A Word from the Pastor

Thus says the Lord: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." (Jeremiah 6:16)

Well, time for New Year's resolutions again, isn't it? (feels like we just did this!) Typically, we try to conjure up new ways to tackle our old problems: a new diet or exercise plan, a new approach to our finances, a new start on the whole relationship thing. We may even resolve to find a new way to engage with our faith, hoping to experience something deeper and more fruitful than what we've encountered so far.

Our affection for all things new can lead to exciting discoveries and breakthroughs, but it can also lead us to ignore important things we already know. For example: let's face it, there are no magic pills or secret potions that will melt away the extra pounds – the only lasting solution is to maintain a sound fitness regimen and watch what we eat.

Exciting and different? No. Effective? Yes.

In the same manner, if we truly want to "go deeper" in our faith, then we need to heed what the Lord says through Jeremiah, and seek the "ancient paths" to walk in. Great – so just what are those ancient paths? You can probably guess the answer: the ancient paths are the tried and true ways God reaches us, teaches us, and leads us in our daily lives.

There are three simple elements that are the ordinary means of tapping into God's grace and power: regular prayer; regular study and meditation on Scripture; and regular participation in congregational worship. Exciting and different? No. Effective? Yes.

Now some will say they have tried these means and found them lacking. Might I respectfully suggest that, as with any program of exercise and diet, you have to stay with it in order to see good results.

The truth is, God is far more ready to pour out his Spirit upon us than we are ready to receive it. Have we honestly examined ourselves to see what might be interfering with our growth in grace? Let us resolve this year above all to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," and see what the Lord might do with our faithfulness.

Happy New Year!

From the Paster

The Window View



January 2020



Following Christ Serving in Love Engaging the World



January 3 Chris Rhea Thomas Terry

January 7 Stephen Bailey

January 14 Taylor Payne

January 18 Michelle Rooney

January 31 Helen Shiver



On the 12th day after Christmas, the Church has traditionally celebrated Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, a revealing of something amazing. Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem, bringing gifts for the newborn king. The larger meaning is a reminder that Jesus came not just as the Messiah of the Jews, but as the Savior of all the world.



BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

EVERY WEDNESDAY 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Bring your own brown bag dinner. Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we study

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Bible in a Year Readings

THE AUGUSTA COMMUNITY PRAYER GARDEN

AT ST.ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ENGRAVED BRICK FUNDRAISER

We are raising money to help pay for <u>The Augusta Community Prayer Garden at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church</u>. We invite everyone to take a moment from the trials and tribulations of their day, and rest for awhile in this peaceful setting. You can help our community by purchasing laser engraved bricks. The bricks will be placed in the 4 walkways leading into the prayer garden. We plan on starting construction in the spring of 2020. We thank you in advance for helping us create this much needed sanctuary for the Augusta community

4x4...... \$40.00

8x8...... \$100.00

With this brick you get 3 lines 18 characters per line

With this brick with 6 lines 18 characters per line

YOU CAN DESIGN AND PURCHASE YOUR BRICKS AT OUR DONOR FRIENDLY

WEBSITE or find a form in the narthex to fill out.

bricksrus.com/donorsite/sapc

The office will be closed January 20th In Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day **January 1** Genesis 1-2, Psalm 1, Matthew 1-2

January 2 Genesis 3-4, Psalm 2, Matthew 3-4

January 3 Genesis 5-6, Psalm 3, Matthew 5

January 4 Genesis 7-8, Psalm 4, Matthew 6

January 5 Genesis 9-10, Psalm 5, Matthew 7

January 6 Genesis 11-12, Psalm 6, Matthew 8

January 7 Genesis 13-15, Psalm 7, Matthew 9

January 8 Genesis 16-17, Psalm 8, Matthew 10

January 9 Genesis 18-19, Psalm 9, Matthew 11

January 10 Genesis 20-21, Psalm 10, Matthew 12

January 11 Genesis 22-23, Psalm 11, Matthew 13

January 12 Genesis 24, Psalm 12, Matthew 14

January 13 Genesis 25-26, Psalm 13, Matthew 15

January 14 Genesis 27, Psalm 14, Matthew 16-17

January 15 Genesis 28-29, Psalm 15, Matthew 18

January 16 Genesis 30, Psalm 16, Matthew 19

January 17 Genesis 31, Psalm 17, Matthew 20

January 18 Genesis 32-33, Psalm 18:1-24, Matthew 21

January 19 Genesis 34-35, Psalm 18:25-50, Matthew 22

January 20 Genesis 36, Psalm 19:1-6, Matthew 23

January 21 Genesis 37-38, Psalm 19:7-14, Matthew 24

January 22 Genesis 39-40, Psalm 20, Matthew 25

January 23 Genesis 41-42, Psalm 21, Matthew 26

January 24 Genesis 43-44, Psalm 22:1-18, Matthew 27-28

January 25 Genesis 45-46, Psalm 22:19-31, Mark 1

January 26 Genesis 47-48, Psalm 23, Mark 2

January 27 Genesis 49-50, Psalm 24, Mark 3

January 28 Exodus 1, Psalm 25, Mark 4

January 29 Exodus 2-3, Psalm 26, Mark 5

January 30 Exodus 4-5, Psalm 27, Mark 6

January 31 Exodus 6-7, Psalm 28, Mark 7



Financial Report

D	ecember, 2019	Year-to-date, 2019		
Contributions	44,309	212,254		
Rental Income	1250	12,005		
Other	56	1,375		
Total	45,616	241,721		
Expenses				
Admin	1517	20,408		
Denomination	946	12,445		
Bldg & Maint	826	21,218		
Utilities	1136	18,030		
Staff	15,274	138,323		
Programs	1,055	5,226		
<u>Total</u>	20,754	215,650		
NET	24,862	26,071		



Christians confronting emptiness, choosing compassion, creating community.

Items of the Month:

HOT CHOCOLATE

There is a decorated container in the parlor. Please place items in this container, remembering that if you forget to bring an item, you are welcome to contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).

Presbyterian Women
Will meet on the <u>SECOND</u> Tuesday of this month
January 14th at 9:30 am



Women's Bible Study beginning on January 12, 2020

Join me on Sunday mornings at 9:15, beginning on January 12, 2020, as we begin a new bible study titled, <u>Finding God Faithful</u>, <u>A Study of Joseph</u>, written by Kelly Minter.

Trace the path of Joseph's life in the Book of Genesis to observe how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments. Learn to recognize when God is working during periods of waiting, trust God's plan when life doesn't make sense, and rest in the sufficiency of His presence in every circumstance. His provision is enough, His presence is constant, and His purpose is unstoppable.

Benefits:

- Place your hope in the God who is with you.
- Learn to trust God's purposes when life doesn't make sense.
- Recognize how God is working in your waiting.
- Rest in the sufficiency of God's presence in every circumstance.

Kelly Minter is an author, speaker, songwriter, and singer. She is passionate about women discovering Jesus Christ through the pages of Scripture. So, whether it's through a song, study, or spoken word, Kelly's desire is to authentically express Christ to the women of this generation. In a culture where so many are hurting and broken, she loves to share about the healing and strength of Christ through the Bible's truth.

This is a 8-lesson study that combines personal study and group discussion with video. Please let me know if you will be coming so that I can have sufficient materials available for class. Looking forward to this time to study God's Word.

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Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church Calendar January, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years Day Office Closed	7:00pm Prayer Group (Kershner home)	3	4
9:30 am Sunday School 10:15am Coffee & Fellowship 10:45am Morning Worship with Communion	6 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall in use for 11:00 wedding	7 1000-1100am Fellowship inuse 2 pm Knitting Circle	8 11:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 pm Brown Bag Fellowship 6 pm Brown Bag Fellowship 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Prayer Group (Kershner home)	10	11 Sanctuary in use for wedding
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