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## **Letter from our Pastor**

**Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany!**



On behalf of the staff of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church I want to thank the congregation for your support during the joyful and busy Advent and Christmas seasons.

This year the personnel committee gave us a generous gift-time together without work to do. We gathered on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at David and Kjersti Lukens' home for an epiphany party. Due to the weather and some illness we couldn't all be there, but we had a great time together.

Personally, I'd like to say what privilege and blessing it is to get to work such gifted folks in

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ministry, who I not only respect, but really enjoy!

Peace,  
Camille

## WOW

### G2G Kids

This year we will meet at 6pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We will have a kid-friendly meal with a program for adults and worship arts workshops for the kids. Adults pay \$5 for the meal, but the kids eat free. Everyone is dismissed by 7:30 p.m. G2G Kids is open to children pre-K through 5th grade. Please email Phyllis Bearden, [pbearden47@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbearden47@bellsouth.net) or call her at 404.580.8679 for more information.

### Adult Programming

**January 18-** In honor of the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday we'll watch scenes from this 2014 film about the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery. This film tells the story of how one pastor, inspired by the life of Christ and the witness of scripture, led others in the fight for civil rights. Though the events took place over 50 years ago, the story is still relevant today and worthy of our discussion and reflection.

## Session Report

The Session and Diaconate of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church met jointly in the Sanctuary of SAPC on December 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell was the moderator. A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded, and approved.

- The Elders and Deacons shared joys and concerns, followed by a time of prayer.
- It was explained that the Elder Candidates have attended Elder training, completed the written examination documents, and were prepared to describe their faith stories with those present. After hearing their faith stories, a motion to sustain their examinations was made by M. Ashby, seconded by J. Thomas, and approved unanimously. L.E. Millican and M. McCarthy will serve on the Engagement Ministry; M. Westbrook will serve on the Worship Ministry; and C. Papotto will serve as our Youth Elder for 2017.

- Our new Elders were welcomed during a brief time of refreshments and sharing in the meeting room of SAPC; following this time, the Session and Diaconate met separately for their respective business sessions at 12:17 p.m.
- The Session began it's business meeting with a unison reading of the SAPC Mission statement. The consent agenda was then approved with the addition of a brief report from the Engagement Ministry.
- A motion to approve M. Ashby and M. Westbrook to serve as Ruling Elder Commissioners to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on February 4, 2017 was made by D. Buchanan, Seconded by D. McCowen, and approved.
- Ordination Services for Steve Sankey will be held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in Heffner Hall. Please mark your calendar for this joyous occasion.
- Annual Reports from all Ministries are due to M. Noble no later than January 8, 2017. Reports are to be prepared in narrative style of the year in review. Reports are to be prepared by the 2016 Ministry Chair(s).
- Reminder: the Annual Session Retreat will be held on February 24-25, 2017. Further details will be provided at the January meeting

## ***News from St. Andrews School***

Season's Greetings,

On behalf of St. Andrews School, I would like to wish our extended church family a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are looking forward to 2017 being a very exciting and rewarding year for St. Andrews School.

In 2015 we embarked upon a journey to become a Quality Rated school and I am happy to report that we have fulfilled all of the requirements, and have received a one-star rating. Upon receiving this rating, we were blessed to with \$4,000 worth of much needed supplies for the classrooms and playground. As always we will continue to strive to be one of the best schools in the Tucker community and for the children and families that we serve.

We would like to invite you to join us for our first Spirit Night of the new year on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm - 9:00pm at Enzo's Pizza, 4437 Cowan Rd. in Tucker.

May God continue to bless each and every family that is represented at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church during this year of new beginnings!

In Christ,  
Ann McKinney  
Director St. Andrews School

### **January Birthdays**

4th= Dave Jentoft  
5th= Michael Williams  
6th= Burt Temples  
7th=Victoria Ashby  
8th= Don Compton, Gwen McDuffie, Rachel Ellingson  
14th= Evelyn Wallace, Linda Fouts  
20th=Tish Drury  
21st= Jan Young  
22nd= Bona Puckett  
23rd= Klara Smith, Bob Williams, Lisa Wolfgang  
25th= Gloria Williams  
28th= Jeff Bunce  
29th= Carole Barnhart, Margaret Ellingson, Bob Patton, Leslie Bunce  
30th= Basil Papotto

### **January Anniversaries**

12th= Margaret & Michael Williams

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