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Dear Friends,

We are in a new year, divinely filled with fresh hope and possibility. It is a time of beginnings. A seldom-sung selection in our hymnal preaches:

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

May this year be for you, for your family, for your loved ones, for our Church, for our Community, for our State, for our Nation, for all of God's creation, a year of hope, of possibilities, of new beginnings, of fresh paths. By the power of God and by the way established by Jesus, may it be a year of deeper compassion, of wider grace, of greater justice, of a more far-reaching vision.

God bless you and hold you close this day and in the year to come.

Grace, peace, and love in Christ,

Sarah



TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees (mostly Wendy Wolf and Sandra Leonard with the help of the Deacons and Frank Helman) have finished reviewing the Church By-Laws and will present our revisions at the Annual Meeting in January. We've also completed the updates of all other Church policies. Many thanks to Heather Lorrain who was central to this effort!

Most of our group has been trained on CPR and the AED and we've also been pursuing changes to our building and processes to increase safety and security at the Church. More to come at the Annual Meeting.

We enter December in great financial shape – about \$20k to the good on revenue and about \$20k to the good on expenses. Budget surplus will go to a few key initiatives. First, we're closing the Capital Campaign having met all commitments – including adding \$97k to the Investment Fund. Second – we've paid for the Remembrance Garden in full. Finally, we're investing in additional hardware to improve overall safety and security at the Church both during the week and during worship.

The Church Fair was a huge success this year – great turnout, great soup, and over \$6k in fundraising across all groups participating. It's hard to look at 2018 and not feel pretty blessed.

DEACONS REPORT

We are delighted that several new members have joined the congregation. Please welcome them!

Susan Taylor grew up in Farmington and now lives year-round at Ocean Point. Susan was a kindergarten teacher who is a hospice volunteer and enjoys gardening and boating. She and her husband, Paul, have four grown children and nine grandchildren.

Jean and Justin Smith visited Maine for years before settling here at St. Andrews Village. Justin ran a five-generation manufacturing business making garden tools and now enjoys woodworking. Jean was a nurse who loves cooking, reading and volunteers at the Thrift Shop. They have three children, ten grands and seven great-grandchildren.

Gloria and Jack Miller moved here from central New Jersey two years ago. After running a family-owned manufacturing business, Jack has pursued his passion for painting since he retired. Gloria is a quilter and a knitter and enjoys crafts of all kinds. They have two adult children and three grandchildren.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year!!

Sunday School January Calendar

- 1/6 Senior Sunday School Greeters and Senior Sunday School Special Guest Tom Dewey
- 1/13 We are voting on our Heifer animals to donate to Heifer International
- 1/20 FAMILY SUNDAY
- 1/27 Senior Sunday School Special Guest Tom Dewey

If you have any questions please contact Magen at congokids@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group Meetings in January

Jr. Highs & Sr. Highs

January 6th, 11:15ish AM

Leave from Church parking lot to **visit Lincoln County Animal Shelter**

Jr. Highs

January 20th, 11:15 AM

Go **Out for Lunch & Discussion**

Sr. Highs

January 20th, 4:00 PM

Bake Cookies for delivery to the homebound

Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad

2019 Adult Religious Ed Course Offering Begins Jan 6th

Dr. Mark W. Muesse, Chair of Religious Studies at Rhodes College, leads us in exploring the lives, times, and impact of four of the most influential persons in history. Examining them individually and comparatively, Professor Muesse attempts to grasp the essential features of their lives and teachings and to explore the factors that contributed to their greatness. The course will be facilitated by Betty and Ted Repa and begins with a ½ hour cd lecture followed by a ½ hour guided discussion. An optional course guidebook and transcript is available for purchase of \$20. We meet Sunday mornings in the library from 8:25 to 9:25 on the following dates:

1/6	Lecture 1	A Quartet of Sages
1/13	Lecture 2	Confucius's China
1/20	Lecture 3	Becoming a Sage
	Lecture 4	A Gentleman and a Scholar (8:00 AM & bring own coffee)
1/27	Lecture 5	Heaven and Earth
2/3	Lecture 6	Doing unto Others
2/10	Lecture 7	How to Rule a Kingdom
2/17	Lecture 8	What a Sage Does
2/24	Lecture 9	Confucius and Confucianism
3/3	Lecture 10	India at the Time of Buddha
3/10	Lecture 11	Siddhartha Gautama
3/17	Lecture 12	The First and Second Great Awakenings
3/24	Lecture 13	Knowing the World
3/31	Lecture 14	Can't Get No Satisfaction
4/7	Lecture 15	Getting to the Farther Shore
4/14	Lecture 16	How the Buddha Taught
	Lecture 17	The Buddha and Buddhism (8:00 AM & bring own coffee)
4/21	NO CLASS-EASTER SUNDAY	
4/28	Lecture 18	The Jewish and Roman Worlds of Jesus
5/5	Lecture 19	The Son of Mary
5/12	Lecture 20	The First 30 Years
5/19	Lecture 21	The Kingdom of God
5/26	Lecture 22	Back to the Future
6/2	Lecture 23	Jesus's Christology
9/8	Lecture 24	The Last Days in Jerusalem
9/15	Lecture 25	How Jesus Became Christ
9/22	Lecture 26	Arabia I the Days of Ignorance
9/29	Lecture 27	The Trustworthy One
10/6	Lecture 28	"I Am Only a Messenger"
10/13	Lecture 29	Madinah
10/20	Lecture 30	"There Is No God but al-Lah"
10/27	Lecture 31	The Ethics of Islam
11/3	Lecture 32	The Greater Jihad
11/10	Lecture 33	The Conquest of Makkah
11/17	Lecture 34	Their Lives Compared
	Lecture 35	Their Teachings Compared (8:00 AM & bring own coffee)
11/24	Lecture 36	Their Enduring Significance (8:00 AM with breakfast)

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



Women's Breakfast will be held at 8 AM on Tuesday, January 8th at Mama D's. Please sign up if you plan to attend. If you find that you are unable to attend, remove your name from the list by Sunday, January 6th or call Arlene Smith 633-2383.



Community LUNCH At St. Columba's

January 3rd is the first Thursday of the new year and also the day our church will sponsor the Community Lunch at St. Columba's Church. Hot soups, interesting breads, and finger food desserts will be served. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to see how you can help. New participation is always welcomed!



Omani Dinner Celebration and Fund-Raiser for the Al Amana Center

Sunday, January 27th 5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall
\$50 per person

Come join members of the Oman mission trip for an elegant Omani dinner and see a few of the beautiful photos taken on the journey. All funds will go to the Al Amana Center in Muscat, Oman. The Al Amana Center provides a Christian presence in Oman and organizes interfaith scripture study and conversation between Christians and Muslims.



CHRISTMAS FAIR RESULTS ARE IN!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the 2018 Christmas Fair a huge success!

Breakfast with Santa	\$233
Children's Crafts for Heifer	\$206
Choir Cookie Walk	\$572
Deacons' Baked Goods	\$501
Hospitality Luncheon	\$776
Jewelry Table	\$729
Missions Table	\$395
Missions for <i>Carpenter's Boat Shop</i>	\$406
Missions for <i>BRCRC Community</i>	
<i>Fuel Assistance</i>	\$1,520
Trustees Treasures	\$980
TOTAL	\$6318





January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED-HOLIDAY 6:45am Book & Meditation 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	2	3 11:30am Community Lunch 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 12pm Food Pantry	5
6 10am Worship 11:15 am Youth Groups to Lincoln County Animal Shelter	7	8 6:45am Book & Meditation 8am Women's Breakfast 12pm Food Pantry Meeting 5pm Trustees Meeting 5:30pm Committee Night 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	9 11:30am Gregory Wing	10 11:30am Community Lunch 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 12pm Food Pantry	12
13 10am Worship	14 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Pantry Stuffing 4:30pm Food Pantry	15 6:45am Book & Meditation 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	16	17 10am Befrienders Meeting 11:30am Community Lunch 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 12pm Food Pantry	19
20 10am Worship 11:15 am JR High to lunch 4 pm Sr Highs bake cookies for home-bound	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED	22 6:45am Book & Meditation 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	23	24 11:30am Community Lunch 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	25 12pm Food Pantry	26
27 10am Worship Annual Meeting 5:30 pm Omani Dinner Celebration and Fund-Raiser	28	29 6:45am Book & Meditation 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	30	31 11:30am Community Lunch 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal		



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LIVE on our website or channel 1301
for Spectrum subscribers.**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE **SUNDAYS 10 AM**

January 6	Epiphany Communion Oman Group Speaks
January 13	Guest Minister: Ken Bradsell (Sarah Foulger will be recovering from minor surgery)
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Local Mission Sunday <i>"Preaching the Checkbook"</i> Matthew 6:19-21 Family Sunday-No Sunday School
January 27	Annual Audio Video Sermon <i>Please send photos to sarahfoulger@gmail.com by January 10th</i>