



THE LIGHTHOUSE

August 2011

From the Pastor

Friends,

Summer is a great time for reading. I've been working through a number of books, some of which I was able to finish while away on study leave. The first two I list came to me from the Don Carey library, which Louise was kind enough to open to me recently, both of which I have always wanted to read but never got around to purchasing. The third book is one that took me a long time to get through, but which was worth the sustained effort. The fourth and final book is one that I bought for the plane trip to and from Princeton. It is a fun one that I had heard a lot about, but it is not for the faint of heart: only true, die-hard baseball fans will appreciate its attention to detail and statistical motherlode. But its devotion to America's pastime is enthralling! Some folks like to know what their pastor is reading, and so I recommend the following:

- (1) [The Closing of the Western Mind: The Rise of Faith and the Fall of Reason](#) by Charles Freeman. Vintage Books (2005). A fascinating analysis of the forces (including early Christianity) that shaped the pursuit of knowledge and the understanding of God throughout Western history. Particularly interesting is the convergence of political power and ecclesiastical influence beginning with Constantine in Rome. I had been aware of many of these events, but Freeman presents them with unusual clarity and insight.
- (2) [Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church](#) by Jack Rogers. Westminster/John Knox Press (2006). It is with pleasure that I recommend this incisive book by the person who recommended St. Andrew's to me over two years ago. Jack returned a call to me while he was on a layover in Chicago's O'Hare Airport after I had phoned him at home (his wife relayed

the message to him) asking about the potential strengths of a little church in Santa Barbara that I was considering serving. (He said you were awesome – I agree!). In his thorough study of the topic at hand, he provides scriptural insight and historical context to illumine the factors that have influenced how we hear the word "homosexuality" and the assumptions that are behind our understanding (or misunderstanding) of the term. If you are looking for a key to decipher this contentious topic, this book's for you.

- (3) [The Making of American Liberal Theology: Idealism, Realism, and Modernity, 1900-1950](#) by Gary Dorrien. Westminster/John Knox Press (2003). Dorrien is the Ann V. and Donald R. Parfet Distinguished Professor at Kalamazoo College. With a title like that, he deserves to be read! But aside from the title, his work is philosophically accessible and historically sharp. His book examines the personalities that shaped the movement toward (and finally away from) the American liberalism that dominated the first half of the 20th Century. Consider this quotation of Howard Thurman, a mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The religion of Jesus says to the disinherited, 'Love your enemy. Take the initiative in seeking ways by which you can have the experience of a common sharing of mutual worth and value. It may be hazardous, but you must do it.'" As I say, this book is a labor to get through, but if you like deep analysis, it may be your cup of tea!
- (4) [Men at Work: The Craft of Baseball](#) by George F. Will. Harper Paperback (2010). Will, well-known as a commentator for ABC, reveals his passion for the intricacies of the only sport played on a diamond, beginning his book by quoting Manager Tony La Russa on the game: "There's a lot of stuff goes on." And oh, what stuff! Will probes deep into the details of four aspects of the summer pastime: managing, fielding, hitting, and pitching. Sounds simple, right? But consider this statistic:

“A 90-mile-per-hour fastball that leaves a pitcher’s hand 55 feet from the plate is traveling 132 feet per second and will arrive in .4167 second. A change-up, or slow curve ball, loitering along at just 80 miles per hour travels 117.3 feet per second and will arrive in .4688 second. The difference is .052 of a second and is crucial.” If that kind of minutia intrigues you, you’ll like this book; if not, don’t swing at this pitch.

Also, ask me about a novel by Ivan Doig that I’m just about finished reading and I’ll tell you what I think of it. It reminds me of my days of living in Montana in the winter. Strange to read it in the summer, but it provides a unique contrast to what is happening just outside our windows.

I hope your reading is strengthening and broadening you as summer reaches toward fall and as God continues to reach out to you and me.

Peace and blessings,
Dr. B

St. Andrew’s Mission and Vision Statements

Guiding Our Ministries

Our Mission Statement

We worship together consistent with Reformed/Presbyterian tradition, while:

- ❖ Learning God’s Word and spreading the Gospel
- ❖ Supporting each member of our Church family
- ❖ Caring for others through mission and service throughout our community and the world

UPDATED VISION STATEMENT

God calls us and equips us by the Holy Spirit:

- ❖ To be a loving, connected family-in-faith of all ages,
- ❖ To affirm Christ’s teaching as the source of spiritual nourishment,
- ❖ To grow in discipleship, leadership and service,
- ❖ And to share the joy of God’s love with all.

FOCUS ON THE WORLD, by Harold Englund

Seeing our little children in church on Sunday is a highlight for me. It starts my memory working to recall my own childhood. And memory is a funny thing. It's more than just a data base because it records feelings, fears, friendships, as well as facts. It can also be highly edited, dropping pages we'd rather not recall and coming up 3D with things scary or funny.

I remember spending a day with my sister in Sacramento. We shared the same early years in Eureka in Humboldt County, yet how differently we remembered them! Things important to her scarcely registered on my mental tape, and vice versa. Every child has a right to certain "classified information" that nobody else knows.

My neighborhood buddy across the street used to play with me a kind of tag using our shingled rooftop, and we would jump back and forth across the space leading to our neighbor's roof, not noticing that there was a picket fence below separating the two properties. Luckily, our neighbor noticed, and my Dad kyboshed this fun sport promptly.

We also used to "borrow" an available rowboat with oars left handy and explore the islands in Humboldt Bay. We couldn't swim, but then we didn't need to. We collected buried Indian arrowheads and other artifacts and sold the good ones to our library which had a collection.

Our neighborhood was a small child's world. Everybody knew all the children. And we kids knew all the news and reported it freely. Summer evenings found us all on our graveled streets bounded by wooden sidewalks playing kick-the-can, or hide-and-seek, or some brand of ball. Girls and boys mixed in this pre-junior high society, while older kids used the school playground. Then, one famous day, one of us was given a bicycle, and before long, we all had bikes, and our world grew a hundred-fold!

I suppose there was crime here and there, but we never heard of it. Doors were never locked. Dogs of all sorts kept surveillance. Only when an Indian from a reservation with a bit too much alcohol in him killed someone in a fight did Sheriff Ross round a posse to beat the bushes and look for the miscreant. It was even more exciting when a large lumber yard burned, and every kid with a bicycle was on hand to watch. Somehow our teachers understood why we were not in school.

Childhood memories are precious. So much was actually going on, and so unobtrusively, so unconsciously: winning bits of freedom from parental oversight, learning about animals, about girls, about money. Slingshot practice down in the big gulch with tan cans perched on stumps, the slingshots later replaced by BB guns. Attempts at home-made cigarettes using curled bits of madrone bark, or pine needles wrapped in toilet paper. "Not a cough in a carload?" Just the opposite, but the coughs were also the cure!

Memorial Day parades with flags flying and the VFW and American Legion marching past trying to fit into their old uniforms. I remember seeing an ancient Civil War veteran riding in an open car. Had he worn "blue" or "grey?" In the 1920's, no one thought to ask!

Are our children, our grand-children, building their fund of memories linked to their neighborhoods and to their church? My guess is that they are. And are some of us ancient ones a small part of their mental tapes? I hope so. And when we see the results of our Vacation Church School, or when we see the little ones working with Julie and others up front every Sunday, They will have much to share later on.

Even God has a great memory. But it's not really complete! How so? The Psalmist says that God accepts our honest pleas of "Sorry!" and chooses to remember our sins no more. What an editing job that must be! And what a loving Editor!

Happy summertime, "When the livin' is easy."

Meditation for August

Lord, I am no hero, I have been careless,
cowardly, sometimes all but mutinous.
Punishment I have deserved, I deny it not. But a
traitor I have never been; a deserter I have
never been. I have tried to fight on Thy side in
Thy battle against evil.

I have tried to do the duty which lay nearest me;
and to leave whatever Thou didst commit to my
charge a little better than I found it.

I have not been good, but at least I have tried to
be good. Take the will for the deed, good Lord.

Strike not my unworthy name off the roll-call...
even though I stand lowest and last upon the
list.

Charles Kingsley

August Mariners

Windjammers

Hosts: Dayle & Bob Rinker
Day and time to be announced



Outriggers:

Host needed.

Novel Book Club



The Novel Book Club is reading "Best Friends Forever,"
by Jennifer Weiner, for our summer read on August
13, 2011. We meet in the Vos Room at 10:00a.m.
Please come and take part in a lively discussion. The
book is available in paperback.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held August 1-5, 9a-12noon and on Sunday, August 7, at
9:30a.m. the musical play "No Doubt About It," will be preformed
during the Sunday morning worship service.



2011 Presbytery Meetings

- September 24 – Nipomo, Community Presbyterian
- November 1-
First Presbyterian,
Santa Barbara



Konrad Kono in Concert

- Save the date: Saturday, October 15.
- Concert at the Lobero Theatre.
- Contact Edie Wells for ticket information.



9/11 Tenth Anniversary Special Worship Service

This year is the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, and the date will be on a Sunday. The Worship Design Team is planning a special worship service to memorialize the events, focusing on God's loving presence, care, help and healing through such difficult times. Examples may include stories of survivors and their families, first responders and others who have experienced loss and challenges and have persevered and moved forward.

We need your help. Do you have a story to share of how 9/11 has impacted you, from personal experience, or from friends, family members, co-workers, or others? Are there any images, music or symbols that you would appreciate being incorporated in the 9/11 remembrance service? If so, please come to the next Worship Design Team meeting on Sunday, August 14th at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, or email Margaret at the church office, msiadal@standrewspcusa.org All ideas are welcome and appreciated.



BEACH BBQ LUNCH, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 12NOON GOLETA BEACH

Our next joint activity with Goleta Presbyterian Church will be a BBQ Lunch at Goleta Beach Park on *Sunday, August 28, 12noon*. The cost is \$5 per person. Sign up with Bev Ford during coffee fellowship time on Sunday morning or call the church office.



ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL & MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 5, 6:30p.m.
Movie: "*Rango*" at 7p.m.



Celebrate a beautiful summer evening with ice cream sundaes and all the fixings, followed by a new animated film, "*Rango*," with an environmental focus for the entire family. Enjoy a dish of ice cream, or build your own extravagant sundae, all for \$2.00!!

Sign up during coffee fellowship time with Bev Ford, or call the church office.





**afternoon fun
with music**
Tuesdays at St. Andrew's
3:30-5:00 pm
September 6 - December 20



THE KONO KIDS OF ST. ANDREW'S

Sign up now for Fall 2011. Konrad Kono leads children in grades K- 6 in 90 minutes of music and fun – singing, games and activities. Community performances highlight the year. Cost - \$50 per month. For a flier and registration form, call the church office or click on this link:

http://www.standrewspcusa.org/pdf/churchnews_konokids-fall2011.pdf

MISSION COWORKERS

Would you like to know more about HIV/AIDS prevention in South Africa? Or are you interested in how seminaries are preparing pastors in Colombia? Than you want to learn more about the two mission coworkers that St. Andrew's has been supporting.

Rev. Janet Guyer is an AIDS/HIV consultant in South Africa, where she works with congregations and broader communities in South Africa, as well as in Malawi and Zambia. Since 2002, Janet has been serving churches in South Africa.

Rev. Alice Winters is on the faculty in the School of Theology of the Reformed University of Colombia where she teaches future pastors, not only for her city of Barranquilla, but also for churches in villages throughout the area.

Your offerings each month help St. Andrew's contribute to the support of these two mission coworkers. You can learn more about them, and read letters from each of them by checking the "Mission Connection" website of the General Assembly Mission Council.

(<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/find-mission-worker/>)

Cheri Larsen-Hoeckley

GARDEN GIFTS

during coffee hour this summer, we will be sharing gifts from our gardens.

Sunday mornings we will have a table with baskets to fill with items that you wish to share with the congregation. These could include citrus, vegetables, fruits, plants, succulent cuttings, flowers, herbs, etc.

Everyone is welcome to take what they need and share in God's bounty. Any leftovers will be donated to the food bank or given to those in need.



PYF IN FOCUS >>>> On ChristOn Family.....***On Fellowship.....******On Friendship....On Faithful Service*****PYF AUGUST EVENTS**

- **Sunday, August 14th, 6:00 – 8:00PM** – Meet at Giovanni’s Pizza on the Mesa and head over to Mesa Park for dinner, fun, and “bon voyage” to Jenna for her semester abroad in Ireland.
- **Thursday, August 18th, 6:00 – 8:30PM.** *Beatles Tribute Band* concert at Chase Palm Park. Gather at the Park. Bring your lawn chair, picnic and blankets.
- **Sunday, August 28th, 12:00 – 3:00PM** – All church Goleta Beach BBQ with Goleta Presbyterian Church. Activities, games, lunch & more. Youth from St. Andrew’s and GPC are especially invited.

FALL PREVIEW...

- **Sunday, September 11th, 6:00 – 8:00PM** – Fall Kickoff Potluck Dinner with Dr. B and Parent Meeting.
- **Saturday, September 17th, 8:00AM – 1:00PM** – United Way Day of Caring – *The youth invite everyone from the Congregation to participate with us in this community-wide mission and service activity.*
- **Sunday, September 18th, 6:00 – 8:00PM** – Dinner and Games at the Church
- **Sunday, September 25th, 6:00 – 8:00PM** – Zodo’s Bowling
- **Sunday, October 2nd, 6:00 – 8:00PM** – Family Night at the Church
- **SAVE THE DATE: Fall Retreat at Camp Ocean Pines with Dr. B and Anita** – Friday, November 18th – Sunday, November 20th.

**FAMILY FUN FAIRE 2011**

VIEW A VIDEO OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY FUN FAIRE, created by Dave Sommers. Click on this link to see the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uy1llpv8DyI>



August 2011

	1 9a-12n VBS 7p AA Grateful Group	2 9a-12n VBS 6:30p Men's Bible Study-Mulligan's	3 6:45a Men's Bible Study-Cody's 9a-12n VBS 6:30p Ministerios Llama Final 7p AA Success	4 9a-12n VBS	5 9a-12n VBS 6:30p Ice Cream Social & Movie Night	6 1p Watercolor Painting 6:30p Ministerios Llama Final
7 9:30a Worship/ Communion 10:30a Coffee	8 1p Writing Group 7p AA Grateful Group	9 6p Youth Committee 6:30p Men's Bible Study-Mulligan's 7p Children's Ministry	10 6:45a Men's Bible Study-Cody's 6:30p Ministerios Llama Final 7p AA Success	11 7p Finance Committee	12	13 10a Novel Book Club 1p Watercolor Painting 6:30p Ministerios Llama Final
14 9:30a Worship 9:45a Church School 10:30a Coffee 10:45a Worship Design Team 6p PYF Giovanni's Pizza	15 7p AA Grateful Group	16 6:15p Session Dinner 6:30p Men's Bible Study-Mulligan's 7p Session	17 6:45a Men's Bible Study-Cody's 6:30p Adult Ed. Coomm. 6:30p Ministerios Llama Final 7p AA Success	18 6p PYF Chase Palm Park 7p Mission Committee	19 6p Serve Dinner at Transition House	20 8:30a Building & Grounds 9a Work Day 1p Watercolor Painting 6:30p Ministerios Llama Final
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Church Work Day Saturday, August 20th, 9a-12n



PYF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY - - Casa Esperanza

St. Andrew's Youth enjoyed a month of fun gathering, fellowship, and service. On July 16, 2011 the youth came together to serve dinner for the homeless at Casa Esperanza homeless shelter from 5:00-7:00pm. The youth arrived and awaited guidance by the Casa Esperanza staff and placed hairnets on their head, reluctantly I might add, and aprons and gloves on as they prepared to serve dinner. Upon patiently waiting in the kitchen for assistance, a homeless man entered and began to speak to the youth about his struggles and tribulations. The youth listened intently to the kind man's words as he communicated a message that was not one of sadness or resentment due to his troubled life but a message of light and hope as he told us how he's managed to find comfort and joy through God's love for him. The kind man told us how thankful he was for this special place that serves him dinner every night and thanks God for the wonderful life he's led so far. His momentary engagement with the youth was only the beginning of the enlightening and fulfilling experience that we all enjoyed as dinner servers at Casa Esperanza.

As the night continued, the youth picked up the metal spoons and released the pans of food that were covered with plastic wrap to keep them hot. As the residents or guests of Casa Esperanza began to walk down the line the youth and I were confronted with people from all walks of life: some young, some old, men, women, children, even mothers with toddlers, full families, and of all races and all backgrounds. It became apparent to me how a kind smile and simple "How are you doing tonight?" from the youth clearly lifted the spirits of each of these guests. As we served them dinner, each walked away from the food line with an appreciative "thank you for being here tonight and serving us". As I stood and watched the youth serve dinner to the homeless, listened to the dialogue, and observed the people around us, it became apparent to me how despite their unfortunate and troubled situations, the warm food and generous hospitality brought them great joy. All in all, this experience of being able to serve the homeless and do God's work was, to say the least, a great experience for our youth. It was a tremendous learning experience. We all left wishing we could stay longer and are looking forward to our next visit.

-Jenna Raspanti,
PYF Youth Leader



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BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED IN AUGUST

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| 01 - Terry DiMizio, | 23 - Shane Kadlec |
| James Padden-Rubin | 24 - Frances Connors, |
| 02 - David Ristig | Pam Cary |
| 03 - Greg Major-Blascovich | 25 - Connor Dorais, |
| Brandon Gonzalez, | Corinne Dorais, |
| 04 - Margaret Gray, | Beau Henderson, |
| Barbara Hughes | Andrew Lefley |
| 07 - Joshua Acuna | 26 - Barbara Henry, |
| 08 - Willy Hughes, | Vern Lewis, |
| Zoe Marshall-Smith | Kathy Becker |
| 16 - Jaime Gilmour, | 28 - William Oakley |
| Cheri Larsen-Hoeckley, | 30 - Lisa Moore, |
| Caroline Montgomery | Nicole Dobrotin |
| 18 - William Wise | |
| 19 - Cindy Bowers | |
| 21 - Brenda Major | |
| 22 - Robert Allbright | |



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