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Spring has arrived! Flowers on the east side of the sanctuary in full bloom!

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Mexico Trip

Personal Reflection...

So, sitting in church one Sunday morning last fall, the subject of the Mexican mission was announced from the pulpit. Reg Teneycke leaned over to me and asked if we were interested. I said that we were probably too old to do that kind of outreach, and he chuckled and said, "this is waaay easier than 'the other build!'"

Asking lots more questions, it got us to thinking — maybe we could!

Then I thought, why wouldn't we just give the money to the organization so the locals could be employed and they would do the build? I took my question to Rev. Jan and she enlightened me. It's an opportunity to let the families we build for see that we care about them! It's an opportunity for us to share what God has done for us so we can do for others! It's an awesome opportunity to grow as a Christian!

I'm sooo glad we didn't just send \$\$\$!

Arriving at the compound where we were to stay for three nights and two days, we were greeted with snacks — this was getting off to a great start! We found our accommodation — two queen beds and a single for us three ladies, with our own shower and separate toilet, all in a room larger than most hotel rooms. Outdoor seating arrangements that invited conversations and interacting with others, a large dining centre complete with a coffee/tea bar and snack bar, just in case you got the 'nibbles' — so far it was all very civilized!

The meals were delicious, nutritious, ample, and served by volunteers who might or might not speak English, but did know how to smile, and were very accommodating. The next morning we were off to our various build sites. Another question that had bothered me was, am I going to be of help, or am I just going to "look like I'm being busy". As soon as our feet hit the dirt, we were given jobs we thought we could manage. Many of us decided we could paint; others chose framing; others helping with the trusses. Another volunteer went around making sure the site was kept clean, and the workers were kept well hydrated. There were experienced workers with each build too — a foreman, an electrician, interpreters, drivers —

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people who could lift heavy wood (thank goodness!), people making sure we had lunch — all volunteers with YWAM (Youth With a Mission). They were so amazing! The family members worked right along side too - painting, hammering, anything to help.

Our weather was perfect — dry and warm but not too hot. Those water bottles were much appreciated!

The house was up by mid-afternoon. The materials stored inside, and the door could be closed and locked. The next day would see us finish the roof, do a second coat of paint on the outside, paint and drywall the interior, and do 'touch-ups'.

A few of us got to go along with local families on a shopping spree. With the interpreter, we went into town to the local Walmart-type store. Once inside, the interpreter told the family they had \$500.00 to spend. That much money was like two month's salary — sooo exciting!

Dry and canned foods were a priority. There is no refrigeration, no running water in the house. Next purchase was cleaning supplies, then some clothing items, last was a couple of fun items for the younger boy. His eyes were sparkling when he came out of the store. Needless to say, the back of the van was loaded to the max, and there were a lot of smiles and laughter on the drive back to the new house!

While the family was away, the rest of the crew were busy bees finishing the house and assembling new furniture for the family. Each home is furnished with a table-and-chair set, a small propane stove, a set of bunk beds, a clock, curtains, and small gifts brought by the volunteers. When the family arrived home, all those who were involved with the build stood in a circle before the threshold. The door was locked, and we all took turns passing around the key, saying what this experience had been for us, and expressing our hopes, prayers, and best wishes for the family. It was an emotional time for all of us!

The family was presented with a Bible, in Spanish, a plaque, and finally their keys to their new, safe home — thanks be to God!

Yes, this was waaay better than just sending \$\$\$!

Pat & Duane Tritter

Remembering Our Friends...

Grant Huber

1938 – 2016

Grant Huber was a gentleman of great charm, wit and a strong work ethic. He was born and raised in Moose Jaw, SK. Later his family moved to Fort Macleod, AB, where he helped his parents manage the bus depot and restaurant. It was from there that he began a seven-year stint driving Greyhound buses. And it was in Fort Macleod that Grant met his future wife, Cathie. Although he was not the “boy next door”, he was the one who lived across the street! They were married for 50 years.

The new family (soon to increase with the birth of two sons) moved to Calgary, where Grant graduated from the U of C with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He then began his long employment with the Richfield Group of Companies as controller, later becoming president and managing the Southland Plaza complex as well as Trimac House, downtown Calgary.

Grant also enjoyed terms on St. Andrew's Board of Managers, where he was instrumental in producing the budget and headed up a counting team. When his sons, Alastair and Ryan, became teenagers, he enlisted them in ushering, greeting and coffee-hosting along with him.

Retirement was not a favourite pastime for Grant, so he was delighted when an offer to work as an accountant with Glen Eagles Golf Course came his way. So began a 12-year commute to Cochrane until his illness forced him to leave. After family and work, golf was his passion. He spent many enjoyable hours at Heather Glen Golf Course with his favourite pals.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at St. Andrew's on Friday, April 8 at 11 a.m.

Little Dresses Mission Project

Changing Lives One Dress at a Time...



If you can help, please sign up for the work bee that will be held in Trinity Hall

Saturday, April 23

9 a.m.

Coffee will be on at 8:30, so you can come earlier!

We need volunteers...

- o to cut fabric and trim (bring scissors).
- o to iron material and trim (bring an iron and ironing board).
- o to sew dresses at the work bee (bring sewing machine and whatever else you need which may include thread, scissors, extension cord, straight pins).
- o to package kits that can be sewn at home and returned (everything will be supplied).

Sign up at the Sign-Up Centre in the Foyer.

For more information please contact Judie Coleman

Welcome & Fellowship Team

Fun, Fellowship and Food...



The goal of the Welcome and Fellowship team is to foster a welcoming environment for visitors to St. Andrew's and to provide opportunities for increased fellowship within our church family. Our team grew out of two earlier Session teams --- Congregational Life and Invitation and Welcome --- which merged several years ago.

Fellowship events in recent years have included: pick-up ball hockey in the parking lot, movie nights, bowling outings and annual potluck suppers with themes such as the Olympics, Tropical Vacation, Grey Cup, and the "Fabulous 50's to the Sensational 70's".

An Easter egg hunt for the children and a congregational picnic are other annual events, the major one being the Stampede Breakfast in July, where we serve pancakes and sausages to a perennially large crowd. Pictured above is our recently retired elder, Ron Horwood, enjoying the Tropical Night Potluck hosted by the W & F Team.

Included in our service for newcomers and guests has been an annual pizza social, hot apple cider for visitors at the Bazaar, and a thank-you lunch for our greeters and welcome desk volunteers. We periodically update brochures for distribution to visitors and, in past years, have coordinated the production of the congregational photo-directory and produced St. Andrew's logo coffee mugs. We also reach out to the community by erecting the Easter crosses on the front lawn each year and by setting up the manger and angels before the start of Advent. The Easter crosses, manger and angels were built by a skilled team of volunteers within our congregation.

One of the easiest ways to participate in both fellowship and welcome is to volunteer as coffee hosts after Sunday worship. It's a great way to get to know other members of our church family and to give back to the congregation, so, if you haven't already done so, please consider registering at the sign-up centre to host coffee on an upcoming Sunday. It is easy to do, and you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

As you can see, we are a very busy team! Our hard-working members include Val Hall, Annika Koch, Don Koch, Brenda Pudwell, Ida du Toit, and Marlyn Townsend. We are always looking for other enthusiastic individuals to join us!

By Don Koch



Heritage Seniors

**Registration \$20 -
September to August**

Mondays

Aerobics 9:35 am
Carpet Bowling 10:30 am
Yoga & Stretch 10:30 am
Bridge 12:30 pm

Tuesdays

Art Class 9:30 am

Wednesdays

Music Makers 10:00 am

Thursdays

Aerobics 9:25 am
Stretching 10:30 am
Carpet Bowling 10:30 am

Saturdays

Card Social 7:00 pm (Monthly)

Coming Event

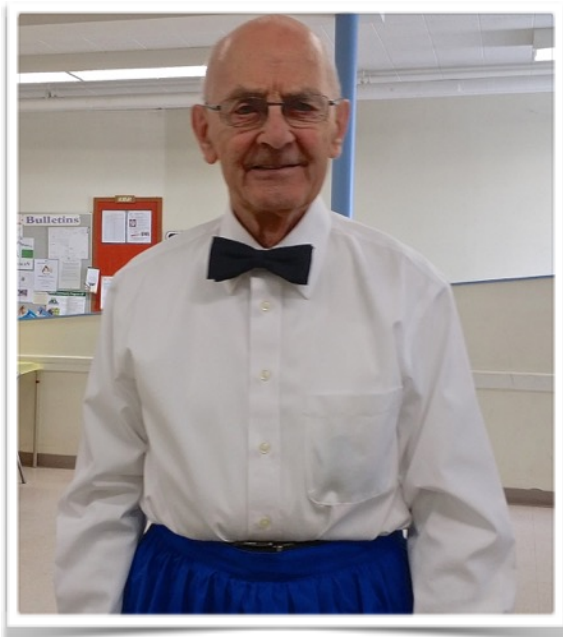
Monday, April 4 @ Noon
Catered Seniors Luncheon
Tickets \$12
Call Ron or John

STRAWBERRY TEA



Heritage Seniors

Invites you to the Annual Strawberry Tea



Saturday, May 14th
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Cost is \$6 per person

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
703 Heritage Drive SW Calgary

Come to our Art display, craft, books and BAKE sale



Happy Third Anniversary Rhonda & Dan Mullan!

These are my (Dan's) reflection on three years of wonderful marriage with Rhonda. "Three years without meeting a process server (this is a person who serve you the papers to appear in court)." I'm sure the hard part is over now. These are the life lessons Rhonda has taught me:

1. If my opinion is wanted, I will be told.
2. Look but don't touch.
3. Even a small-town girl likes shiny gifts.
4. Giving flowers doesn't make you a sissy.
5. No, you don't need another drink.
6. Beef must be burned till you're sure it's dead,
7. I told you once, you don't need another drink,
8. Ask for permission first.
9. She's right, I'm wrong, and finally,
10. Failure to disclose is still a lie.

Rhonda is the Office Manager at St. Andrew's, and Dan is a retired police officer with the Calgary Police Department. Both are active members of St. Andrew's congregation. Rhonda has a daughter in Calgary and two grandchildren, Brinley and Ryland, who visit regularly. Congratulations! Rhonda and Dan!

By Dan Mullan

Happy Birthday Dolly Forcade's ___ th Birthday!



Dolly Forcade, who works in the office at St. Andrew's, celebrated her birthday on Thursday, March 31. Dolly also serves as the treasurer for our congregation. Brent Forcade, Dolly's husband, and their two children, Megan and Tal, are also valued members of St. Andrew's.



New renovation project is taking place in the Karl English Lounge. New cabinets are being installed over the coat racks to store decorations and other odds and ends. Thanks to **Lorne Kelly** for volunteering his time and skills.

Thank You...

Harry Eisenhauer expresses his thanks for the ministers' visits and the visits, phone calls and many "get well" cards from friends in the congregation during his recent illness. Thank you. Harry

Sympathies...

Please keep the family of **Anita Szott** in your prayers and pass on your condolences, as her father, Noel Urioux, passed away in Montreal on March 10th.

A memorial service for the late **Grant Huber** will be held here at St. Andrew's on **Friday, April 8th** at 11:00 am.



HERITAGE 50+ SENIORS

Luncheon & Wellness Fair

Monday, May 2

Cost: \$12.00

Schedule of Events

Seniors Scams and Identity Fraud

10:30 am – 11:50 am - Karl English Lounge



Luncheon

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Trinity Hall

Meals on Wheels

1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Christine Conley



Sing-a-long with the Music Makers

1:30 – 2:00 pm.

For tickets and information, call:

John Or

Ron

Men's Breakfast Joining the Men at McDougall United



Once a year we get invited to the McDougall Church to join their Men's Fellowship Breakfast. The cost is \$5 and we get to have wonderful food and fellowship without having to clean up! Join us on:

Saturday, April 9th, 8:30 am

McDougall United Church

8516 Athabasca Street
Acadia

Please sign up in the Foyer, as we have to give numbers attending by April 6th. Thank you.

Spring Farm Fun Day Animals, Crafts & Games...



Join us for a fun morning of crafts, games and a visit from Butterfield Acres mini-farm. Sign-up sheet at the Sign Up Counter in the Foyer.

**Saturday, April 16th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Great fun for the whole family!

Family Ministry Events



**Night Out @ Schanks
April 14th @ 7:00
9627 Macleod Trail SE**



**Painting Night with Liza Fuenning
April 29th @ 7:00
\$10.00
Trinity Hall**



**The Alpha Marriage Course begins
Wednesday, April 6th
Volunteers needed for dinners
Contact Rev. Jared Miller
jmiller@standrewscalgary.ca**

Here are some of the Youth Events coming up;



*** Youth Bible Study
April 8th 7:00 pm**

*** Murder Mystery Dinner
April 15th**

*** Games in the Dark
April 22nd**

*** PYMC Event - Extreme Air Park
April 29th**

For more info contact Rev. Jared Miller