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BECOMING WHOLE IN JESUS CHRIST

December 2019

Interim Moderator's Message

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Chuck Moon

Dear friends at St. Andrew's,

Everything that has a beginning has an end. An end leads to a new



beginning. I would like to report I will have completed my duty as an Interim Moderator at St Andrew's - Owen Sound, at the end of December. This has been a great journey. I have learned a lot and we as a team accomplished a lot and certainly God has been gracious to us. I have learned St Andrew's has many gifts and devoted Christians. I am excited where St Andrew's congregation is today but more excited about your future. I am not quitting or resigning out of anger, fatigue or frustration. But out of appreciation after a long period of prayerful consideration, I am reporting to you that I have accomplished what I was asked to do and what I was called to do: To create a healthier congregation preparing them for tomorrow.

My gifts as a minister are creating a safe space for everyone through preaching and praying, resolving issues, conflict management, helping others to make the best decision, building leadership groups, mentoring leaders and listening. Although there were days that I was very overwhelmed I really enjoyed working with St Andrew's every day.

I feel strongly that I have helped St Andrew's to create more equipped and strong leadership teams, and to nurture a healthy environment/culture. These are the things we have accomplished together: creating a new session, reconstructing the board, redefining relationship with a retired minister, creating a transition team, working on tomorrow's dream, improving communication with the congregation, understanding a proper procedure within a Presbyterian Church, dealing with conflict and what it means to be one congregation and more. Yes, there are many other areas for further improvement. But I am very happy to see the changes and growth the congregation has made over the last two years. I have full confidence in the present session (as well as the board, the transition team, etc) who indicated to me that they are ready to lead firmly and with compassion. They will make mistakes and I would like to ask your forgiveness and support for them in advance.

The next part of the journey the congregation must take requires very careful discernment and prayerful search. It requires a different set of gifts. I would like to step back so someone who is more equipped than I am can lead the next part of your faith journey.

I would ask for your prayer and blessing on my life journey ahead. Thank you for your support and prayer.

Session

Respectfully submitted by Laurie James & Bryan Barbour – Co-Clerks of Session

Exciting things have been happening at St. Andrew's this fall. We are very happy to report that Steve Warner our new Praise Team Leader has been joyfully leading us in worship at our Sundays @9 services. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of his caliber leading our 9 am worship.

Chuck Moon, our Interim Moderator, led a service of healing on October 20. During the service we were given the opportunity to symbolically let go of our hurts and concerns as we placed stones at the bottom of the cross. This very meaningful service gave all of us the possibility of putting our pains and worries in the hands of Christ.

Session put out the call for new session members to join us this fall and on Sunday, October 20 we welcomed 7 new members! Thank you, Doug Barwell, Barbara Fawcett, Laurie Gilkinson, Dorothy Jellicoe, Maureen McLaren, Bruce Mitchell, and Anny Stevens for hearing the call.

On Sunday, October 27 we held a service for new members to join St. Andrew's. We were extremely pleased to have 8 new members join. We welcome Penny Durst, Anne Hofer, Ann Marie Vachon, Cynthia Welsh, Harvey Welsh, Matthew Allard, Elizabeth Wilson, and Rev. Gerry Wilson to our church family. Each new member received a bible to commemorate the special day.

We are looking forward to the service on Sunday, December 8 when we will officially declare Ted Creen as our Minister Emeritus. (Retired Minister) Please come out to celebrate with Ted on that day. We will have one service at 10:30 which will be followed by a wonderful lunch put on by our hostess groups. But don't let the day end there! Come back at 4:30 for a Christmas carol sing-along and fellowship dinner following the music.

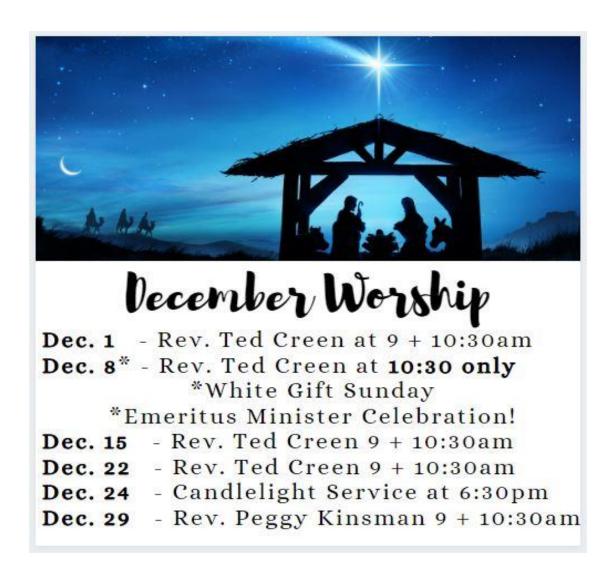
Session would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Chuck Moon for the time he has given us as our Interim Moderator. We were extremely fortunate to have Chuck lead us these past two years and we will be sorry to say goodbye to him at the end of December. Chuck reinstated the Board of Managers, headed our efficient Transition/Search Committee, encouraged new elders and new members, taught the elders their responsibilities, made sure that St. Andrew's always had a minister to preach each Sunday, and was available to deal with the many concerns of our congregation. We can't thank him enough! He has prepared us well for the next step in calling a minister for St. Andrew's. We look forward to finding out who will be our next moderator.

Come and celebrate with Rev. Ted Creen

Emeritus Minister Celebration

Sunday, December 8th at 10:30am with a

luncheon to follow!



Board of Managers

Respectfully submitted by David Edwards, Chair – Board of Managers

The Board congratulates Mary Wyrzykowski (our financial assistant) on the birth of her son, Landon. We appreciate and thank her for continued work for the church during this very busy time. The Board approved completion of the LED (energy efficient) conversion project for the chapel which will see the replacement of the remaining 18 three-foot recessed fluorescent tubes using funds from the regular maintenance fund. Each old tube operated on 30 W while each new tube uses only 8.5 W. This installation is being done by the Wednesday Work Crew

A new microwave oven was purchased for the upstairs kitchen to replace the broken one using Harvest Happening funds. On the recommendation of the Fire Department, new exit signs are being installed in the sanctuary by the Wednesday Work Crew. The Board of Managers conducted its Giant Garage Sale on November 9. Thank you for your assistance in donating goods, setting up, and selling for this sale. It is always a good fund raiser and it helps to recycle your unwanted goods and "treasures".

The Board approved a grounds renewal project which included the removal of the overgrown trees along the north side of the church and the rear of the building. These areas were covered with sod. It was a difficult decision remove these trees but they presented a security problem and there was concern that the roots would damage the foundation.

The Board approved the following policy and asks for your help in following it:

Single-use Plastics Policy

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound is taking a role in helping the environment by banning single-use plastics from its building. Going forward all church functions, kitchen supplies and rental groups must adhere to this policy.

The **single-use plastics** that will be **banned**:

Plastic straws, cotton swabs, stir sticks, disposable plates and cutlery, water bottles, coffee cups

The best solution to this ban is BYO—bring your own. Tote your own bag, reusable plates and cutlery, takeout container, coffee/tea cup (yes, those disposable cups are lined with plastic, and are hard to recycle).

Less than 10 percent of plastic used in Canada gets recycled. These unrecycled plastics live in the environment for hundreds, if not thousands of years and, because they don't decompose, they break down into tiny particles (known as microplastics) which we (or other animals) ingest through our food and water. Banning single-use plastics will cut down on plastic pollution and microplastics.

The members of the Board are: Don Armstrong, Kathleen Barker, Nancy Bettridge, Cam Breen, Craig Breen, Dave Edwards, Dave Howell, Ann Kelly, Lyle Love, Jan Middleton, Bruce Price, Nancy Robinson, and Peter Struthers. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact any of us.

Missions and Outreach

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Kingsbury

White Gift Sunday is Sunday, December 8, 2019. White Gift Sunday is traditionally held at St. Andrew's on the second Sunday of Advent and this year it is December 8th. Our offering envelopes for White Gift Sunday are dated November 24th but if you wish they can be brought 2 weeks later for the Advent Service. Plain white envelopes will also be available. White Gift Giving supports a number of organizations that are local and international.

Mission & Outreach at St. Andrew's supports a few local organizations that provide services locally. These include Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army Food Bank, Safe and Sound, OSHaRE, RAY ministries, Huron Feathers and Grey Bruce Healthcare Chaplaincy. It also supports the Daily Bread Devotional booklets.

Statistics

Deaths: Kathryn (Kay) Faye Gill &
Betty McCaw
New Members: Penny Durst, Anne Hofer,
Ann Marie Vachon, Cynthia Welsh, Harvey
Welsh, Matthew Allard, Elizabeth Wilson,
and Rev. Gerry Wilson



Friendship Kitchen -

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Sargeant and Nancy Robinson

Our Friendship Kitchen ladies (7 of us this time) got together for a road trip on Tuesday October 15th. We had a lovely trip through the Beaver Valley. We stopped at Epp's Landing look-out; the view was amazing. Nancy served us up a delicious tea, coffee, muffins and cookies at that stop. It warmed us all up because it was a very chilly day, but we had beautiful sunshine. From there we went to Kimberley where we saw the majestic 'Old Baldy' (also called Kimberley Rock by the locals). It's a huge cliff that juts up out of the Niagara Escarpment. It's quite the site.

From there we went to Eugenia Falls and that's where we lost our second car, they didn't see us make the turn onto the Eugenia Falls road. We looked and waited for them, but they had disappeared completely.

Our car toured the Falls and we took some photos of this gorgeous site. From there we decided to go onto our lunch destination: The Village Pizza and Grill in Flesherton. The food was great, with huge portions.

Then we headed back to Eugenia to see Eugenia Lake where we sat at a picnic table and drank in the sheer peaceful beauty of this pretty, man-made lake.

After that, we climbed (by car) to the top of Talisman Ski Resort to the look-out there and 'wow' the view was spectacular! You could see not only the Beaver Valley, but you could see all the way to Georgian Bay. The colours were incredible. The road up was a very bumpy challenge, but we laughed all the way up. And following that we back-roaded and meandered our way back to Owen Sound, traveling down roads we'd never been on before. Some were a little concerned that we were lost but I had faith Nancy knew where she was going.

We did do a quick stop in Walter's Falls to see that beautiful waterfall as well.

All in all, it was a wonderful day with good friends, lots of laughter and beautiful Autumn colours, created just for us by God. At the time of this writing I'm not sure what happened to the other car, but I hope they had a lovely adventure as well.

Our next get together will be sometime in November. The activity will be a PowerPoint slideshow of my photos from the past year entitled 'A Snapshot of Grey and Bruce'. The menu is yet to be determined--stay tuned for details. Enjoy a few beautiful shots taken during the trip. (source: Marilyn Sargeant)





Congregational Nurse

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



When the cold and dampness of November besieges us, there is a kind of pervasive niggling of pain. Well, we are there now so let's address some of those issues. The information meeting this month will be on that issue PAIN MANAGEMENT. It is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 in the Chapel at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Time is 2-4 pm. Come and hear the latest research on causes and treatments.

Conclusions from our last month's presentation on Funeral Planning and pointers were the following:

- 1. Get the preplanning done NOW!!
- 2. Get your plot
- 3. Decide on cremation or burial or green burial (composting is the new way.)
- 4. Do you want a celebration of your life? or a traditional service?
- 5. Pick your own photo for your obituary in the paper and at the service.
- 6. Pick your own hymns and tribute speakers and venue
- 7. Cremation urns/boxes can range in price from \$40.00 from your veterinarian to a few hundred, depending on your taste and request
- 8. Caskets can be rented and range from cardboard to solid oak. Choose this ahead of time to save this emotional and economic decision for your family
- 9. Express and discuss your views on MAID with your family ahead of time
- 10. Write these things down somewhere and tell your family where it is written. The suggestion is to send a simultaneous email out to your family so there is equal info to all
- 11. Prepay your service and it will save your family much distress

Remember it is the only event you know will happen for sure, you just don't know the date!

Nursing Tips

- Be sure to write down your questions before you go to your Doctor's appointment. Their time is very limited so take 2 copies and hand one to your Dr. and keep the other in your hand. Present it to them and then BE QUIET. Let them read it and address each issue.
- If you are taking pain medication make sure that you record Check times, amounts and efficacy of the med by measuring on the Pain Scale of 1-10 for how well it is working. Make sure that you have used the recommended maximum before you ask for more. (FYI 10 means that you really need more!!)
- Check that your blood pressure cuff is not hurting your arm when it inflates. I had a lady whose BP was in the dangerous level because of this factor and because the other symptoms did not match, I took it with my wrist cuff and got the true reading 80 points lower in fact.
- Loneliness is an identified health risk so K.I.T. it away. Yes "Keep In Touch "with someone. This is the name of the initiative adopted by our congregational /pastoral care committee. It includes all the cards calls and visits that you do. Remember, we are God's hands and feet here on earth.
- Find a buddy that you can check in with. It will keep both of you healthier.
- Take another set of ears with you to your Doctor's appointment. Four ears are so much better.
- Take advantage of the many wonderful events at the Church. So many members have stepped up and taken leadership in events from quilting, Bible Study and Fellowship dinners. Bravo to all of you! There are more than 20 activities that you can join in.
- HUSH...Take a moment to be STILL and hear your SOUL. God speaks all the time. Sometimes we are not still enough to HEAR.

Please let Diana or me know if there is someone who needs a visit. I will get there. I am still coming in every Wednesday to be there to answer your medical questions, support or "share your concerns" chats.

Fourth Friday

Respectfully submitted by Maureen McLaren - (519) 372-0622. Email maureen.mclaren@hotmail.com

Fourth Friday started back up in September, with a rousing Trivia Fun Day. The winning table got medals! This month, we had a demonstration from the Tai Chi group, with many people getting up to join in.

Fourth Friday is a group of us who are 55 plus, getting together once a month from noon to 2 p.m., for a delicious catered lunch, entertainment and fellowship. We ask that you bring your own dishes. Cost is \$12.00, cash only please. If you would like to be put on our call list, or get more information, please contact Maureen.

Upcoming calendar:

November 22 Mission to Nicaragua, Speaker Craig Breen

January 24 Travel to Tuktoyaktuk, Speaker Barbara Gray

February 28 Music with Bernie Donville and Friends

March 27 Poverty Task Force, Speaker Jill Umbach

April 24 NeighbourWoods North Project, Speaker Lloyd Lewis

May 22 Order of Good Cheer, Speaker Lyle Love

June 26 Music, led by Bryan Barbour





Praise Team

Respectfully submitted by Steve Warner

Ready... set... GOOOOO!!!

We're off to a roaring start with the Praise Team in this new chapter for the 9am service. Right off the top I want to commend the Team on how great they've been to work with...getting used to the "new guy", embracing some new ideas and systems, jumping both-feet into new technologies, all with great attitudes. And a special thanks to all those who attend the 9am service and have given so much positive feedback, and shown enthusiast participation, ever since we've embarked on this new chapter.... it's been tremendously encouraging, so thank you!!

This Fall already we have implemented a new resource "hub" for the Praise Team and 9am Tech Team called "Planning Centre", which is our new one-stop source for print music, scheduling, etc. The Team has been great about jumping into this new system and helping it to run smoothly. The system also allows for singers and band members to read their lyrics and/or music on a tablet (iPad, etc.), and as of now, all our singers and myself are using this option, which saves a LOT of paper printing.... Praise Team goes Green! (sounds like a song, doesn't it?)



Our Tech Team are our behind-the-scenes heroes, and we are ever grateful for their tireless work to help us

create a music and worship experience that is inviting and meaningful for everyone at 9am. We are in conversation about what upgrades to the systems could be made that would improve the sound and video for the service.

On the social front we enjoyed a fantastic Thanksgiving potluck hosted by Ruth and Doug. Good thing we weren't singing at a service that night... way too full!

Even as we embrace new direction and fresh growth as a Team, I want to make sure that people know that we are very open to new members joining the team. If you are a vocalist (especially males currently), or play any instrument (including orchestral instruments, as I have access to a lot of orchestrated parts for praise music), please speak to me directly about potential involvement in the team. Spread the word!

Christmas is just around the corner, and we look forward to incorporating both familiar carols as well as new songs of the season into our congregational singing.

Let Heaven and Nature Sing!!

Library

Respectfully submitted by Dee Renaud, Church Librarian

It is wise to read!





Nothing beats a good book!

Books are worth reading!

Read every day!

Read books & love libraries!

Read for hours!

Read a good book!

Be a reader!

d book!

"Whoo's ready to read? Visit your church library

Harvest Happening - Food, Fun & Crafts 2019

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lewis-Abernethy



Saturday, October 26 was a great day for Harvest Happening—Food, Fun and Crafts. We had a steady flow of people through all day. Our new areas- Candy and Christmas -did really well. The children's activities proved very successful too--cookie decorating, face painting and a craft. We will run all these new areas again next year based on their success this year.

As always, the success of this event is the result of many, many hours of effort and energy on the part of the congregation. Once more I say a big Thank You. The final total of dollars taken in will be published in the bulletin once all sales are done but, at this time, we have over \$11,000.

There will be a last round of turkey pie making on November 20. The sale of these will be published in the bulletin. See you next year!

Pantry

Our Pantry has been open Tuesdays and Thursdays this fall. During the month of September, we had 56 visits with 4 new people. During October we had 73 visits with 3 new. Many of the recipients of the pantry are familiar faces but we have been seeing many new visitors in the past two months. Thank you to each one that gives to the pantry, making it a reality each week. Whether it is knitting mittens/hats, providing freezer meals, or bringing in gently used winter clothing – everything is appreciated. Thank you to Katherine Kingsbury and Daniel McMeekin who are here each week to meet and make connections with these individuals, and Brenda Neilson for stocking us up each Monday.

STAQOS Report

Respectfully submitted by Janet E. Price 376-6581

STAQOS Report

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 happy to report that we recently welcomed 3 new trainees! YOU could join us too! If you like to sew but not necessarily quilt, perhaps you would like to join us for a work day (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 we 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. We might even be able to give you a name to carpool with, given that parking near the church can be an issue.

In October we finished a king-sized Candlewick Jacobean Tree of Life quilt. The substantial proceeds from this project will be dedicated to the memory of Sandra Barker, whose cheery presence we are sadly missing. This year we were at Harvest Happening to demonstrate our art and enjoyed interacting with the shoppers. As always, there were some quilted items for sale.



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

With your continuing donations of tinned meat and fish, bread and money we make 8 loaves for Union Place (div. of CMHA - Canadian Mental Health Association) every Tuesday morning. Tins can be left in the marked box in the kitchen by the fridge and bread and money left with office staff. Union places daily drop in brunch program and support services is a much needed local community resource. We all THANK YOU!!

Small Group "Monday Searchers"

Respectfully submitted by Craig Breen

On November 25 the Monday Searchers small group begins a ten-session discussion of "What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancey. We meet roughly every second Monday evening, mostly in homes. Join us for engaging discussion of matters of Christian faith. Talk to Pat Bell or Craig Breen for more information.

Sunday School

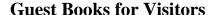
Respectfully submitted by Pat Bell

Each Sunday at both Sundays @ 9 and the 10:30 Service when adults gather for Worship the team of dedicated volunteers who prepare Sunday School or Worship Time for Children meet the children who come along with their big people. We delight to welcome children for Worship here at St Andrew's!

Please pray we are effective in our ministry with children. Also express your thanks to the following volunteers who make Sunday School happen: Cynthia Welsh, Penny Fenwick, Nancy Robinson, Sharon Nettle, Barb Fawcett and Michael Clare-Green.

Save The Date for VBS-2020

We plan to offer VBS-2020! Monday through Friday morning from July 20th to July 24th, 2020. VBS Worship will be on Sunday, July 26th. Please pray we fill key volunteer positions. Group Leaders have a vital role. We need 5 adults who are comfortable to spend each morning with a group of about 6 children and prepared to teach the daily Bible Lessons to their group.



Respectfully submitted by Pat Bell, Elder for Pastoral Care



Did you know St Andrew's has four Guest Books for visitors who come for Worship on Sunday morning? Three of the books are in the Sanctuary, one by each exit/ entrance. The fourth is a new Guest Book to use for visitors to Sundays @ 9 in the CE Hall.

Please talk to someone you have not seen before and offer a "Warm St. Andrew's Welcome". Also encourage newcomers to sign a Guest Book so that we learn their names and celebrate their visit by sending them a card. There are "Welcome Bags" prepared to give to guests. Ask an usher. Thank you!



Do you receive our weekly email? Keep up to date with what is happening at St. Andrew's and our community. Subscribe through our website or talk to Diana at the office.

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.



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Income and Expense Statement GENERAL OPERATING 01, September 2019

	Current Period	Prior Year	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget	
INCOME						
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	20,064.45	21,264.85	168,243.46	182,820.00	245,000.00	
INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.00	5,044.90	5,000.00	22,000.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,795.72	2,268.48	24,749.00	29,750.00	37,400.00	
TOTAL INCOME	21,860.17	23,533.33	198,037.36	217,570.00	304,400.00	
EXPENSES						
PASTORAL	1,790.08	7,948.70	14,420.34	14,250.00	34,000.00	
MUSIC	3,412.00	3,112.11	28,244.67	26,422.00	35,300.00	
CHURCH SCHOOL	0.00	0.00	2,165.25	550.00	700.00	
FELLOWSHIP AND INREACH	397.73	240.41	4,550.38	4,875.00	6,900.00	
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	3,000.00	3,160.00	27,720.00	27,000.00	38,000.00	
MISSION AND OUTREACH	0.00	50.00	2,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	
LOCAL COMMUNITY	298.43	713.23	5,079.91	4,400.00	6,300.00	
PRESBYTERIAN SHARING	7,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	22,500.00	30,000.00	
MAINTENANCE	1,190.27	2,461.43	15,958.71	12,203.30	15,000.00	
GENERAL OPERATING	6,197.48	4,108.21	57,300.22	58,562.00	75,400.00	
ADMINISTRATION	1,075.35	512.84	7,530.81	5,274.87	9,200.00	
RELATEDED STAFFING COSTS	975.89	574.37	7,033.69	6,579.00	14,000.00	
MEMBERSHIPS	3,251.05	0.00	16,837.35	16,837.35	21,900.00	
UTILITIES	548.06	468.76	8,404.39	9,574.78	14,100.00	
TAXES	370.63	494.98	4,638.78	5,250.00	7,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	30,008.95	23,845.04	224,382.50	212,278.30	318,800.00	
TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	-\$8,146.78	-\$311.71	-\$28,345.14	\$5,291.70	-\$14,400.00	





