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*God bless this new year
in which love overcomes.*

To all your family, parents, children, siblings, we wish a very Happy New Year hoping their goals would be reached with love and peace. May God always be present in your life

God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

Do not be afraid to face life.

This New Year has a lot of promises for us.

Trust God and everything will be fine.

True happiness is obtained through acts of kindness filled with love that we have for our loved ones, our friends and our neighbors.

We often don't realize the blessings showered on us by our Lord, but if we meditate in our hearts we will realize how greatly blessed we are.

Praying that you and your family have a happy and healthy New Year!



Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, January 30th, 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 17th to be available to the congregation on January 23rd 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 2021 to be shared with the congregation at our annual meeting on January 30th. Please help by getting your information in by January 16th. 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.



DOORSTEP

The year 2021 felt so busy that it just flew by... we have all continued to deal with COVID in some way in 2021, and it is still with us as we enter 2022! Doorstep continued to be blessed with donations and extra grant funds to help more people with rent and utility assistance. With our small staff of 4, which was only 3 for 6 months, we continue to rely heavily on our volunteers! At times we barely kept up with intakes and services; we certainly couldn't function without our loyal, dedicated volunteers! They stock the food room shelves and fill the orders, take in donations of clothing and household items, sort them, run the dryers, help the clients and restock the clothing room! We, again, have felt very blessed and supported by all of our donors, and the

community as a whole, as we try to help those in our community in need the best we can when they call upon our doorstep.

We will start 2022 by continuing with phone intakes for services, and appointments for the clothing room.

At this writing we currently distributing gifts, food and gift cards to our adopted households for Christmas. We adopted 260 households again this year from the Christmas Bureau with over 800 individuals. Once again our member congregations and community members stepped up and donated the items we needed, and money for the gift cards and food. We appreciate everyone who helped in whatever way they could to make Christmas nicer for those who were struggling during the holidays.

There will be no Operation Soup Line again this year. The Board decided not to have the event again until COVID was no longer a factor. We are continuing to focus on our 55th Anniversary year, and our Anniversary Fund to replace our HVAC system.

We will still proceed with SouperBowl Sunday, February 13th with the collection of soup and crackers to help stock our pantry! Please collect these items to bring to your congregation, or to Doorstep.

We cannot stress enough how thankful and blessed we feel to be so supported during another difficult year as we continue to help our neighbors in need the best way possible.

Lisa Cain, Executive Director



The Lunch Bunch met on December 15th at The Bar N Grill. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19th, at the Blue Moose., 3030 SW Wanamaker Rd., 11:30. Everyone is invited.

Officers To Be Installed



Church officers elected by the congregation on November 21st for the class of 2024 will be installed on January 30th during worship. They are Sharon McDaniels, Linda Ozaki and Stephanie Reynolds. All have been previously ordained. Thank you to these folks for agreeing to serve.

January Birthdays



Mary Jane Elder, January 2nd
Don Newman, January 3rd
Corinne Robinson, January 9th
Marguerite Newman, January 10th
Cheryl Kelly, January 10th
Jadyn Baum, January 23rd
Matthew Reynolds, January 29th



January Anniversaries

Brian and Jan McPherson, January 5th, 2006,

JANUARY 2022 LECTIONARY READINGS

Second Sunday of Christmas—January 2, Jeremiah 31:7–14; Psalm 147:12–20; Ephesians 1:3–14; John 1:(1–9) 10–18

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 9- Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16-Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 23- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 30-Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Communion- Holy Communion will be celebrated on January 2nd.



To add to the enjoyment of our Christmas Eve Service, AJ Jones and Alex Jones provided instrumental solos. AJ played “O Little Town of Bethlehem” as a violin solo as well as “What Child Is This” as a cello solo. Alex’s rendition of “O Come, All Ye Faithful” was on tenor sax. Both were accompanied by Francene Beall on the piano. Francene played a beautiful version of “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” and “Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head” along with many other musical offerings this Advent season. We are blessed to have such talent and thank them for sharing it with us!



Caring for our Members and Friends

Richmond and Sharon McDaniels, Dolores Wilmers Kathy Fuller, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Norm Schiesser, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Stephanie and Megan Reynolds, Ezra Krumalis, Jim and Kelly Carr, AJ Jones, Marlene Watson, Suzanne Liapis

Andy O'Neill), Jim O'Neill, Mark O'Neill, Rev. Mike Kuner, Evon Meyer, Sheila, Judy Morton, Jill Seidel Martin Cloutier and family, Pam Nigus



Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel who continue to serve, the hungry and the homeless.

Pray for peace and calm for our nation and our community. Continue to keep in your prayers those victims and families of the devastating tornados that ravaged the Midwest.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders that they may lead with wisdom and compassion.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-December 19, 2021

Present: Moderator-Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Claudia Hamer, Jan Rice, Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer, Charles Franks, Dianne Deuser, Janet Schiesser

Absent: Jo Ann Miller Linda Ozaki, Sharon McDaniels, Matthew Reynolds, Stephanie Reynolds,

Financial status is stable. All bills have been paid
Approved renewing Pastor Stacey's contract for the year 2022.

Recognized Dianne Deuser and Janet Schiesser for their service on session as their terms end at the end of this year.

Reviewed Manual of Operations which include by-laws, building use policy and youth protection policy. Mission statement and officers duties and responsibilities to be added

Membership roll reviewed. No changes made except removal of deaths.

Congregational Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers to be January 30th.

Annual Reports due January 16th.

Aggie O'Neill baked cookies which will be delivered to shut ins.

Adult Bible Study to resume January 9th, Fellowship Hall, 10:15.

Bill DeShazer elected as commissioner to Presbytery meetings for 2022.

Next Communion will be on January 2nd.

January 2022						
◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Mary Jane Elder B'day ((100))	3 Don Newman B'day	4	5 Brian & Jan McPherson Anniv.	6	7	8
9 Corinne Robinson B'day	10 Cheryl Kelly B'day Marguerite Newman B'day	11	12	13	14	15
16 Session Annual Reports due	17	18	19 11:30-Lunch Bunch-Blue Moose	20	21	22
23 Jadyn Baum B'day	24	25	26	27	28	29 Matthew Reynolds B'day
30 Annual Meeting Installation of Officers	31					

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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bible Study, Sunday, 10:15 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM**

