



**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
Owen Sound, ON**

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Established 1925

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Introduction

St Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, is nestled on the banks of the Sydenham River in a valley formed by the Niagara Escarpment. We are in the heart of our downtown and are proud of our outreach role in our community of 22,000 people. Our space is valued by our broader community as a place that they can count on to support community endeavors. We eagerly provide space for many community groups, needs and activities. St. Andrew's is seen as a safe place by vulnerable people in the community who seek help in times of personal crisis. Many of these people inhabit the downtown area of our city.



Beginning the search for a new minister is helping us to better define where we are now and where we would like to be in our faith journey five years from now. Our congregation has identified a strong interest in developing strategies to diversify our ways of worship to continue to honour God and reach out to community members not currently part of the St. Andrew's faith community. Our church is a vibrant, active place seven days a week. On Sundays we have two services that operate quite differently. An early service featuring a relaxed atmosphere with a scriptural message and prayer is complemented by spirited praise music led by our Praise Team. Our second service is held in the sanctuary with thoughtful, challenging messages, a well-respected choir, reflection and prayer. Our congregation has diverse gifts and shares them widely with our own congregation, the broader community and globally.



Vision and Mission Statement

Our Vision

St. Andrew's exists to bring people to a full life in God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. This life is lived through worship, fellowship and in mission to God's world.

Mission Statement

We are called to work in the world around us. That's what Christians do. We provide time and money to the work of the church both within and beyond our church walls. This work is in our city, in our country and in countries all around the world. We also support the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada through Presbytery and Synod assessments. Our congregation has a strong ministry of outreach locally and through Presbyterian Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development. We are called to seek justice and equality for others. Throughout the year, we provide additional support and funding to special projects as needs are identified. These projects may be in our local community or further afield.

This Vision and Mission are supported by core values which are elaborated on our church web site.

To help fulfil our vision and mission St Andrew's has been undergoing a review process to assess our current state and develop a future vision. Throughout 2019 comprehensive input was sought using a variety of methods which included:

- A Congregational Survey
- A SWOT meeting was held for the Search Committee, the Session and the Board of Managers to begin the process of looking to the future and finding out where we want to go.
- Session invited written submissions that convey personal impressions and aspirations for our church's ministry.

Using this data, the Search/Transition Team met to develop models to set our direction for the next 5 years to 10 years.

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Worship Life

St Andrew's has two worship services each Sunday. Music plays a focal part in both services. Sunday's @ 9, our contemporary service led by our Praise Team using vocals, guitar, hand drum, keyboard and percussion, is held at 9:00 am and our traditional service at 10:30 am is led by our excellent choir and music director/organist. The 9:00 am service might be described as a relaxed coffee house format with newer style music, while the 10:30 am service is more traditional with organ and anthems. A Session Member welcomes everyone to each service, and welcome bags, prepared by our office manager, are given to visitors.

Leading worship and preaching are a high priority at St Andrews. Having a scriptural and a Bible based theological foundation that relates to day to day living is of great importance.

Thought provoking sermons are appreciated. Other services such as Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, and Lenten services are held throughout the year.

When we have a joint service both the Choir and the Praise Team usually take part in the music.

Children attend the first part of each service for a story by the minister before heading to Sunday School. Sometimes special music by the Choir Leader or a Choir Member is done with the children before they leave the service. In Sunday School a Choir member leads the music with a song that corresponds with the lesson of the day.

Communion is held 4 times a year at both services.



Community

INVOLVEMENT IN THE DENOMINATION

(PRESBYTERY, SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

Grey-Bruce-Maitland Presbytery: St. Andrew's is a member of this presbytery which is made up of Ministers, associate or assistant Ministers, the directors of Christian Education, interim ministers, stated supplies, and one representative elder from each pastoral charge.

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The presbytery is formed by the General Assembly which determines its bounds.

The presbytery can visit a congregation if it decides it's necessary. Presbytery generally meets monthly and its meetings are open to all congregation members.

Synod of South Western Ontario: The synod is made up of members appointed through the presbyteries within its bounds. Synod meets yearly and any congregational member may attend its meetings.

General Assembly: The General Assembly is the highest court of the church. Presbyteries appoint a commissioner as their representative [on a rotational basis] each year. This court meets yearly.

Our Minister and Representative Elder are expected to have a good relationship with presbytery and play an active role in the Grey-Bruce-Maitland Presbytery.

Congregation and Community

Type of Congregation:	Self Supporting	Type of Community:	Small Urban
	Congregation		Community
Size	Now	8 Yrs. Ago	2016 Census
Active Members	150 approximately	250 approximately	
Communicant Members	236	438	
Adherents	100		
Total # of Households	251 (Communicant and Adherents)		
Total Population			22,032
Total # of churches in this area	22 (includes synagogue and Muslim Association)		
Presbyterian churches in Owen Sound	1		

	Congregation	Community
AGE (estimate)	Now	2016 Census
0 - 5 Years	0.79 %	4.80%
6 - 14 Years	4.13%	9.67%
15 - 24 Years	8.06%	11.14%
25 -44 Years	10.22%	21.45%
45 - 64 Years	22.20%	28.28%
65+ Years	54.61%	24.67%

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Church Information

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

At Sunday Worship	9:00 Service:	36
	10:30 Service:	112
At Church School	10:30 Service:	4

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2018

Income from

Offerings/Gifts	\$253,186
Investments	\$21,142
Rentals	\$18,321
Other	\$27,322

Total Income **\$319,971**

Expenses

Operating Expenses	\$293,176
Debt Payment	0
Benevolences (Pres. Sharing, Synod, Presbytery, WMS, PWS&D)	\$59,194
Other	0
Total Expenses	\$352,370

Money was transferred from Trustee Funds in the amount of \$32,399 to cover deficit for 2018.

APPROVED BUDGET for the current year **\$352,370**

"PRESBYTERIANS SHARING..." ALLOCATION for the current year

Requested	\$20,916
Accepted	\$30,000

In-house Ministries, Groups, and Activities

Administrative Supports

St. Andrew's maintains spectacular Administrative Support, which includes our Office Manager, our Personnel Committee, the Board of Managers who look after our 'bricks and mortar' and daily operations, and Session who oversees all worship related operations including ministry.



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Bible Studies

Ladies Bible Study: A time for coffee and fellowship each Monday morning, sharing in prayer prior to each study of specific Books within the Bible. This is a weekly lay-led Bible study for women.

Monday Searchers: This small group studies the bible on Mondays. Their new topic of study for the fall of 2019 will be "Vanishing Grace" by Phillip Yancey.

Wednesday Group: Some of the studies this group have done, featured a number of series, such as '8 Life Shaking Moments with Jesus; and 'YOU Make ME CRAZY', when you've had all the "crazy" you can take. This group explores Bible study in a less structured format which promotes great discussion and fellowship!

Choir

St. Andrew's Choir functions as an integral part of the 10:30 a.m. church service. They meet

each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to rehearse for that day's service and for an hour following the service to practice for upcoming services. The Choir family celebrates milestones and offers support to one another. They are led by our extraordinary Music Director! Musical outreach initiatives are also a part of this talented group.

Congregational Care

This team CARES, delivering 'Fire from the Bush' (our quarterly newsletter), doing hospital visitation, visiting nursing homes, sending greeting cards to our people in faraway places and greeting people before and after worship. Volunteers provide meals when needed to members who are going through difficult times.

Visiting Nurse

Our visiting nurse eagerly promotes the integration of faith and health including health advocacy, health counselling, hospital visits, hospice visits, home visits and resource referral.

Health education meetings occur monthly which include topics such as the latest research on the 'Future of Medical Treatments for Chronic Diseases' to 'Life Balance' our visiting nurse organizes 'Good Grief' groups which includes an alumni group called 'Nu-You'.

Fellowship Events

Throughout the year several fellowship events are held. They have included Gospel Sings, Movie Nights, guest speakers and games nights. A wonderful meal is served where the fellowship continues. As well, we have an Annual Picnic, a Family Christmas and Fireside Potluck.



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Fourth Friday

Every Fourth Friday this hungry group gathers to see old friends and make new friends over a catered lunch with entertainment or an educational presentation. There are approximately 60 enthusiastic attendees each month! This is a great outreach group as members from other congregations and the community join us.

Friendship Kitchen

Meeting each month this small group of ladies who often eat alone come together to prepare a delicious meal and then enjoy it together in fellowship. As well they take a plate home for the next day! Besides meeting at the church, fellowship is enjoyed at outings, such as a BBQ by the bay or a road trip.



Fund Raisers

Our Annual Harvest Happening is our main fund-raising event. It offers a luncheon, along with the sale of preserves, knitted and sewn items, frozen food items, baked goods, produce, crafts,

collectibles, and more. In addition, the Fund Raisers organize St. Andrew's Garage Sales twice each year.

Gardening

This is an organized group who are extremely diligent in keeping the church gardens blooming. This year we even have potatoes and Jack-o-lantern pumpkin plants growing in one of our flower beds!

Hostess Group

Luncheon service is provided by the ladies of the congregation for celebrations and post funeral gatherings. All the ladies in the church are assigned to a hostess group and willingly provide sandwiches and squares when called upon.

Library

Our church librarian maintains and ensures the quality and up to date collection of books, DVDs and CDs that offer God's message of love and inspiration for adults, children and youth. We have a total of 3,050 books, 466 DVDs and 82 CDs!



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Mission and Outreach

A number of organizations are funded both locally and abroad through the work of St. Andrew's Mission and Outreach Committee including RAY Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Grey Bruce Healthcare Chaplaincy, Safe and Sound, and OSHaRE. White Gift donations during Advent provide support to Chapman House, sleeping Children Around the World, and Presbyterian World Service and Development. The list goes on! Our congregation has sent teams to Nicaragua with PAN Missions 3 times over the last decade as well as participating in a Youth in Mission trip (PWS&D) to Malawi in 2013.

Nursery Service

A nursery room is available for congregational use for children under the age of 2 years during both worship services.

Pantry

Serving 40 - 50 people from our community each month, 'The Pantry' is open each Tuesday and Thursday where those in need can acquire groceries and other necessities. Donations of supplies from food to tooth brushes, come from members of the congregation

Praise Team

This is a group of volunteers who share their musical talents and electronic skills to provide music for our 9:00 worship service. They practice on Thursday evenings.

Prayer Chain

This team is committed to serving God in this ministry for those requesting prayer both during Sunday worship and throughout the entire week. A reminder that everyone is welcome to access the confidential prayer chain is included in every weekly bulletin.

Quilters

The weekly gathering of quilters has stitched their way through hundreds of quilts where the proceeds from their efforts have helped in various funds, outreach projects and the church. These ladies enjoy sharing friendship and quilting techniques with all, from beginners to intermediate!

Sunday School

Following the Children's Story time in the Sanctuary, dedicated teachers enthusiastically provide Sunday School to children 2 - 10 years old. The children learn and experience the stories of the Bible and our faith in age appropriate ways. Music and crafts (and usually some treats) are always incorporated into the 'Spark' and/or 'Children of Worship' curriculum.



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Sustainability Initiative

St. Andrew's is committed to minimizing the impact that our ministry has on the environment. The Sustainability Committee ensures ongoing sustainable practices and initiatives targeting a reduced ecological footprint. Initiatives such as solar panels (which cover our hydro costs), low flush toilets, a battery-operated lawnmower, and a ban on single use plastics and styrofoam are only a few examples of St. Andrew's sustainability practices.

Tuesday Sandwich Makers

For fifteen years this group has worked weekly to prepare sandwiches as part of the five day a week brunch program at the Canadian Mental Health Association - Union Place. Generous donations of bread, jam, canned meats and cash have been a consistent help in meeting this community outreach need.

Vacation Bible School

An annual organized week-long, themed program for kids that includes related Bible



Stories, fun, interactive music times, drama games, recreation time on the lawn, science activities, and much more.

Wednesday Morning Work Crew

A group of dedicated individuals who meet weekly help do the day to day maintenance jobs and repairs that are required to keep the church operational and looking good. Each year they also set up a large nativity scene on our front lawn which becomes part of the city's Festival of Lights celebration.

WMS (Women's Missionary Society)

A community of Christian women whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship.



Events and programs that operated in the past that may be reinstated.

Advent Crafts Offering organized craft tables for young and old, (wreaths to cookie decoration) to celebrate Advent together in fellowship prior or post Sunday worship.

Alpha Christian educational program for new Christians and seekers.

Family Fellowship and Scenes of Wonder

Annual display of “creches” or “manger scenes” that are loaned to the church by family and community members.

March Break A themed adventure day for kids in JK to Gr. 6 with music, stories, crafts, games and wonderful food.

Fellowship Lunch A monthly after worship congregational pot-luck sandwich lunch and fellowship.

Men’s fellowship A monthly men’s breakfast and Bible study.

Stephen Ministry Training prepares lay persons to provide one-to-one Christian care for the congregation. People benefiting from Stephen Ministry are the grieving, hospitalized, terminally ill, those experiencing divorce, the lonely, new members, the family of those in nursing homes, inactive members, families of the disabled, recently unemployed, etc.

Marriage Course Alpha marriage course.

Mission and Outreach

What we do at St Andrew’s:

Local “Doing”

Meals on Wheels	United Way Backpacks	Sandwiches for Union Place
Pantry	Helping Hands (eg. Moving)	Salvation Army Food Bank
Good Food Box	Fellowship Nights	Pancake Supper
Comfort Bags – Safe n’ Sound	Refugee family assistance	Kiwanis Music Festival

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<p>Youth Outreach activities – Vacation Bible Camp Use of Facilities for not for profit groups ie. Scouts Canada, CMHA, etc.</p>
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Global 'Doing'

Presbyterian Aiding Nicaraguans	Sleeping Children around the World	Shoe box/Operation Christmas Child
WMS projects	Underwear project	

Local 'Giving'

We contribute financially to these local agencies/ministries:

RAY Ministries	Habitat for Humanity	Salvation Army
Camp Kintail	Union Place	Sunday Taxi Service
OSHaRE -Provides a meal a day to those in need	Huron Feathers – Sauble Beach summer program	Chapman House Residential Hospice
Queen's Bush Ministries – rural people in crisis		
Minister's Benevolent Fund – Discretionary fund for emergency financial aid		

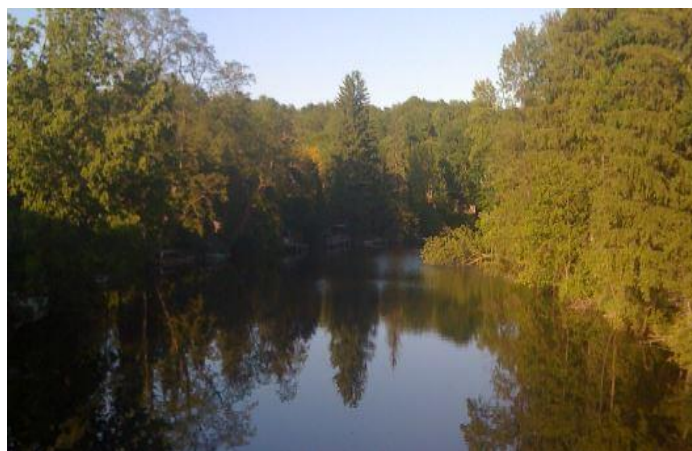
Global 'Giving'

Christian Children's Fund	Presbyterian Crop Share – through Food Grains Bank	Sleeping Children Around the World
Presbyterian World Service & Development – Presbyterian Sharing		

Finances and Properties

Properties

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is located across the street from the picturesque Sydenham River with its park-like setting in a mixed urban/residential area in the downtown of Owen Sound. The property consists of a main building, a connecting link/office area, a Christian Education (CE) wing and a small parking lot. The close proximity of the North Grey Public Regional Library and the Tom Thomson Art Gallery provides an opportunity for involvement with many activities in our community including the "Festival of Northern Lights" during the Christmas season.



The main building was built in 1926 and has 4 levels. An elevator serves the four levels making the building fully accessible. The large sanctuary which seats around 350 is one level up from the ground level and features beautiful stain glass windows. An Allen organ and grand piano are located at the front and there is also a rear balcony with seating and a sound control panel/station. The lower level below the sanctuary houses our chapel, a library, a choir room, a certified kitchen, a supply room, and the boiler room. There are also two washrooms, a flower room and archives room on this level. The chapel area is a very warm and inviting space used by many church groups and groups from the community for a myriad of events. At street level, the Christian Education wing (built in 1956) houses a full-sized gym, a large certified kitchen, the ministers' offices (with a scenic view), the main reception office, a resource room/office, and a large meeting room. There are two full washrooms and one (new) fully accessible washroom in this area.



A second floor above this area houses a comfortable lounge area with adjoining kitchenette, a washroom, a meeting room and two Sunday School rooms.

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St. Andrew's Owen Sound holds the deed to lake front property at Sauble Beach, Ontario. This began as an outreach program for young people in the late 1950's and has evolved over the years. Now there is a large A-frame building on the lot, called Huron Feathers. It is open in the summer months only and offers summer camps as well as informal Sunday services during the months of July and August. Huron Feathers is owned and operated by a self-governing board responsible to the Grey-Bruce Presbytery and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The Board of Managers at St. Andrew's and the Huron Feathers Board carry liability insurance with both parties named in their respective policies. This year, Huron Feathers is celebrating 50 years of service – quite a milestone!



Pastoral Skills and Interest Inventory

#	Skills and Interests	Total #
1	Leading Worship and Preaching (Planning and conducting worship services)	72
2	Crisis Visiting (Serving people at times of illness, death, trauma, family crisis, job loss)	56
3	Equipping Church Members (For integrating Christian faith with life)	40
4	Leadership Development (Planning for and sharing in the training of leaders for the church's programs)	33
5	Personal and Spiritual Development (Providing resources and guidance for people's devotional life, and for prayer groups, retreats and other small group experiences)	32
6	Program Development (Establishing goals, and organizing programs in church, and community)	29

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Full and Part-time Staff

Rev. Ed Hoekstra	Lead Minister	
Rev. Ted Creen B.A., M. Div., D.M.	Minister Emeritus	
Diana van der Meer BHK Cons.	Church Office Manager	part time
Matthew Allard B.F.A., B.Ed., MST(Oxon)	Organist & Choir Director	part time
Steve Warner B. Mus., ARCT	Praise Team Leader	part time
Mary Wyrzykowski B.B.A., M.A.F.	Financial Coordinator	part time
Lily McTeer	Custodian	part time
Bev Wilkins R.N.	Congregational Visiting Nurse	part time

Last Minister

Rev. Dana Benson B.A., M.A. (Theological Studies) Nov. 2012 - Nov. 2017

Previous Ministers

Rev. Ted Creen	Associate Jan. 1984 - Jan. 1998, Senior Feb. 1998 - Apr. 2011
Rev. Scott Sinclair	Associate Feb. 1999 - June 2011
Rev. Ken Barker	Senior Aug. 1989 - Oct. 1997
Rev. Fred Miller	Senior Dec. 1960 - Sept. 1988



Rev. Ed



Rev. Ted

Previous Director of Christian Education

Rev. Megan Purdy B.R.C., B.R.E., M. Div. 2001 - 2014



Matthew



Stephen



Diana



Bev



Mary



Lily