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St. Andrew's Vision Statement

In an ever-changing world, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church seeks to be a nurturing family of faith, welcoming all children of God with relevant and inspiring worship, prayer, music/song, fellowship, and education.

We are committed to ministries that:

- **encourage faithful discipleship and growth in faith**
- **reflect God's love and compassion in service to others**
- **extend hospitality of Christian inclusiveness**
- **celebrate diversity**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

January 2014

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Choir

Sunday - 9:30-9:50 a.m.
Children's Choir

Wednesday, January 1, 2014
New Year's Day!
Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 11, 2014
Epiphany Celebration /Pot Luck Dinner - 5-7pm in Nance Hall

Sunday, January 12, 2014
Baptism of the Lord!
Communion Sunday
Sunday School
10:45– Worship
11:45 – Fellowship

Sunday, January 12, 2014
Session Meeting after worship

Monday, January 20, 2014
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21, 2014
Friendship Class - 10:30 am

Sunday, January 26, 2014
Casserole Ministry 12-3 pm
Nance Hall

HAPPENINGS

January 2014

The Reverend's Jazz

It's hard to believe that 2013 is coming to a close. By the time that this edition of *Happenings* hits the press, many of us will be preparing for New Year's Eve and a new year. Yet there is another future celebration that I'd like to draw your attention to, here at St. Andrew's.

For a few years now we've been hosting an Epiphany Party in Nance Hall, sharing the event with First Presbyterian Church, Dallas. What's *Epiphany*, you ask? We remember the event of Jesus, God incarnate, being revealed to the Magi of the East. Many traditions refer to them as the Three Wise Men.

If you've never been to one of these parties, I strongly encourage you to make plans to be here. They are a lot of fun! And as incentive to mark Saturday, January 11th (5-7pm) on your calendar, I'm going to give a **"Top 10 Reasons to Attend Our Epiphany Party!"**

10. It's potluck. That means we'll get to eat good food, because we Presbyterians can cook!
9. It's family friendly. There are lots of arts and crafts offered for the children. They love this.
8. By attending this party we are reminded that we are part of a much larger, connectional Church.
7. Additionally, the good folks of First Presbyterian Church are extremely nice, fun, and they come and set everything up for us beforehand!
6. How many people in our society will actually attend an Epiphany party? Not many, I assure you. That means those who attend will be of the elite and will earn some serious "cool" points and street cred.
5. It's for charity! We're collecting diapers and wipes for Family Gateway. Knowing that we are extending the care of Christ to others only adds to the heart of the celebration.
4. One year I was asked to dress up as one of the wise men for a short skit. I know that me being dressed up as a wise man is a bit of an oxymoron, but it provided everyone a good laugh. If it happens again this year, you can come and laugh at my expense!
3. Did I mention that there will be some great food?
2. We're hosting this party. It would be a shame if we didn't have a good turnout on our end.
1. Last but not least, we sing carols, pray, and have a spirit of worship, remembering the importance of Christ in our lives. That should be reason enough for everyone to attend.

I pray each of you has a very blessed New Year! I'll see you at the party on the 11th.

— Rev. Rob Leischner

Welcome to our church!

We are very pleased to have had the Rev. Todd Collier and his family, Kim Nance, Daniel Torrez, Marlene Mallewick, Jessica Guzman, Katrina Kratzer, Daniel Torrez, Aleyia Warren, and Laurel Gilmore Smith with us during the month of December.

We truly hope you found our services meaningful and our people friendly. Our goal as a church is to extend our hand of hospitality and Christian inclusiveness in hopes of sharing the Love and Peace of God within and around our community.

January Birthday's!

Cole Anderson 1/8
John McRae 1/15
Mark Cason - 1/15
Zack Torrez - 1/19
Charlotte Kleinfelder 1/25

Please keep our session and elders in prayer as they convene in the church library on Sunday, January, 12th after worship for their monthly meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 21th at 10:30 a.m. Join us as we start off 2014 with Great fellowship and service to the community. A delicious lunch prepared by Charlotte Kleinfelder will be served! Hope to see you!

happy anniversary

James & Donna Maddux on January 21st

&

Cole & Suzanne Anderson on January 25th

Epiphany Celebration
Potluck Dinner

Journey with the Kings in search of the Christ Child!

Saturday,
January 11
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Nance hall

Celebrate with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and 1st Presbyterian Church Dallas the arrival of the kings to see the Christ Child with food, crafts and singing!

Join us for a Pot Luck Dinner at 5:00 pm. and bring a dish to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. There will be Epiphany crafts. Carol singing, a skit with the Kings, hot chocolate and s'mores!

This event is intergenerational fun and fellowship! Come spend a couple of hours in fellowship with folks of all ages. In honor of the Kings and Christ child, gifts of diapers and wipes will be collected to benefit Family Gateway Shelter.

Casserole Ministry!

Join us on Sunday, January 26th from 12-3 p.m. in Nance hall as we prepare this month's savory casserole to share with Interfaith Housing Coalition families.

Many thanks to all of you who give of your time and talents so generously to help make this ministry a blessing to so many! Happy New Year!