

# ***Fire From The Bush***



**St. Andrew's**

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*BECOMING WHOLE IN JESUS CHRIST*

**June 2018**

## **Interim Moderator's Message**

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Chuck Moon

Dear friends at St Andrew's,

I would like to thank each one of you for your prayer and support for the congregation. Thanks to your patience, support and prayer (and thanks to God's grace for us) the congregation is moving forward.

Three important steps the church is taking today:

1. At the present moment, the leadership group is in the process of identifying a few organizational gaps that have existed in the congregation and contemplating ways to address them with a sensitive and realistic approach. It is our desire to create unity that welcomes all and respect our differences, not a coercion that ignores our differences. It is possible that we may not accommodate everyone's needs and differences, but we will not approach people's differences as threats.
2. The transition team is working diligently to create a summary of the congregational surveys (At present, the summary is over 45 pages long, the committee is working hours and hours to make it more concise and accessible.). We will make sure the congregation is well informed and the congregation will be asked to participate in discussing and dreaming the future ministry format and emphasis of St Andrew's.
3. We are also in a process of electing more elders.  
"Ruling elders are women and men who have been elected by the local congregation and ordained. The session (teaching elder(minister) + ruling elders) provides for the overall ministry of the congregation, including pastoral care, worship, Christian education, stewardship and mission." It is important to notice that Ruling elders are not meant to rule others, but to help making the best decision for the congregation by listening and praying for/with the congregation.  
We are looking for people who are willing to learn, discern, love, pray, forgive and listen.

I would like to request your continued prayer for the transition committee, the session, the board, the staff and every group within the St Andrew's congregation.

Sincerely, Chuck Moon



## Board of Managers

Respectfully submitted by, David Edwards, Chair – Board of Managers

I had submitted this document to the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Board of Managers felt that it should be included in this Fire from the Bush. Enjoy.

### **The “greening” of St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound Ontario**

St Andrew’s was built in 1926 and a Christian Education Hall was added in 1955. Over the years many projects have been completed to lessen its “footprint”. These projects have also resulted in long term financial savings as an added benefit. The following is an approximate chronology of these projects:

2003 – The old (hot water) furnace was replaced with a “staged” Viessmann high efficiency boiler furnace.

2004 – Rooftop high efficiency (very quiet) units were installed with heating and air conditioning features in the C. E. Hall area. Previously this area was heated with one large radiator with an extremely loud fan. This project increased the usage and comfort of this large space.

2005 – The CE hall hot water heating supply pipes (which were no longer needed because of the rooftop units) were rerouted to improve the (much needed) heating in the office area.

2006 – Water leaks in the bell tower lead to extensive structural work which included the installation of steel (fire-rated) insulating doors and much needed insulation in important areas.



2007 – The Board of Managers began the investigation of a solar energy project after Rev Scott Sinclair provided an energy magazine featuring a church in California which had installed solar panels.

2008 – A sustainability study was done and many of the recommendations were implemented which included a ban on styrofoam and disposable water bottles for church events and user groups. Our rental agreement form stresses this “greening” measure.

A (free) energy audit for the lighting was done by a representative from Osram/Phillips (Toronto) on behalf of our local wholesale electrical supply company. We have almost 900 light bulbs and fluorescent tubes in our building. A spreadsheet was prepared showing various lighting options with costs and “payback” periods.

2009 – The change over from incandescent bulbs to CFL bulbs started (using our church volunteers). The sanctuary lights (ten in all) originally contained 1- 300 W and 3 – 150 W bulbs and were replaced by 1 – 64 W CFL and 3 – 42 W CFL bulbs. All 32W fluorescent

tubes were replaced by 25W tubes. In both cases, there was no discernable decrease in light (lumens). These improvements resulted in a \$1500.00 annual savings in our hydro bill in that first year

- Solar panels (microfit – 7.4kW) were installed in July (at a cost of \$51,806, - a project of a bequest) and finally went online in December after much “red tape” with Hydro One. We were one of the first permits granted under the recently released guidelines. These panels generated income of \$5687.31 in the first year under the terms with Hydro One twenty-year Feed in Tariff program. The annual revenue from these panels more that covers our annual hydro bill.



2011 – The large sloped attic area above the sanctuary was re-insulated using a series of plywood “dams” to prevent the insulation from migrating down the sloped areas. At the same time, much needed ventilation was improved in this area.

This project ended our annual dangerous ice buildup problem.

The new insulation also meant that the 19 pot lights above the choir area could be replaced. The total wattage went from 1900W (Incandescent floods) to 646 W (CFL floods)

- We applied for and received a \$1000.00 Hydro One grant through their Power Blitz programme to install more energy efficient fluorescent tube lighting in some of the meeting areas.

2012 – Water saving low flush toilets were installed in the main washrooms and a battery operated (1 litre water saving) automatic flush valve was installed in the men’s washroom.

- A leak in the flat roof above the office area provided a chance to double the rigid foam insulation from 3 inches to 6 inches when the roofing was redone.

2014 – Six overhead large LED dimmable light fixtures were installed in the CE Hall replacing the inefficient mercury vapour lights. This project was partially funded through a Hydro One grant. A savings of 25% was realized in power consumption, but the main advantage is that we are not constantly replacing light bulbs. The dimming feature of these lights also increased the flexibility and use of this area.

- A routine heating system checkup revealed inefficiencies in the furnace and roof top heaters. The resulting repairs reduced the gas emissions and gas bill.

2018 – LED bulbs replaced the CFL bulbs in the Sanctuary fixtures. The 64 W CFL bulbs were replaced with 30 W (Cob style) LED bulbs while still providing a soft light. The 42 W CFL bulbs were replaced by 15 W LED bulbs under a Hydro One “Save On Energy” grant which provided \$240.00 to replace \$250.00 worth of LED bulbs. It is important to note that all burned out fluorescent light tubes and CFL light bulbs (which contain mercury) as well as worn out batteries are recycled at the hazardous waste depot which is operated by the city of Owen Sound.

- A (56 volt) battery-operated self-propelled lawn mower was purchased which eliminates the use of gasoline and oil and resulting emissions.

2019 – We have applied for a Hydro One “Small Business grant” worth \$2000.00 to change over the fluorescent tube’s lights in the chapel area to more energy efficient LED tubes.

- The (tri fold) paper towel dispensers in the washrooms were replaced with dispensers which use a roller system. They use much less unbleached paper.

The Board of Mangers conducts two rummage sales each year. These sales keep many items from the landfill sight while providing “treasures” to others at bargain prices. While these events are good fund-raising projects, they also provide an opportunity for “team building” St Andrew’s.

The major energy saving projects were done by local contractors. However, the many smaller projects were completed by our “Wednesday morning work crew” and we thank them for that.



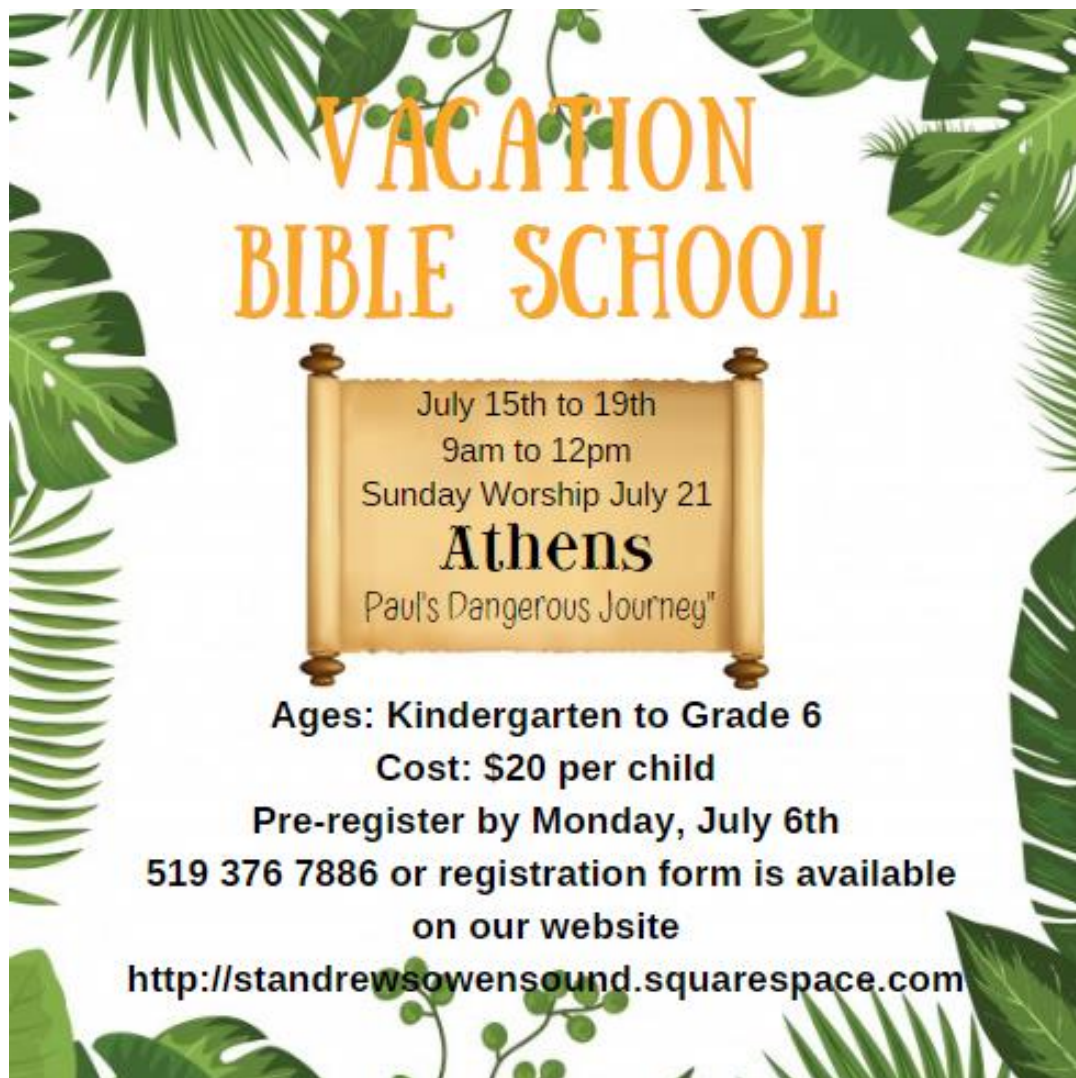
## 9:30am Ladies Bible Study

Respectfully submitted, Pat Edwards (519-376-0451)

Our study group is coming to the end of our study on "Christianity and World Religions" and will take a break until the Fall. We are planning to begin again in September with a study of the book of Revelations. If any lady would like to join us for this study, please let Pat Edwards know by the end of June so we can order a study book for you.

## Vacation Bible School – 2019

The theme for this year's **Vacation Bible School** is "**Athens – Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth**" VBS will be held July 15-19 from 9am-noon each day & Sun., July 21 at the 10:00 worship service. Children who will be entering JK/SK in the fall through gr.6 are welcome! To register, please fill out the form on the church office counter or the online registration form on our church website. We are looking for high school age volunteers to lend a hand and earn volunteer hours for credit & adult volunteers to assist. So, if you have children in your life, invite them! If possible, plan to come with your loved ones. We need many loving hands and hearts to make this work. All involved will be Blessed; call or email the church. Most important, everyone please **PRAY**. Ask God to help us share His love effectively.



## **Lenten Lunches**

Respectfully submitted by, Ann Kelly

Little did we realize, when we launched the rebirth of the Lenten soup lunches, the impact that would be ours beyond soup, cheese, buns, dessert, tea and coffee. It became an ecumenical event as we welcomed guests from other church denominations. At the last luncheon, recipe books were distributed including every soup recipe shared at the Lenten experience. The ripple effect is still felt. Pre-Easter grocery shopping was done for two deserving families using donation money from the luncheons. The Easter bunny played a part in bringing treats to the children being honoured. In addition, money is being shared with the Pantry and the Sandwich Makers. God has truly smiled on an outreaching experience. Our hope is that all involved are equally pleased. There are still some cookbooks available.

## **WMS**

Respectfully submitted by, Gladys Pennacchietti

On April 23 and April 24, 2019 Pat Edwards, Sandra Barker and I attended the South Western Synodical in Goderich on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society. Jean Aitcheson (a retired RN from Stratford) spoke about a Stratford Medical Recycle Depot that she has helped establish. They would like donations of any unused medications, medical equipment and other medical supplies like bandaging materials etc. Any medication that you return to the drug store they are obliged to destroy. At the recycle depot they will rebottle the medication and it can then be used in the mission fields. They supply medical mission teams with any supplies they have been able to accumulate. From the video she showed us it appears that they have quite a bit of inventory. Excess inventory is shipped to other distribution centres so that it gets used. Jean has been on 37 mission trips herself. Her email address is [jkhsn@quadro.net](mailto:jkhsn@quadro.net).

## **Friendship Kitchen**

Respectfully submitted by, Marilyn Sargeant and Nancy Robinson

Our Friendship Kitchen group got together in December for a lovely turkey dinner with all the fixings to celebrate an early Christmas. We had some lively conversation and a meaningful talk with our Parish nurse Bev Wilkins. We all had lots of leftovers to take home and share with St. Andrews shut-ins and the Church Pantry. In January we got together for lunch this time sharing and making some delicious Quiches. And again, more social time and a short study by Pat Bell. We had lots of leftovers to take home and share with the pantry and shut-ins. We have a wonderful group of senior ladies and we are getting to know each other very well. We will be getting together again towards the end of May, date to be decided yet and we will make a tasty stir-fry this time, followed by a decadent cheesecake. This group has really grown since we started last year, and we are so glad it's become so popular.

## **Busch-Leflar Bursary Applications**

Please note that the Busch-Leflar Bursary Applications are due August 30, 2019. 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.



## Congregational Nurse

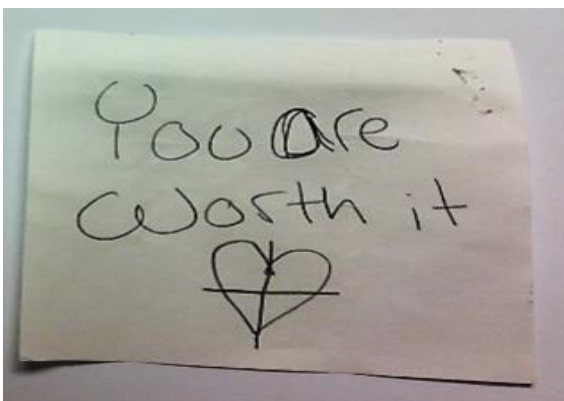
Respectfully submitted, Bev Wilkins (bevwilkins@bmts.com/519-376-7886)

As the spring sun awakens the buds of trees and flowers, I find myself able to sit at the edge of the house out of the wind and smell the soil as it comes alive and the birds happily chirping that they found their way back to their usual nesting tree. How amazing is that fact alone? It can also be a time of contemplative thought of what have I learned this year to go forward and make the world better? How can we heal and thereby heal others? We have a real responsibility to fulfil Jesus command to learn this and love one another. To that end I mused the following.

\*What if... The sun rises in energy equal to you each day? The fragmented edges of previous painful situations now blend into the life lessons and what was a crisis now becomes a new enlightened point of view that creates growth instead of drama? What if .... Every person that crosses your path is respected for what they are and what they bring to you and to be heard with kindness and nonjudgement? What if.... You truly treated yourself with the same empathy that is often saved for others? What if .... You allowed your heart to be open to the warmth of sunshine in that dark corner that harbours a hurt and no forgiveness endured at the hands of another? Forgiveness will create and support new growth just by letting it go free from your soul! What if ... The reality that you live within speaks only truth. You do and say only things that are heart felt and kind. If they send hurtful words or weeds ...move away from those people and send them more love and kindness. Sometimes it is just the only way they know how to feel something. What if ... Your only task is to find the God given talent in each person that crosses your path and treat it like a new seed. It needs your encouraging warmth, soft winds of listening and sometimes the moisture of tears as they admit their own truth of how they are feeling. What if .... You pray hard and ask God to help you identify your best strength and then ask Him to show you ways you can use it and grow it to full glory. Spring is the time of new growth and blossoming to full bloom of joy and love. What if .... You have the full faith of the fledgling eagle and know that you just must keep your wings on, and you will fly?



Thanks for all the great visits that many of us have had. It is so joyful to hear the love and laughter around the sanctuary. Spring is here...let's keep blossoming doing God's assigned tasks and give Him the glory for the chance to live His commandment to Love one another.



WOW what a difference we can make by blooming where we are planted!!

Call me or email me. I am still coming into the Church office every Wednesday morning. Come and chat or get a Hands-on Healing for those tired shoulders or muscles. It works.

Light and love, Bev Wilkins



## Upcoming events:

**Information meetings:** Wed. June 19 at 7-8: What Is Your FUN?

**NU YU Groups:** Thurs. May 23 at 5:30 (Location to Nancy's house, thank you!) & Thurs. June 20 at 5:30pm

**New Grief Support Group:** Starts Thursday May 23 2-4 pm for 6 weeks.

Please spread the word if you know someone who would benefit from companioning their grief with someone else.

## Fourth Friday

Respectfully submitted by, Maureen McLaren



Happy Spring!

Fourth Friday started the year with a winter storm, 39 brave souls made it out to our Robbie Burns Celebration. In February, we had a Chinese New Year, with beautiful costumes. In March, Donaldene Waugh took us Cruising Through the locks. In April, Don and Sylvia Statham guided us through Israel.

This month, we will be entertained by Audrey Armstrong, 'The Fate of the Monarch Butterfly.

Fourth Friday is a monthly 55 plus group, from noon to 2 pm. A catered lunch is provided by Jennifer Catto Catering. The cost is \$12.00, cash only please. Bring your own dishes.

If you would like more information or you would like to be added to our call list, please call Maureen McLaren at (519) 372-0622. Email: Maureen.mclaren@hotmail.com

"The most beautiful way to start and end the day is with a grateful heart "

Author Unknown

## Library

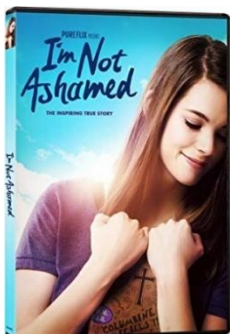
Respectfully submitted by, Dee Renaud, Church Librarian

## Bodie and Brock Thoene are among the finest historical novelists of our time!

BODIE AND BROCK THOENE (pronounced Tay-nee) have written over 70 works of historical fiction. Over thirty-five million of these best-selling novels are in print in 30 languages. Eight ECPA Gold Medallion Awards affirm what millions of readers have already discovered: the Thoenes are not only master stylists but experts at capturing readers minds and hearts.

Bodie's byline appeared in prestigious periodicals such as U.S. News and World Report, The American West, and The Saturday Evening Post. She also worked for John Wayne's Batjac Productions and ABC Circle Films as a writer and researcher. John Wayne described her as a writer with talent that captures the people and the times! She has degrees in journalism and communications.

Brock is described by Bodie as an essential half of the writing team. With degrees in both history and education, Brock has, in his role as researcher and story-line consultant, added the vital dimension of historical accuracy. Due to such careful research, The Zion Covenant and The Zion Chronicles series are recognized by the American Library Association, as well as Zionist libraries around the world, as classic historical novels and are used to teach history in college classrooms.



In 2016, Bodie's writing returned to the big screen with the release of *I'm Not Ashamed: The Diary of Rachel Joy Scott*. I've always been drawn to hands. I think it's because it's the way we touch people," wrote Rachel Joy Scott in her journal. "If one person could go out of their way to show compassion, it could start a chain reaction. "After praying, "Father, use my life to touch the world and let your light shine through me," Rachel's renewed commitment to Jesus played out compassionately and powerfully at her high school... and around the world. *I'm Not Ashamed*, is the inspiring true story of Rachel Joy Scott at Columbine High School. When her hopes and dreams seemed to end, God was just getting started.

BEYOND THE FARTHEST STAR: A modern-day story of betrayal, forgiveness, and finally redemption. Adam Wells discovers, for the first time, the meaning of the story he's been preaching all his life...and his desperate daughter understands what really is beyond the farthest star. Award-winning authors, Bodie and Brock Thoene, have written an emotional and authentic drama based on a screenplay by Andrew Librizzi and now a major motion picture.



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by, Dee Renaud & Nancy Robinson

Our February Fellowship Event – **“A Musical Tribute to Sam Farrar”** – by the Farrar family was very well attended and very much enjoyed by all, including the Farrar family themselves! The evening began with spaghetti casserole, garden salad, garlic bread & cake and ice cream for dessert. The Fellowship Committee made a donation of \$100 to the Farrar family to give to a cause of their choice.

In March we had **“Movie Night”**. Our meal was beef stew, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rolls & butter and make your own sundaes for dessert. Following the meal, we all went down to the Chapel to watch **“Coat of Many Colours”** – the inspiring true story of Dolly Parton’s rags-to-rhinestones upbringing in Tennessee’s Great Smoky Mountains. We laughed and we cried. Another great evening.

Our annual **“Gospel Sing”**, led by Paul Curley and Laurie James, was on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Other musicians included Bryan Barbour, Matthew Allard, Donna Steinacher & Marianne Ford. After the Gospel Sing, we all enjoyed haystacks, spring mix salad, veggie tray & cake and ice cream for dessert. As always, we really appreciate all those who work in the kitchen preparing the meals and cleaning up afterwards. Many hands make light work.

**JUNE FELLOWSHIP EVENT ON SUNDAY JUNE 23RD**

**CHURCH POTLUCK  
AT BEV WILKIN'S FARM**

Come for a hike to Inglis Falls at 4:15 p.m.  
Gather at the Grey Roots Parking Lot  
Potluck Supper to follow at 5:30 p.m. at the farm.  
Bring your own dishes & lawn chairs.  
IF raining...St. Andrew's



**RIGHT ACROSS FROM GREY ROOTS  
MUSEUM ON THE BYPASS  
BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!**



## Statistics

Deaths: Elgin Vanwyck & Sandra Lee Hibma

### Harvest Happening – Fun, Food & Crafts 2019

Respectfully submitted by, Diane Lewis-Abernethy (519 376-0599)

Spring is trying very hard to arrive in Owen Sound. And with that every gardener's thoughts turn to "The Garden". And **we** want to be sure to be in your thoughts as you plan your masterpiece. Please keep us in mind when you plant your vegetables, flowers for drying or your wild and fun projects. We always appreciate what you bring in and so do our customers!! Even if it is going to be just a few plants in a small space in your garden, it will all add up on HH Day.

It is looking like our new Christmas Table will have some wonderful items. Several people have spoken to me about setting aside well-loved and gently used Christmas themed items. Thank you and keep on looking.

I will be looking for bakers of gingerbread cookie figures for a new venture this year. If you think you could do that please let me know and I will assemble a team for some near hysterical fun in the church kitchen. Also needed would be bakers of gingerbread or shortbread cookie Christmas tree decorations, i.e. bells, trees, stars, crosses, Santas etc. Again, please let me know for more fun in the kitchen.

On the other hand, if you prefer to bake in your own home that would also work. But I still need to know for numbers etc.

Which brings us to face painting..... we need a couple of helpers to do some face painting for kids. This is a win- win activity.... fun for kids and fun for you. More info available as we get closer to HH Day. But if you think you'd like to experience that fun let me know!

As always, we look forward to this warm, friendly and very inclusive event for our congregation. And I can assure you that it gets warmer and friendlier if you get involved!! Look forward to hearing from you fun seekers!!



### Garage Sale

Respectfully submitted by, Pat & Dave Edwards



A huge "Thank You" goes out to all those who helped at the Rummage Sale—by setting up, selling, and cleaning up—and those who donated items for the sale, and purchased goods at the sale. This project is always a team effort and support is greatly appreciated! The total sales amounted to \$1,400.

### STAQOS Report

Respectfully submitted by, Janet E. Price 376-6581

The **St. Andrew's Quilters, Owen Sound**, can be found most Wednesdays, having fun in the Chapel, from 9:00 am to about 2:00. Coffee and treats happen punctually at 10:00 a.m., and some of us bring our lunch, others leave when they need to. We are a very caring group and look out for each other. Our most recent 'road trip' was to the quilt show in Meaford in April.

Proceeds from our quilting efforts are divided between various funds in the church, and sometimes outside recipients, such as OSHARE, or Quilts of Valour. We feel fortunate to be able to make a substantial contribution to such causes while having so much fun, producing beautiful work, and sharing and learning together.

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 some fellowship as you practice your skills.

If you like to sew but not necessarily quilt, perhaps you would like to join us for a workday (more realistically it's a play day) when we get together and sew on projects. If you give me a call, I can put your name on the list of volunteer sewists and then I can let you know when we are planning a project day...we don't always plan far enough ahead to get the details in the weekly bulletin.

If you have a quilt top that you would like to have quilted, please feel free to call me for details.



## **Sandwich Makers**

Respectfully submitted by, Joan Burlington

We continue Tuesday mornings to make 8 loaves for Union place (division of Canadian Mental Health). Your appreciated donations, especially bread and canned meat can always be left in the marked box beside the kitchen fridge. Monetary donations can be left with the secretary...since the last newsletter we have lost 2 special friends. Shirley Berner was one of the original group and Elgin Vanwyck donated 2 loaves of bread each week for many years. We will always treasure their friendship.

## **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

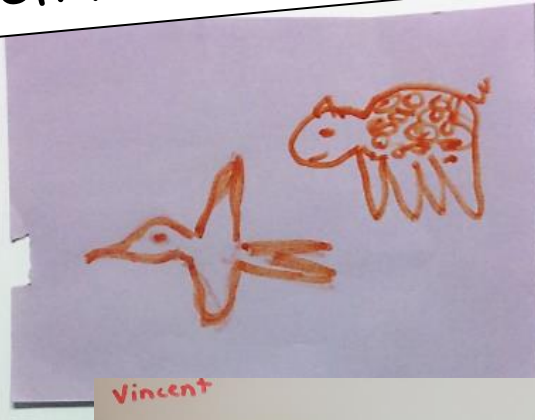
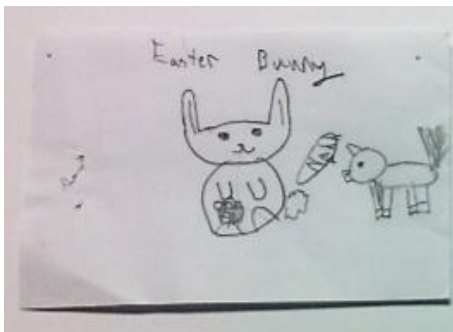
Fred Miller Memorial Fund – interest only utilized to send children in need to camp.

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 –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.

What talent our children have!





St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Income and Expense Statement  
GENERAL OPERATING 01, April 2019

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	Current Period	Prior Year	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	21,863.80	24,850.35	78,058.06	81,530.00	245,000.00
INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.00	5,044.90	5,000.00	22,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	4,348.09	5,690.25	12,333.66	15,600.00	37,400.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,211.89</b>	<b>30,540.60</b>	<b>93,436.62</b>	<b>102,130.00</b>	<b>304,400.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
PASTORAL	2,618.06	7,844.22	7,442.18	6,340.00	34,000.00
MUSIC	3,299.99	2,650.00	13,151.46	11,742.00	35,300.00
CHURCH SCHOOL	0.00	0.00	209.99	200.00	700.00
FELLOWSHIP AND INREACH	811.50	632.10	1,868.93	2,050.00	6,900.00
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	3,880.00	2,400.00	12,720.00	12,000.00	36,000.00
MISSION AND OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00
LOCAL COMMUNITY	972.28	348.49	2,693.15	2,150.00	6,300.00
PRESBYTERIAN SHARING	0.00	5,136.36	7,500.00	7,500.00	30,000.00
MAINTENANCE	2,254.71	1,106.49	9,823.32	5,334.80	15,000.00
GENERAL OPERATING	6,527.48	4,581.90	25,176.26	25,372.00	75,400.00
ADMINISTRATION	348.43	465.39	2,788.06	3,031.00	10,700.00
RELATED STAFFING COSTS	750.23	1,822.88	2,730.01	2,844.00	14,000.00
MEMBERSHIPS	1,180.70	1,743.00	6,793.15	6,793.15	21,900.00
UTILITIES	327.56	917.31	4,511.58	6,424.40	12,600.00
TAXES	373.31	420.29	2,522.69	2,350.00	7,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>23,344.25</b>	<b>30,068.43</b>	<b>99,930.78</b>	<b>94,131.35</b>	<b>318,800.00</b>
TRANSFERS	\$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>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,867.64</b>	<b>\$472.17</b>	<b>-\$6,494.16</b>	<b>\$7,998.65</b>	<b>-\$14,400.00</b>



**St. Andrew's is on Social Media!**

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- Owen Sound

**Follow us on Instagram:**

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## **Refugee Update**

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Umbach

When St. Andrews' yearlong sponsorship ended for Hawa and her family, the Refugee Committee still had some funds to disperse. It was agreed by the committee to give half of the remaining funds to the Alliance Church for their ESL program. Meanwhile we were made aware of a Syrian family, originally sponsored by a Mennonite Church group in Hanover that moved to Owen Sound due to multiple health issues that required several surgeries and trips to hospitals in London. Ellie and Craig Breen and Doug and Nancy Umbach have visited the AlAli family more than once. The committee agreed to financially help Khaled and his family.

Meanwhile Ruth Lovell Stanners was asked to put together a 1hour radio program about Muslims in Owen Sound. This program included Khaled and the new Imam, who recently came to Owen Sound from Montreal. During the program Ruth read a letter by Humzah Gilani, who is a 13-year-old boy that grew up in Owen Sound. Through Ruth and his mother, we were able to get his permission to share his letter. As a parent of a multi-racial and ethnic family, I was profoundly moved by his insightful letter.

### **A Better Tomorrow**

By Humzah Gilani, 13 years old

In Owen Sound where I grew up, I went to a Christian school. I, however, was Muslim. A precedent took place when I was the first student of non-Christian faith accepted to the school. After this, progressively more ethnicities were brought into the school. This was an example of an act of kindness and acceptance and where I learned that our differences don't really matter.

Unfortunately, in other places many people believe otherwise. On March 15, 2019, an Australian man killed at least 50 Muslims and injured 50 others at the Al Noor mosque in New Zealand. A place that was filled with peace and joy was suddenly struck by tragedy. Unfortunately, the media generally chooses to focus on the negative acts committed by individual Muslims, and that plays a key factor in reactions such as this one, eliciting Islamophobia across the world.

Sadly, children are growing up in an environment like this, and this is becoming an epidemic that will only spread further if we don't change what we are doing. However, we have a chance to alter that path, and start anew. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders, and I believe if they become educated about each other's cultures, in a real sense, rather than what the media contrives it to be to report events, it could be the first and most imperative step towards developing a socially equal and understanding society.

Starting from home, we can ensure that parents are careful with how they express their negative views such as racial stereotypes so that children are not accustomed to these attitudes within their homes. Secondly at school, children should be exposed to different cultures and religions early on, as an introduction for them to understand the true essence is of every religion, which is essentially peace.

As a 13-year-old Muslim, I feel hopeful looking into the future and am confident that if our generation follows the same intellectual path full of discovery and awareness about each other, it will lead to a kinder, more tolerant society and a better tomorrow.

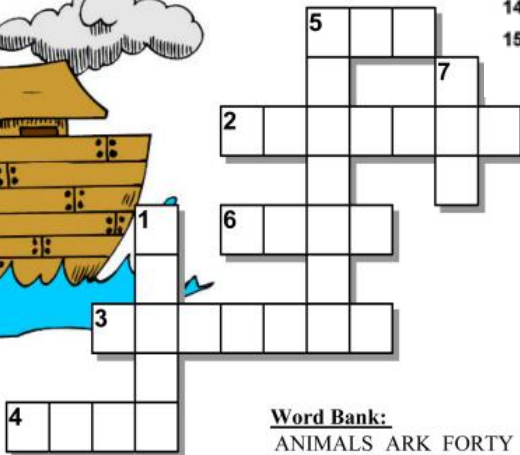
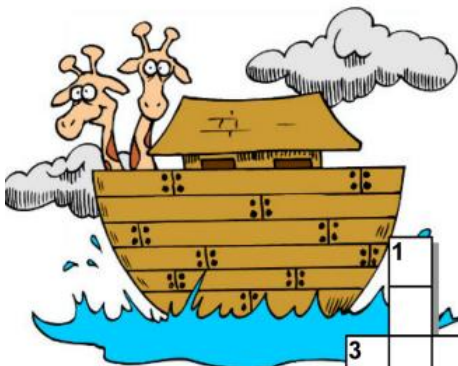
# Noah's Ark Word Search

A D D B J H E S Y S P T D L T  
N O L V H V Z E U R A O G N O  
I V I L I P I C O P O V A I W  
M E U L C J C M C L P N E Q T  
A R B K V N I B F I E L R D K  
L D E F P S T X Y V K W I V Z  
S X N T E V I U O V R A V E N  
N S L A L L R C D O O G G W S  
W Q N X L A C W O B N I A R Q  
O B E D I E N T T C U H I Z G

animals land  
build obedient  
covenant promise  
criticize rainbow  
dove raven  
evil saved  
flood supplies  
good two



## Noah's Ark Crossword



### Word Bank:

ANIMALS ARK FORTY  
GOD NOAH OBEY  
PROMISE RAINBOW

### Across

2. God put this in the sky
3. A covenant is a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. This means to listen.
5. Noah built an \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Who built the ark?

### Down

1. Rain fell on the earth for \_\_\_\_\_ days and \_\_\_\_\_ nights.
5. Noah brought these on the ark.
7. Who told Noah to build the ark?

The resurrection of  
Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark



### Across

- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt. 27:60)
- 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt. 27:33)
- 5 Jesus and two thieves were \_\_\_\_\_ together (Matt. 27:38)
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 The angel said "He is \_\_\_\_\_ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
- 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 27:28)
- 12 Jesus was betrayed for \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver (Matt. 27:3)
- 14 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime (Matt. 27:4)
- 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

### DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins
- 3 Judas Iscariot \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (Matt. 27:4)
- 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt. 27:54)
- 6 Jesus said "My God, My God why hast thou \_\_\_\_\_ me" (Matt. 27:46)
- 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt. 27:17)
- 11 They laid the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt. 27:59)
- 12 Jesus wore a "crown of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 13 our Lord and Saviour



1. BEBIL

God's true word.

2. SXTYISXI

Number of Books in the Bible

3. RNVOTIAELE

Last book of the Bible.

4. BIEIGNNGN

"In the \_\_\_\_\_ God created...."

5. GLEOSSP

First four books of the New Testament

6. GINESES

First book of the bible.