



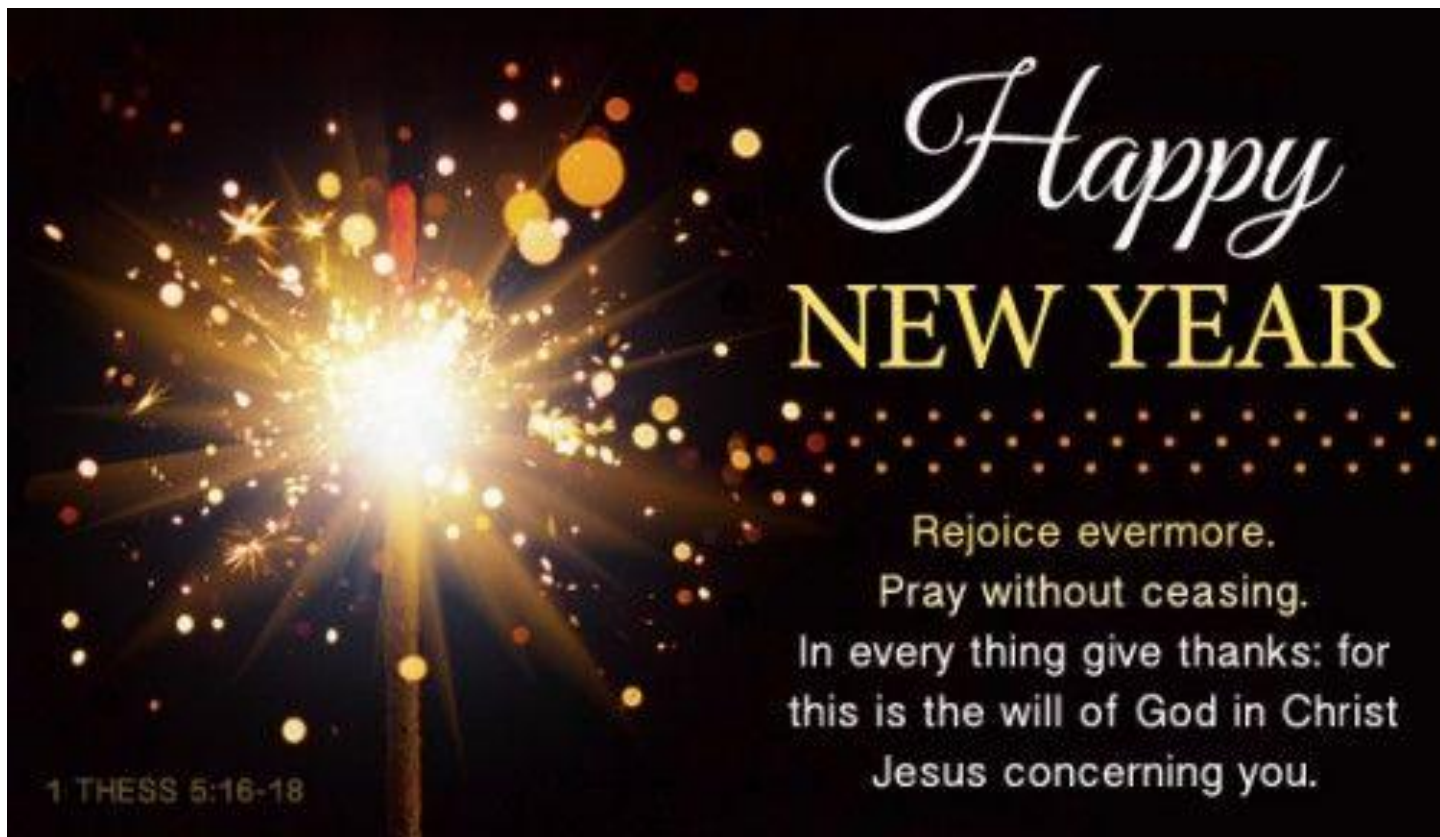
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Begin the New Year with God at your side and the star of Jesus which shows you the safe paths to follow and fills your heart with grace. Best wishes for the new year.



New Members

We welcomed new members, Dean and Corinne Robinson, into the fellowship of St. Andrews on November 19th. They have been active Presbyterians for some time, transferring from another Presbyterian Church. We look forward to their service and participation in the life of St. Andrews.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, January 28, after worship. Please plan to attend as we conduct the important business of the church.



Annual Reports

Attention all Session members and moderators of church organizations! Assembling the annual report material will be done beginning the week of January 14th to be available to the congregation on January 21st so it may be reviewed before the annual meeting. If you currently moderate a session committee or other church organization, please write a report that summarizes your activities of 2017 to be shared with the congregation at our annual meeting on January 28th. Please help by getting your information in on time. You may bring your report to church and place it in the office or email it to the church at standrewspresby@sbcglobal.net. **Emailing it to the office really works the best.** Thank you.



The Doorstep staff and volunteers would like to thank everyone who donated to Doorstep during the holiday season, and throughout 2017. Doorstep adopted 261 households with 824 individuals from the Christmas Bureau this past December. Because of your generosity, and the Topeka community, we were able to provide food and gifts to our neighbors in need.

Along with the start of a new year also comes the cold weather and high utility bills. Please remember your neighbors who are struggling to pay those high bills when looking for a place to donate. Doorstep offers utility assistance to individuals and families throughout the year as funds are available.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 4th! Just around the corner! On this weekend we ask our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help restock our food pantry. A can of soup can be a meal, and in the past, with a successful collection, we have had soup and crackers to last us into the summer months! Please remember Doorstep when you go grocery shopping, and pick up a few items for your neighbors in need.

Also, mark your calendars for the 15th Annual Operation Soup Line! This year it will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 11am – 2pm!

Doorstep is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm for donations. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Street (10th & Buchanan). We ask that you do not leave donations outside our building when we are not here. They often become a parking lot mess. Thank you!

GIFTS GIVEN TO PASTOR STACEY'S CLASS



THANK YOU to all of those who helped provide a happy Christmas party for the students in Pastor Stacey's 4th grade class at Williams Elementary. The joy, excitement and sheer happiness on all those little faces are beyond description. This event could not have happened without YOUR SUPPORT.

Special thanks goes to Kathy Fuller, Jan McPherson and Claudia Hamer for transporting gifts to the school and hosting the party with me.



Thanks again to all of you who continue to share your love, compassion and gifts with our Topeka Community.

Dianne Deuser



Men's and Women's Groups continue to meet at Banjos on the third Friday of the month for fellowship and friendship with a meal. Our next get together will be January 19th at 11:30. Bring a friend and join us!



JANUARY 2018 LECTIONARY READINGS

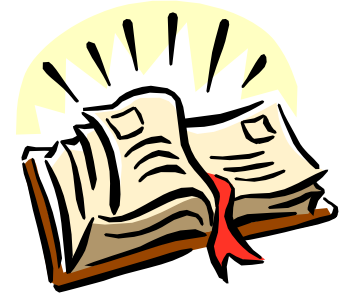
Epiphany of the Lord—January 6-Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14;
Ephesians 3:1–12 ; Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 7 -Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1–7
Mark 1:4–11

Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 14 -
1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20); Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; 1 Corinthians 6:12–20
John 1:43–51

Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 21- Jonah 3:1–5, 10; Psalm 62:5–12; 1 Corinthians
7:29–31; Mark 1:14–20

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—January 28 -Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28



January Birthdays

Mary Jane Elder, January 2nd

Don Newman, January 3rd

J.R. McDaniels, January 6th

Marguerite Newman, January 10th

Cheryl Kelly, January 10th

Karl Wilmers, January 13th

Cohen Christman, January 20th

McKenzie Beattie, January 21st

Jadyn Baum, January 23rd

Jean Gardner, January 25th

Marian Korup, January 25th

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Matthew Reynolds, January 29th

Sally Shaffer, January 30th





January Anniversaries

Hal and Jean Gardner, January 1st, 1993
Brian and Jan McPherson, January 5th, 2006,
Don and Nancy Nisbett; January 19th, 2006
Karl and Dolores Wilmers; January 30th, 1955

Yoga Classes Offered

Karen Beckley is offering a chair yoga class on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the old fellowship hall. The first class is free, \$10 per class after that. She will also have a beginners class on Thursday evenings at 6:30. See Karen or call her at 220-3929 for details or questions. Please let her know if you plan to attend.



Thank You

To our friends at St. Andrews,

We would like to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, each and everyone for the cards, phone calls, prayers, visits and other acts of kindness since Richard's problems started.

There isn't enough room to thank each one personally, but Thank You ALL.

Your friends in Christ

Dick and Aggie

Caring for our Members and Friends

Keep these folks in your prayers: Jan Schiesser, Linda Vargas, Dick O'Neill, Virginia Bohn, Karl and Dolores Wilmers, Dana McDaniels, John Lucero, Don and Olga Fluke, Mike Kelly, Rita Kelly, Junior Elder, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer, Alan Franks, Betty Fouts, Mary Hoy, Jennifer Stellwagon

Pray for Marine 2nd Lt. Randy Luedke and the other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of the California fires. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community and country, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-December 3, 2017

- To early in the month for financial figures to be available.
- Approved insurance policy/coverage - Church building-\$1,139,200.00; personal property-\$114,700.00.
- Reviewed membership roll
- Session will meet following worship on the 3rd Sunday in January and February.
- Annual congregational meeting will be January 28th. Annual reports will be due January 14th.
- Approved 2018 budget (subject to any additional pledges received): Income-\$72,880; expenses of 73,054.42
- Donations to TRAILS are different items rather than monetary donation.
- Over 600 hours of time has been donated to Doorstep this year by St. Andrews.
- Communion taken to Marian Korup and Dick and Aggie O'Neill.
- Prayer shawls/blankets taken to Dick O'Neill, Linda Vargas and Junior Elder.
- Approved Pastor Stacey's contract of for another year.
- Discussion about specific individuals being responsible for each community dinner on a one time basis.
- Communion to be served on Christmas Eve and January 7th.

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year Hal and Jean Gardner - Anniv.	2 Mary Jane Elder B'day	3 6:30 Chair Yoga Don Newman B'day	4 10:30 - Bible Stud 6:30 -Beg. Yoga 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 Brian and Jan McPherson Anniv.	6 Epiphany
7 Communion	8	9 6:30 Girl Scouts	10 6:30 Chair Yoga Marguerite Newman-B'day Cheryl Kelly B'day	11 10:30 - Bible Study 6:30 -Beg. Yoga 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12	13 Karl Wilmers B'day
14 Annual Reports Due	15	16	17 6:30 Chair Yoga	18 10:30 - Bible Study 6:30-Beg. Yoga 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	19 11:30 Men's Ladies' Groups Don & Nancy Nisbett-Anniv	20 Presbytery Salina Cohen Christman-B'day
21 12:15 - Session McKenzie Beattie -B'day	22	23 6:30 Girl Scouts Jadyn Baum B'day	24 6:30 Chair Yoga	25 10:30 - Bible Study 6:30 -Beg. Yoga 7:00 Choir Rehearsal Jean Gardner B'day Marian Korup B'day	26	27
28 Annual Congregatlon Mtg.	29 Matthew Reynolds B'day	30 Sally Shaffer B'day Karl & Dolores Wilmers-Anniv.	31 6:30 Chair Yoga			

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Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

