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Holy Week 2017

As we continue through the season of Lent I hope you will join us for our special services of worship during Holy Week. The week begins with **Palm Sunday** on April 9th. In worship, we'll wave palms and shout "Hosanna!" We will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then turn toward the passion of Good Friday.

On Thursday, **April 13th at 6:00 p.m. we will have a different kind of worship service for Maundy Thursday**. We will gather in Heffner Hall to worship, share a meal, and remember the acts of Jesus during Holy week. We will begin with opening words of worship. Then we will share a simple meal together around tables, like Jesus did with his friends. After we eat we'll listen to scripture and a meditation. We call this day "Maundy Thursday", from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "mandate" or "command." We remember that is the day when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love one another. All are invited to participate in the foot washing, but it is not required. After we have heard the word and washed each other's feet we will move up to the sanctuary where we will continue our worship in the Taizé style, celebrate the Lord's Supper, and offer prayers at the cross.

On **Good Friday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. we will join with Oglethorpe and Shallowford Presbyterian Churches for a Tenebrae worship service**. The pastoral and music staff of

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St. Andrews, Oglethorpe and Shallowford will lead worship together in the sanctuary at Shallowford Presbyterian (2375 Shallowford Rd, NE Atlanta 30345). This service will lead us through Jesus' last days before his crucifixion. We will leave in darkness as we await the joy and light of Easter morning's celebration of the resurrection.

We hope you will join us for Holy Week as we prepare for Easter.

From the Treasurer

In March our income was \$33,753.13, and our expenses totaled \$38,481.07. The year-to-date figures are \$96,644.99 income and \$102,897.02 expenses. Thus we have a year-to-date deficit of \$6,252.03, which is not unusual for this time of the year.

Currently we have a mortgage balance of \$479,116.54. We have \$117,188.87 in our mortgage fund, and a monthly payment of \$4111. Therefore, we have funds on hand to cover 28 months of payments.

Let me know if you have any questions.
Al Smith, Treasurer

Parenting Class from Building Families

Join us for a 6 week parenting enrichment series with Sarah 'Say' Spencer, LCSW from Thornwell's Building Families. Classes will be held in the Meeting Room at SAPC Mondays, 6-8 pm, April 17 through May 22.

Space is limited; contact [Sarah Spencer](#) to sign up. 404-550-3149

St. Andrews Youth News

Youth Break-out and Lock-in We had 18 middle and high school students come to the lock-in last month. We started out the night at Break-Out Buckhead, where we had 1 hour to find clues and answer riddles to find a combination to the door to get escape. Both groups got down to the final puzzles in each room but did not quite escape (they did let us out, fortunately). Afterwards, we took a trip to Krispy Kreme on

Ponce de Leon to recharge on some sugar and arrived back at the church to play games in the youth lounge and Heffner Hall. I think we can all agree it was 14 hours well spent.

Youth Sunday - Sunday, April 30th- Youth will lead worship and recognize graduating seniors that morning.

Lawn Mower Repair Saturday, May 13 and 20th 9a-12pm Have a lawn mower that doesn't start after winter? Need your blade sharpened? Paul Burns will be teaching some of our youth, and any adults who want to learn, how to repair lawn mowers. The services will be free and are open to church members, families of the St. Andrews School, and the tucker community. Bring your lawnmower to the shed and we'll get you back mowing in no time! If you are interested in helping to teach how to fix or learn how to fix the lawnmowers, contact [Paul Burns](#).

Adult Chaperones for Youth Trips needed:

This summer, the we are looking for adults to accompany the youth group as chaperones and/or bus drivers.

- June 10-16, Mission trip to Mobile, AL
- June 24-25 Mission Weekend, 9am-9pm each day, or part of each day-Service in Tucker area and in midtown Atlanta.
- July 9-15, High School Montreat in North Carolina
- July 19-23 Middle School Montreat in Maryville, TN

Please contact [Steve Sankey](#) by phone or email if you are interested in chaperoning for any of these trips. Chaperon's expenses for attending the trip will be covered.

CSA Sign-up Begins

St. Andrews will once again host a CSA with Riverview Farms located in Jasper, GA from May 17 to December 6. Each week Riverview Farms will bring boxes of locally grown, organic produce to St. Andrews for Wednesday afternoon pick up.

Sign up is happening now. You may select every week pick up, or every other week pick up. For additional information, contact [Mary Evans](#) or [Riverview Farms](#)

Updated Deacon's List

The deacon's list was updated recently. Please use [this link](#) to view the updated list.

Session Retreat Review

On Friday and Saturday, February 24th & 25th the session and pastoral staff gathered at Decatur Presbyterian Church's retreat center on Lake Lanier for our annual retreat. The theme for our time together was *Yes, And...: Creative Thinking About Engaging Each Other, the Community, and the Future.*

"Yes, and..." is a fundamental of improv. The idea is that when someone offers an idea you respond in this way to expand the possibilities. It reverses the "no, but" thinking that so often hampers us and it improves creativity and collaboration. On Friday night Atlanta area pastor and improviser, the Rev. Marthame Sanders, led us in activities from improv and processing how the church might learn from the rules of improv to work together and think creatively about what God is calling us to be and do. On Saturday session members spent more time applying these ideas to thoughts about how to engage each other (within the congregation), the community, and the future in each area of ministry. Your session members were good sports and came back with lots of ideas for applying this learning to our work and ministry.

Thanks a Bunch!

On Saturday, March 11th, 28 folks showed up to help clean and organize all of the closets, cabinets, nooks and crannies of the church. We uncovered many treasures, some that were long-lost and will now be housed in a more accessible place, and some treasures that had served their purpose well, but whose usefulness was spent. We found lots of trash and items for recycling. Boy Scout Troop 50 was also on hand for yard work, pressure washing the sidewalks, and moving furniture.

We are glad that so many church members took the time to peruse the tables on the stage to look for items to rescue or claim.

Four large bins of fabric were handed off to re:loom to be used in weaving to support the Initiative for Affordable Housing. Several items (wheel chairs, crutches, etc.) were taken to FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children) to be refurbished and used by children and adults in need. Many boxes were donated to the International Rescue Committee to help support local refugees. So, not only did we end up with clean closets, but we were also able to help support local organizations.

The storage space under the stairs in Heffner Hall, the ushers' closet, kitchen cabinets, and office workroom have never looked better! Thanks to everyone who helped make this day a success. Thanks to the Education Ministry for sparking this idea and helping coordinate the effort. And thank you in advance for helping to keep our campus neat, clean, and organized!

Thornwell Visit May 4

In its 142-year history, Thornwell, our Presbyterian ministry in Clinton, SC has served children whose families have been disrupted and supported families that are struggling.

A group from Greater Atlanta will make a day trip to see the home of this ministry. We invite you to join us! We'll leave St. Andrews about 7:30 AM to travel to Clinton, SC. While at Thornwell, we'll tour the historic campus, see the cottages and campus church, observe children in the Learning Center, enjoy a meal together (\$10) and meet farmer Gretchen's friends: Cliffy, Randy and Roy. Our day at Thornwell will conclude by 3 PM with a ride through the Presbyterian College campus en route to Atlanta.

This trip is a day of fun with fellow Atlantans as we traverse North Georgia and piedmont South Carolina in the spring. Contact [Mary Evans](#), 770-493-9489 for answers to your questions, and to sign up for the trip. Sign-ups will be accepted as long as space allows.

It's been a roller coaster ride with the changes in the weather for the children at SAS. There had been a sense of excitement in the air with the signs of the long awaited spring season to arrive, then old man winter decided to extend his stay a little bit longer. I've had to encourage some of the children that spring is indeed just around the corner and brighter days are ahead.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is ongoing, and will continue until all our classes are filled. We are also registering students for our Summer Camp Program which runs from June 5th - July 28th.

Registration for our Afterschool Program for next year, began on March 20th for current students, and will begin on March 27th for all new students. Please, contact SAS for information pertaining to both the School and Afterschool Programs at standschool@gmail.com or 770-934-1461.

- School will be closed April 3rd - 8th for Spring Break. School will also be closed on April 14th in observance of Good Friday.
- The School's next Spirit Night will take place at Brusters' on Wednesday April 12th from 5-8pm.

In Christ,
Ann McKinney Director

April Birthdays

1st- Sara Cooper, Luke Sweeting

2nd - Cloe Drury

5th - Meg Westbrook

6th - Dorothy Buchanan

8th - Sallie Honeychurch, Marie Dreyer

9th - Cassie Westbrook

10th - Ron Weber, Nate Rudolph

11th - Warren Halvorson, Jane Drury

12th - Lettie Hudson

13th - Scott Jarvis

15th - Ross Phillips, Camille LeBron Powell

17th - Lynda Phillips

18th - Kate Kubik

19th - Carrie Edwards

22nd - Burrelle Meeks, Kim Rometo

23rd - Fred Akuffo, Bobbye Pratt &
Linda McKay

24th - Jimmie Artley

25th - Trudy Dickinson

28th - Nancy Mills

31st - Debbie Brookins, Wes Pitts

April Anniversaries

7th - Jeff & Connie Jackson

15th - David & Janet Shiver

17th - Mark & Susan Mahaffey
