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Happy New Year! May God keep you and your family happy and healthy throughout the year.

New Year Wishes For All

May the Lord fulfil all your new year wishes. Have a blessed year.

May God's presence never leaves your heart. To each new chapter of your life, may the Lord grant you His grace and strength.

May His love keep you happy and healthy in this new year. May God live in your heart always.

May the blessings of God be poured into every aspect of your life. God bless you.

Praying that this year brings you happiness, joy, blessings and fulfillment in ways your heart could never have imagined!

May all of your dreams of the new year come true! Praying that this coming year brings you and your loved ones much joy and peace!

You can be sure that God's plan for you is the best. Through His grace, may your big dreams come true.

New years means a chance to learn something new and expand our vision. So let's be grateful and share the love and blessings of God.

Pray to God for a happy and prosperous year that is full of opportunities and strength!

May your faith provide you with peace and comfort in the new year! May the coming year bring you nothing but good fortune and glory. You must trust that God has a wonderful plan for you this year.

One of God's great blessings is the gift of a new year. May the new year bring you happiness. Thank God for all the blessings we have including our freedom to worship when and where we want, to thank God for allowing us to love, to care, and to in turn be loved by others.



Newly Ordained Elders

We had the pleasure of ordaining two new elders during our worship service on December 11th. Larry A. William and Susan Krehbiel William were welcomed to this position of leadership. Both are long-time members and we look forward to their continued service at St. Andrews.



Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, January 29th, after worship. Please plan to attend as we conduct the important business of the church.

Annual Reports

It's that time again! Attention all Session members and moderators of church organizations! Assembling the annual report material will begin soon. It needs to be done to be available for the congregation by January 22nd so it may be reviewed before the annual meeting on the 29th. If you currently moderate a session committee or other church organization, please write a report that summarizes your activities of 2022



to be shared with the congregation at our annual meeting on January 29th. Please help by getting your information in by January 15th or sooner. 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

Happy New Year! I think 2022 went by even faster than 2021 did, if that is possible. We had another busy year providing basic needs services to our neighbors in need with the help of our member congregations, and the community! There was still COVID funding available allowing us to provide additional rent assistance. We assisted with over \$185k in rent and nearly \$86k in utility assistance in 2022. Overall, we provided over \$325,000 in assistance with all of the basic needs services we offer.

We also exceeded our fundraising goal for the new HVAC system by spring, and the new system was installed this past fall!

Doorstep 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.

SouperBowl Sunday is February 12th and we will be asking our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help stock our pantry! Please collect these items to bring to your congregation, or to Doorstep.

I 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. Our volunteers are such a valuable resource, and we could not be open without their constant assistance! And, the support of our community as a whole when Doorstep is in need continues to be amazing!

We will start 2023 continuing with phone intakes for services, and appointments for the clothing room. Hopefully, we can return to in-person intakes some time during the year.

Lisa Cain, Executive Director

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

None this month.

JANUARY 2023 LECTIONARY READINGS

First Sunday of Christmas—January 1, 2023 Isaiah 63:7–9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10–18; Matthew 2:13–23

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 8 Isaiah 42:1–9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34–43; Matthew 3:13–17

Sunday, January 15 Isaiah 49:1–7; Psalm 40:1–11; 1 Corinthians 1:1–9; John 1:29–42

Sunday, January 22 Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 27:1, 4–9; 1 Corinthians 1:10–18; Matthew 4:12–23

Sunday, January 29 Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12

Communion- Holy Communion will be celebrated on January 1st.



Caring for our Members and Friends

Suzie Marker, Karen Beckley, Carmen’s father, the family of Fred Diaz, Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, AJ Jones

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.

Prayers for those suffering from the severe weather conditions, storms and tornadoes sweeping parts of the country; the victims of wars and violence. Pray for God’s peace in the midst of so much turmoil in this country and around the world.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders that they may promote unity, peace and justice for all.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-December 18, 2022



Session Meeting

[P] '24 Sharon McDaniels [A] '23 Betty DeShazer [P] '22 Dean Robinson
[P] '24 Linda Ozaki [P] '23 Bill DeShazer [A] '22 Matthew Reynolds
[P] '24 Stephanie Reynolds [P] '23 Charles Franks [A] '22 Jan Rice

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Balance in checking as of 11/30/22 - \$18,373.17

Pledge income - \$1,951.75

Non pledge income - \$1,050.00

Loose offering – \$1,563.00

Current Income - \$4,564.75; current expenses - \$5,665.87

January session meeting will be on the 8th.

Annual Reports due January 15th.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 29th following worship.

Special session meeting on Saturday, February 11th.

2023 per capita is \$35.75

We will have a soup luncheon on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th. Soup and crackers for Doorstep will be collected that day. More details later.

Communion will be observed on January 1, 2023.

◀ December		January 2023					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Communion	2 Mary Jane Elder – B'day	3 Don Newman B'day	4	5	6	7	
8 Session	9 Corinne Robinson B'day	10 Cheryl Kelly B'day Marguerite Newman B'day	11	12	13	14	
15 Annual Reports Due	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23 Jadyn Baum B'day	24	25	26	27	28	
29 Annual Meeting Matthew Reynolds B'day	30	31					

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Bible Study, Sunday, 10:15 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM**

