

# Fire From The Bush



St. Andrew's

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BECOMING WHOLE IN JESUS CHRIST

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## Minister's Message

By: Dana Benson, Minister

### **Practicing our Faith - Together**

My message for this edition of Fire From the Bush is intended to offer some follow-up summary comments arising from our summer sermon series on the Spiritual Disciplines. Through the weeks of July, we explored several Spiritual Disciplines: *practices which are intended to deepen our relationship with God and transform us more into the image of Christ being renewed in each one of us by the power of the Holy Spirit.* While these practices are ancient, they have always served God's people well, and are vital in transforming our own lives toward a more vital and vibrant spirituality, a renewed identity in Christ, and as witnesses to God's work in our lives and community.

We explored the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, scripture intake, silence and solitude, and fasting, and we were all challenged to commit ourselves to being more intentional about developing these aspects of our Christian lives for the purpose of godliness: growing closer to God and conforming more to Christ Jesus. These practices, and others that we didn't address (the practices of hospitality, service, evangelism, doing justice, friendship, stewardship, learning, etc.), form the basis for a way of Christian life that is not only transformative for us personally, but can also lead to significant renewal and revitalization within our congregation.

The Christian life is lived in a reciprocal kind of way with respect to public worship and personal discipleship. Without constant attention to our daily growth as disciples of Jesus, our worship can become shallow. When we are intentional about cultivating

our relationship with God and with becoming more attuned to how God is working in our lives, our public worship then reflects that growth and our collective experience in worship is much more vibrant. Likewise, if we don't pay careful attention to responding to God's goodness and participating in the loving relationship shared between Father and Son through the Holy Spirit (which is what we do in worship), we may become uninspired to pursue God's holiness and purposes in our personal daily lives. Our practices in public worship and daily discipleship are complementary, and together they work to help all of us grow into the holy temple that God is creating among us.

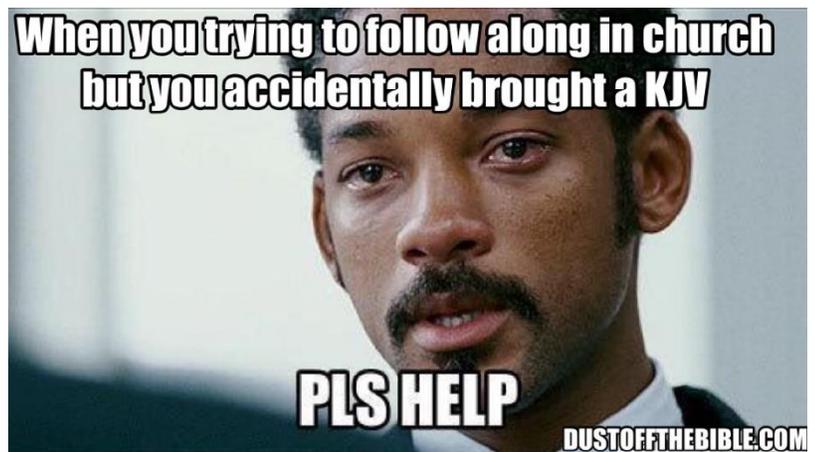
Another benefit to ensuring that the connection between discipleship and corporate worship (worshiping together as the body of Christ) is strong is that it is in the context of the community of faith that our faith is strengthened and stretched. As we become more intentional about practicing habits that help our relationship with God to grow, we are then more attuned to see what God is doing and how the Spirit is transforming us. As we share that growth with others in the context of the community of faith, others are encouraged and strengthened. The result is a more vibrant worshiping community of faith! And a new, revitalized, equipped, and empowered way of life that participates in God's ongoing work of reconciling all things to himself through Jesus Christ with devotion and faithfulness. Let's grow together in our faith, as we practice it more intentionally this fall!

Grace and peace to you all.

## Fall Worship Schedule

Beginning September 10th, we will return to our “regular” worship schedule with services at 9am & 10:30am. We will celebrate **communion** at both services on October 1st, 2017.

St. Andrew’s will be participating in **Owen Sound’s Christian Celebration Service of Worship on September 10th @ 5pm at St. Mary’s**. This event will be a part of the way Owen Sound celebrates Canada’s 150th and is sponsored by the Owen Sound and Vicinity Ministerial Association. There will be a worship service led by several of our community churches (including St. Andrew’s), the Salvation Army Band, and a Bouncy Castle! Please come and join us as we celebrate our common Christian faith *together!*



## Statistics/New Members:

Baptisms: Agnes Stephen

New Members: Barb and Rick Fawcett

Deaths: May Clark, David Gillies, Lloyd Mervyn, John Fleming, Ken Robinson, Shirley Cunningham

## Choir

The choir is taking a break for the summer but it will resume again in September. New members are always welcome. No experience is necessary and we will teach you everything that you will need to know. Rehearsals this year will be Sundays at 9:45 and Sundays for one hour following the service. We would be happy to welcome anyone who loves to sing and worship God with music. Please consider joining us.

Please speak to Matthew Allard or call Laurie James at 519-371-0063



## Small Groups

*By: Dick Hibma, Small Group Leader*

The purpose of Small Groups is to encourage faith development in a small community of believers seeking a deeper relationship with God and with one another, growing in faith, in developing their gifts, and in seeking ways of service as disciples of Christ.

The Small Group which met on Sunday evenings through 2016/17 wrapped up in early April this past spring, having completed a 6-lesson study by Ray Vander Laan called Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not of it. This was the second study of 12 by this author that the group participated in. There was a commitment to start up again on Sunday evenings in the fall with a date yet to be determined. We share social time and video time and then one of the group facilitates full involvement in the discussions to encourage growth in relationships and leadership opportunities as we learn and grow in our understanding of the Scriptures. We then close with a time of sharing blessings and concerns through prayer.

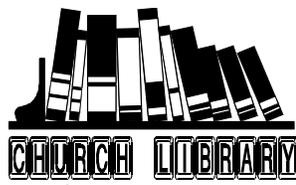
We are always open to additional members. We want to expand this practice of Small Groups here in St. Andrew's, so we invite you to consider if you might be interested in becoming involved. We can provide assistance in getting a group or groups started, and training can be provided to develop leaders for the groups. If you want to know more about Small Groups speak to Ruth Barwell, Dick or Sandra Lee Hibma, David Kirkpatrick, or Craig Breen. Then talk to your friends, or someone you might want to get to know better, about getting together. It might change your life.

## Library

By: *Dee Renaud, Librarian*

### Church Libraries Survey

In the fall of 2016, I filled out a survey that was sent to 300 churches across Canada asking a variety of questions about collections, location and circumstance. Ninety-six churches responded.

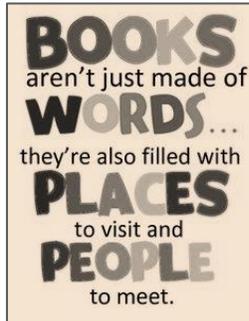


### **About your Church**

- The oldest congregation in the study was established in 1792, and the youngest in 2011.
- 81% of respondents were from Ontario, 14.6% from BC, 2% from Alberta, and 1 from Quebec, who unfortunately did not have a church library.
- Membership in churches ranged from less than 50 (2) to over 500 (13) with one church commenting that they get over 1800 people most Sundays.

### **Your Church Library Collection**

- Many Church libraries are in rooms that serve more than one purpose 39%, with a dedicated room the next most chosen 36%. Seven libraries reported different rooms for children's and adult materials.
- Collection size ranged from fewer than 100 1% in a brand-new library to the largest at 10,000 items. Twenty-one churches reported collections over 3,000 items, but most churches 55% held between 1001-3000 items.
- Not surprisingly church library book collections largely included non-fiction, reference, children's, adult and teen fiction over 80%, with the most common type being non-fiction 95%. Ninety percent of respondents included DVD's in their collection and half reported holding audio or MP3 materials. Other types of materials were less commonly found with less than half reporting magazines 43%, sermons 33%, maps and pictures 19%, games 9%, and only 3 respondents said they had tablets.
- The most frequently borrowed material reported was adult fiction 62%, and DVD's 51%. Non-fiction 42% was mostly occasionally borrowed, and Reference 43% reported being rarely borrowed probably due to its very nature. Children's material matched closely between most frequently 33% and occasionally 34%, and Teen fiction was closely split three ways; 24% occasionally, 25% sometimes and 25% rarely.
- Donations of materials are widely accepted 96%, however most libraries are not largely made up of donated materials 69%.



- Most libraries use some sort of software to help them track items 70%. Aside from the 60% who use Resource Mate, the rest are split between other software programs- Excel 12%, Access 9%, Library Thing 9%, Power Church 5%, Concourse 3%, and other 8%.

### **Your Church Library and it's use**

- Most church libraries are run by one or two volunteers 54%, with committees of 3 or more being the next most frequently found 39%. Four percent of respondents had paid church staff do most of the selection, weeding and publicity. Only one library had a paid professional librarian do most of the work while another paid professional helped a different library with selection. Three libraries said no one manages, weeds or promotes their library, and five made use of student volunteers.
- While 8 libraries in our study had no formal annual budget, most had \$500 and under 39%. 26% had a budget of \$1,000 or more and 10% had over \$2,000.
- The question of who can borrow brought up some very interesting differences among the 78 responses to this question. The library in the oldest church in the study is understandably strictly reference only, so it is not included in the following data.
- Rather than counting and reporting the numbers who do allow different borrowers, we looked at where each church stops allowing borrowing to get a view of how restricted or open they might be. 17 churches 22% allowed only congregation members to borrow materials, 18% allowed congregation and friends, most churches in our study allowed anyone who uses the church to borrow 58%, and only 19% churches allow the general public. Some libraries allowed researchers, and one mentioned allowing registered ESL students partnered with church member teachers.
  - Most church libraries allow borrowing on an honour system 68%, but 12% specifically mentioned that people should sign the books out.
- Not surprisingly, most church library catalogs are **not** available online 81%, but a full 19% are, which is quite exciting to anyone researching in this area.
- 99% of church libraries relied heavily on word of mouth publicity (and felt it was very effective), followed closely by write-ups in church bulletins 91% did this and found it somewhat effective). Over a third of respondents used a bulletin board 39%, 44% created a new book list, and 32% put reviews in various church publications. Only fifteen libraries 16% reported using social media for publicity, but almost half of those who did 46% felt it was somewhat effective.

## **Busch-Leflar Bursary Applications**

Please note that the Busch-Leflar Bursary Applications are due September 4, 2017. This bursary is open to any member or adherent of St. Andrew's who is pursuing a post-secondary education. For more information or to pick up an application form, please contact the church office.



## **Sunday School**

*By: Pat Bell*

We continue to welcome any child who attends Worship on Sunday morning to our Sunday School. This summer as we meet for Worship at 9:30, we have one class. Our focus has been the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles. Two times of Worship will resume on September 10, 2017. Again, Sunday School will be offered at 9 am. And 10:30 am. We begin our yearly tour through the Bible with the Creation Story in the fall.

## **Ladies Bible Study**

**Monday Morning 9:30**

The group begins to meet again after our summer recess on September 11th. Please join us anytime! We make newcomers very welcome.

First this fall, the group will complete "Discovering the Joy of Jesus", a study of Philippians. Later in September we start a study of Proverbs. Each session opens with coffee, conversation and prayer. Please come.

## **Vacation Bible School (VBS) – July 24th to 29th, 2017**

*By: Pat Bell*

- Twenty-one campers, ages 4 to 12, attended our full-day VBS this year.
- Program was led by three young adult staff from Camp Kintail our synod's Presbyterian Camp north of Goderich under the banner "Kintail on the Road".
- There was lots of fun. Energetic songs, games, crafts and co-operative challenges happened.
- Faith Learning and Sharing (FLASH) lessons had the theme "The Jesus Way" which included Loaves & Fishes, Forgiving, Loving Others, Serving Humbly and Praying.
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities kept the campers enthralled. Floating boats and working catapults were built. A non-Newtonian liquid, corn starch suspension was found solid when pressed with a spoon and liquid when it dripped from the same spoon. Rockets fueled by baking soda and vinegar mixtures were built and observed.
- Two lab coated scientists arrived each day to show us about living "The Jesus Way".
- Amazing snacks were served to match each day's theme.
- VBS was a noisy success!



## **Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study**

*By: Dee Renaud*

Your faith matters to God! Imagine how differently you would respond to life if you knew with unshakeable confidence that God was with you.

*Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith* by Andy Stanley is an exciting small group bible study that establishes the biblical case for five things God uses to grow an unshakable faith in you.

Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good.

In this new 6 week, small group bible study, Andy Stanley builds a biblical case for five things God uses to grow BIG faith.

Sessions include:

1. Big Faith
2. Practical Teaching
3. Providential Relationships
4. Private Disciplines
5. Personal Ministry
6. Pivotal Circumstances

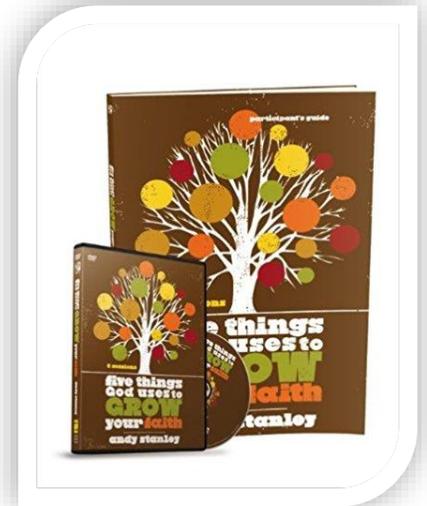
When: Starting Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Where: Judy Young Room

Time: 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Who: Everyone is welcome!

Contact Ed or Dee Renaud for more information, 519-422-2616.



## **Personnel**

*By: Dick Hibma, Personnel Committee Chair*

The face of St. Andrew's in the community continues to change over the recent months with the departure of Erika Mills during the spring. Erika had been leading and developing the musical elements of our Sundays at 9 worship services, until an opportunity in ministry presented itself to her. We thank Erika for her work with us, and ask God's blessings on her as she answers His call on her life for further ministry in other fields and pastures. With Erika's departure, Paul Curley has stepped up to assume leadership of the team, and we are thankful for the growth in him, his growing confidence, and his voice in these worship services. Paul and Matthew Allard, our Director of Music, are collaborating throughout the summer to ensure that our musical worship is led and accompanied in meaningful ways.

Around the office, you will all be aware that Nancy Robinson has experienced a profound loss in her life with the passing of her husband, Ken. Her role as our Administrative Assistant is being covered through additional hours by both Mary Wyrzykowski and Heather Wiebe, and we will be taking some time to consider how best to address the various duties and responsibilities of the day to day functioning of St. Andrew's.

We'd ask for your prayers and support for each of these people as they provide their service to us as the congregation, as well as all those who pass through the doors of our church.



## **FREEDOM ROAD**

*By Steve Bell —on having read the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*

Treaty people know from history  
The path of freedom teaches us this wisdom:  
Ironically, we're only free to be  
When we've committed to another's freedom  
A curse, conversely, falls on those who wend  
A selfish way, betray a trust forsaken  
For covenant is holy and extends  
Till all has been restored that once was taken  
The narrow way, the strait of the Great Spirit  
The way the ancients knew the meaning of  
Our better angels know we need not fear it  
The best of angels speak the truth of love:

*We'll come to see the healing of the nation's  
When first we learn, and live our declarations.*

*(\*thank you to Malcolm Guide for reading the poem and offering great suggestions for its improvement)*

## **Congregational Visiting Nurse**

*By: Bev Wilkins, R.N., W.I.P*

In June I chose to attend the week-long workshop in Colorado given by Dr. Alan Wolfeld author of over 70 books on grief and bereavement. He is the director of the Center for Loss and Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado. For over 40 years this gentle man has been immersed in the field of grief and loss. His father placed him in a group session with Dr. Kubler-Ross when he was only 19 years old to study along with one of the pioneer enlightened people in the field. He now lectures all around the world on the difference between grief and mourning along with such other gems as making sure that we hear the other soul...not just inject our supposed academic wisdom. Every person's grief is personal and their own. We must walk with them and really hear them. I humbly sat and learned more in the realm of "companionship" with another soul on whatever journey they are on and honour his healing wisdom. [www.centerforloss.com](http://www.centerforloss.com). In our own faith community, we have all gone through the deaths and funerals of many who have been close to us. One couple in recent weeks had planned out the whole funeral. Over the past years, they had both agreed on certain principles to be followed whichever one of them had to leave first. Cremation or burial, what kind of a service, music choices and venue. Also in the discussion were the principles of no excess pain and would the legislation be in place for an assisted death if it was appropriate and within the parameters of eligibility. The resultant serenity of these decisions already being in place was most notable. Add into this mix an unwavering faith that the Light of Heaven would open up and welcome you home with Jesus added the extra bonus of a very smooth painless death and exit. Bottom line.... we will all die. What a great relief to have the plan in place. Have those important conversations with your spouse, your children and resolve those old family feuds. Get things in order. Save your loved ones a lot of anxiety. **PLAN YOUR EXIT STRATEGY.** Some valuable web sites are available on funeral planning, questions to fill out, talk to your funeral director ahead of time, maybe prepay and save another inflationary cost. If you wish to know the rules of assisted death, they are very clear and legal on a site for Medically Assistance in Dying or the "MAID Program" as it is known in medical circles. Another valuable site is [www.dyingwithdignity.ca](http://www.dyingwithdignity.ca)

Please take a look and get your plan in place. It is one of the kindest things you can do for your family. If you need a mediator give me a call. I can help you. 519-376-5335 Love and Light



## STAQOS Report

By: Janet Price

The St. Andrew's Quilters, Owen Sound, can be found most Wednesdays in the Chapel, from 9:00 am to about 2:30. We do stop for morning coffee, and we bring our lunch.

Additional helpers are always welcome. If you are a novice quilter, we will teach you the needle-rocking technique on a small project of your own choice, and when you feel confident with your skills, you will be welcome to join us at the big quilt. Come for the fellowship as you practice your skills.

If you like to sew but not necessarily quilt, perhaps you would enjoy joining us for a work day (more realistically it's a play day) when we get together and sew on projects for Harvest Happening. This year it is quilted bags, snack mats (mini placemats with a pocket) and snarfs. What's a snarf? Come and find out! Watch the church bulletin for 'sew days.'

Check out the St. Andrew's website for pictures of our happy group!

If you have a quilt top that you would like to have quilted, or questions about the 'sew days' feel free to call me for details. 519-376-6581

## Fourth Friday

By: Maureen McLaren

There are some changes to the schedule you need to be aware of.

September 22, not 29<sup>th</sup>

March 23, not 30<sup>th</sup>

June 22, not 29<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up at the office to help with table decorations.

September 22	Celebrate With Us
October 27	Fluoride & Your Health <i>with Jennifer Marlett</i>
November 24	Carols <i>With Marianne Ford</i>
January 26	Tripping Through India <i>with Wayne &amp; Sandra Richardson</i>
February 23	Food Grain Bank with Henry Reinders
March 23	Author and Musician <i>Rob Ritchie</i>
April 27	Victorian Styles <i>with Wendy Tomlinson</i>
May 25	South West Local Health Integration Network <i>with Jacqueline Doummar</i>
June 22	Musical Trio <i>with Marianne Ford, Laurie James, Bruce Price</i>



## **Property and Maintenance**

*By: David Kirkpatrick, Head of Property and Maintenance*

### **Full Access Washroom**

A new washroom has been completed which will allow for handicapped access. It was deemed necessary as all future improvements to the church building that require a building permit would require a fully accessible washroom within the church. The project which was started by Ken Robinson, included arranging for an architect and contractor. At the point when a building permit was to be obtained he was diagnosed with cancer. I was approached to take over Ken's duties at that point. The project was completed and functional in early July and included changes to the office area, moving of the coat hangers and adjustments to the Janitorial storage room.

This project was entirely financed by the donation from the Ann Nash estate. When you get a chance, take a look inside. The door is locked but just push the button to the right. If it is occupied a light above the door will be on.

**What two things can you never eat before breakfast?**

**I cover what's real; hide what is true, but sometimes bring out the courage in you. What am I?**

**Two men walk into a bar. One man orders H<sub>2</sub>O. the other says "I'll have H<sub>2</sub>O, too." The Second man dies**

### **Sandwich Makers**

*By: Joan Burlington*

Our group is still making 8 loaves of sandwiches for Union Place (Canadian Mental Health drop-in brunch program). Our most needed items are bread and canned meat or money to take advantage of sales!

We all thank you for your donations.

### **Pantry**

*By: Mary Wyrzykowski, Reception*

Thanks to Brenda Nelson our new Pantry Buyer we have had a large variety of items to offer the public. Recipients are always very grateful and often come with interesting stories

along with some struggles. It is such a blessing to have this service available. We get, on average, 5-10 people coming to use the Pantry a week, sometimes even 5 in one day! The recipients are often modest and try to not overuse our service, coming every other week or so. The most popular items include bread, frozen dinners and canned foods. Please do what you can to help keep this service going with monetary or food donations.

### **Hostess**

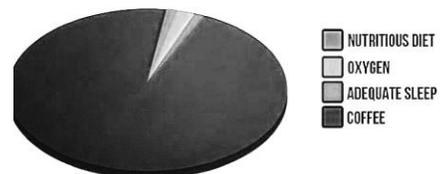
*By: Helen Meneray, Coordinator*

A Convener's Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 17, 2017 at 10 a.m. We need to discuss: the possible reduction of groups and how it might happen, set up for large receptions, arrangement, cutting sandwiches, serving drinks, dishwashing, etc. Another topic might be needs, e.g. new centre pieces? water glasses?

I will hand out a NEW page of suggestions for amounts based on our experiences over the years, knowing no two have been the same. I will update lists **after** our meeting when we have decided what avenue to take. If **anyone** has suggestions for discussion, please call or email me. 519-376-0669 [pankhurstm@rogers.com](mailto:pankhurstm@rogers.com).

If you are not on a hostess group and wish to be involved, please let me know. We need everyone's help to continue this challenging but worthwhile service.

## **REASONS WHY I AM CURRENTLY ALIVE**



## Communion

October 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday at both Worship Services. Hope to see you there!

## Garage Sale

Save the Date: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Fellowship Nights

Fellowship Event coming soon!  
Scavenger Hunt & catered meal - Friday,  
September 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch the weekly  
bulletin for further details.



## WMS

By: *Gerry Langlois, President*

The members of our WMS group here at St Andrew's wish to thank our congregation for their generous donations to WMS after our Mission Awareness Service. Over \$670.00 was donated. These funds have been sent to the WMS Head Office in Toronto where they will be used to support two new projects. Reducing Gender Based Violence in Haiti ...and the Kenora Fellowship Centre. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others. Our district Fall Rally will be held in Tiverton on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

As the fall approaches we will continue to follow our Purpose ..."in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, we will encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship." Our current dedicated members are Sandra Barker, Pat Edwards, Gerry Langlois, Gladys Pennacchietti, Marj Ray, Maxine Scott, and Marg Walter. Our next meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 in the lounge. We welcome guests and new members. Peace be with You.

## Harvest Happening OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> 2017

By: *Diane Lewis*

The summer is quickly passing us by but we still wait for "real summer "to begin! Gardens are growing and real vegetables are replacing the blooms of spring. Markets are flooded with produce for jams, relishes, preserves, spreads, pickles and more.

Have you set aside your time to turn those lovely vegetables and fruits into your special products for HH? The tables that are loaded with these homemade products are always busy with people checking where their favourites are and getting them before they are gone. Can you contribute here for HH 2017? The knitters and sewers passed the winter making lots of top quality sweaters, toques, mitts, unique aprons and more, and they are still busy!! Can you contribute here for HH 2017?

Have you done any cleaning out of cupboards, china cabinets or jewellery boxes? The Collectibles table is always looking for merchandise to put out. We'd be happy to take those extras off your hands and you'll be helping HH 2017.

Maybe you are planting some extras flowers just for HH. Or planning for dried flowers! Whatever your talent we will truly appreciate your contributions to HH 2017. It all generates funds for needs and projects here at St Andrew's. Not long ago we purchased a much-needed new fridge for the kitchen from funds raised last year. That's thanks to your efforts and contributions. So please see what you can do for our church community this HH 2017.

## Session Update

Since January Session has met for 6 regular meetings and 3 special meetings. The regular meetings review the regular reports that include the Minister's report, Personnel, Presbytery, and the committee reports of Worship, Congregational Care & pastoral concerns, Mission & Outreach, Faith Formation, Christian Education, weekly Bible Study, Property & Maintenance, Attendance, and Financial and deal with month to month operational and spiritual issues of the congregation.

The special meetings of the June 24<sup>th</sup> retreat, then July 18<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> dealt with the Worship Update and work that began to flow from it. Session spent the last two meetings examining and re-examining our personal experiences with worship, both growing up and more recently. We've been addressing more expansive questions about "God's Viewpoint", "Our [St Andrew's] Identity", "What is 'Worship'" and many other related questions. We've been seeking and asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of this so that we can prayerfully discern and renew our understanding of what God expects of us in corporate worship. That process has only just begun. You are invited and encouraged to help. We have embarked on a journey of education, spiritual development and encouragement that will take place over the next several months. Session prays that everyone will gracefully and joyously join us. Weekly sermons and many other resources are available to help navigate this journey. Consider spending time and prayer with a review of past sermons and other resources available on the website and as printed materials at the office. Any session member can assist you if you have questions. Conversation and appreciative, worshipful questioning is encouraged. Specific activities and opportunities to participate will be announced in September.

As a starter: What are the essential elements for excellent corporate worship for you? Here are some possibilities we've begun to list: *Spirit-led \* telling the story \* prayer \* sanctuary and refuge \* well-read scripture \* called and invited to worship \* welcoming \* caring for one another \* music \* creativity \* awe \* sending out \* order and structure \* teaching \* tithing & response \* diversity \* inter-generational faith formation.* Thinking of our mission and vision: What would you add to the list?

### OUR MISSION

To become a vibrant community of faithful, thoughtful, and loving disciples of Jesus Christ, actively embracing the people of Owen Sound.

### OUR VISION

We welcome God's work of drawing all things to himself in Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We joyfully participate in this work by striving to be a missional community that is committed to: *Dedicated Prayer \* Vibrant Worship \* Transforming Discipleship \* Loving Service.*

### **The Jericho Project Update**

The Jericho Project team, with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, is charged with helping the congregation and session establish St Andrew's missional opportunities and priorities with the purpose of better using our substantial financial and human resources. The spring Fire From the Bush provided an update on Jericho activities to that point. At this time the Jericho activities and feedback will be included as part of the discernment process outlined above.

### **Stewards By Design Conference – November**

A four member team will be attending this 4 day bi-annual stewardship conference at Geneva Park on November 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> – funded by a member of the congregation.

### **Repairs and Renovations**

The barrier free washroom, as specified by the Ontario Building Code for major renovations, is complete. Other work approved and yet to be done includes re-painting of all exterior wooden element including soffit, fascia, window trim; and bell tower louvres; replace window Plexiglas; re-caulking of CE wing. In all over \$100,000 of maintenance and renovation items will be funded from the bequest of the Anne Nash Estate.

## Financial Trustees Funds Allocation of Interest

Busch Memorial Fund – interest to provide bursaries to post-secondary students.

Sloane Estate – interest used for “outreach”

Morris Estate – interest to be used for staff training, professional development, in-service, etc.

Manse Fund – interest to Board of Managers

Ruth White Estate – interest to Board of Managers

Judy Young Memorial – interest to Board of Managers for youth related projects

McKerroll Estate – interest split between Choir and C.E. Committee

Fred Miller Memorial Fund – interest only utilized to send children in need to camp.

Mildred L. Murray Estate – The interest from the \$20,000 cash legacy “is to be used by the said trustees at their sole discretion and as they see fit for youth work in the Counties of Grey and Bruce”.

Sherry Fleming Estate – The stipulations of the will are as follows:

- a) One third of the annual net income shall be used and applied for children and youth programs of the congregation as the Christian Education Committee may from time to time select subject to the approval of the Session.
- b) One third of the annual net income shall be used and applied for the support of the Choir and for the musical undertakings and programs of the Choir
- c) One third of the annual net income shall be used and applied for the Flower Committee to assist in its program of care and decoration of the sanctuary and premises of the Church

Anne Nash Estate – principal and interest to be utilized for time to time as necessary for the maintenance, repair, upgrading and enhancement of the physical building, equipment and grounds of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church.



*Rob Gonsalves, R.I.P., June 14, 2017*

These two guys, Rajesh Kumar Sharma and Laxmi Chandra, have been running a free school under a metro bridge in New Delhi, India for the last 3 years. Rajesh and Laxmi have about 30 students - they are kids who live in the nearby slums and cannot afford a public education.



# Church Finances

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## St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Income and Expense Statement GENERAL OPERATING 01, July 2017

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	Current Period	Current Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date	Prior Year	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	15,508.60	21,900.00	154,300.00	148,110.92	18,020.40	263,800.00
INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	5,347.84	0.00	25,000.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>						
Building Use Income	620.00	583.33	4,083.31	6,378.80	65.00	7,000.00
Garage Sale	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,807.55	0.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	100.00	700.00	45.00	20.00	1,200.00
Library book donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Pantry donations	0.00	500.00	3,500.00	1,620.85	0.00	6,000.00
Sandwich Makers donations	135.00	25.00	175.00	450.00	0.00	300.00
Church Programs Income	425.00	83.33	583.31	1,000.15	0.00	1,000.00
Judy Young Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HST Rebate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Solar Energy Sales	628.04	700.00	3,100.00	2,707.90	0.00	5,500.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous Income	1,808.04	1,991.66	13,341.62	14,010.25	285.00	35,600.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>17,316.64</b>	<b>23,891.66</b>	<b>174,641.62</b>	<b>167,469.01</b>	<b>18,305.40</b>	<b>324,400.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
PASTORAL	6,438.80	6,558.33	45,908.31	45,067.08	6,480.36	78,700.00
PULPIT SUPPLY	184.40	166.67	1,166.69	1,220.40	150.00	2,000.00
MUSIC	3,625.00	3,291.67	23,041.69	19,908.62	2,350.00	39,500.00
OTHER	0.00	158.34	1,358.38	1,309.63	0.00	2,150.00
CHURCH SCHOOL	0.00	191.67	1,341.69	121.03	0.00	2,300.00
LIBRARY	0.00	137.50	962.50	1,462.96	203.17	1,650.00
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	0.00	50.00	950.00	602.57	386.96	1,200.00
FELLOWSHIP AND INREACH	0.00	200.00	1,400.00	1,080.44	0.00	2,400.00
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	0.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	9,060.00	1,460.00	10,000.00
MISSION AND COMMUNITY	126.68	833.34	5,833.38	6,877.28	1,159.67	23,000.00
PRESBYTERIAN SHARING	0.00	2,500.00	17,500.00	15,226.60	2,916.66	30,000.00
MAINTENANCE	471.80	712.50	8,987.50	8,657.86	22.53	13,450.00
GENERAL OPERATING	4,203.46	5,233.34	36,633.38	35,733.24	4,622.47	62,800.00
ADMINISTRATION	139.82	958.34	6,708.38	4,775.95	784.39	11,500.00
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	136.21	141.67	1,041.69	760.20	23.38	1,900.00
RELATED STAFFING COSTS	709.78	1,500.00	9,000.00	8,446.00	933.85	15,000.00
MEMBERSHIPS	0.00	1,316.67	14,216.69	13,000.08	3,676.74	25,800.00
UTILITIES	325.53	564.16	7,699.12	8,153.04	417.37	12,570.00
TAXES	190.55	975.00	6,825.00	6,320.33	339.86	11,700.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>16,552.03</b>	<b>26,489.20</b>	<b>195,574.40</b>	<b>187,783.31</b>	<b>25,927.41</b>	<b>347,620.00</b>
TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$764.61</b>	<b>-\$2,597.54</b>	<b>-\$20,932.78</b>	<b>-\$20,314.30</b>	<b>-\$7,622.01</b>	<b>-\$23,220.00</b>

**Q:** Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

**A:** Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.