confirmed member in your household to contribute their own Per Capita fee. Please remit \$29 per confirmed member for 2010 and write "Per Capita" in the memo line. Thank you for your help in covering this operating expense for the good of the greater Presbyterian church.



2010 Giving

You may still make a pledge to the 2010 ministry budget of St. Andrew. Pledge cards can be found at the Welcome Table or by contacting Rebecca Schuchert, Director of Finance (319/338-7523 or finance@saintandrew-ic.org).

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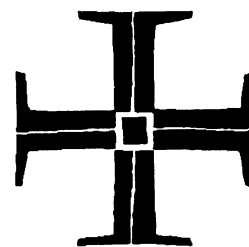
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Mini-Messenger: www.saintandrew-ic.org/news/mini-messenger

Weekly Bulletin: www.saintandrew-ic.org/worship/bulletin

- The deadline to submit articles for the *Messenger* is the 15th of each month.
- The deadline for the weekly *Mini-Messenger* articles is each Monday at 9 am.
- Please email all submissions to Matthew Fenning (matthewfp@saintandrew-ic.org).

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