

# On Fire

## 2012 Annual Report

“Didn’t we feel on fire  
as he conversed with us  
on the road,  
as he opened up  
the Scriptures for us?”

*Luke 24:32 The Message*

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In July 2012 hundreds of youth, young adults and youth leaders explored what it meant to be *on fire* for Christ at The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Canada Youth Conference. As we plan for 2013 and beyond, let us be filled with Christ's fire and share the energy and enthusiasm of those youth.

## Call to Worship

Leader: *The Spirit comes as a transforming wind,*

**All: Filling this place of worship.**

Leader: *The Spirit comes as tongues of fire,*

**All: Resting on those who are gathered here.**

Leader: *The Spirit comes, and we are transformed.*

**All: Young and old, near and far, all are welcome to drink of the Spirit.**

Leader: *Come Holy Spirit,*

**All: Fill this place; inhabit our lives; bless our worship.**

*Call to Worship used at Canada Youth*



## Commissioning and Benediction

Go now into the world to share the good news in word and deed. And as you go along the road, may you experience the fire of Jesus Christ and share it with you meet.



## Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Leader: *Shining dazzling God, you are the brilliant light who goes before us every day. We are astonished at your glory because your world is so full of wonder, light and beauty. We rejoice and thank you for all you are.*

**All: We will not be afraid but will get up and walk on your holy ground.**

Leader: *Just and generous God, your world is full of questions and stories, words that puzzle and words that delight. You make us smile and think, frown and wonder. You hold out your hands to us in friendship and you call us to truth and justice.*

**All: We will not be afraid but will get up and walk on your holy ground.**

Leader: *Holy and mysterious God, your world is full of wisdom, wonder and surprise. Your Spirit dances in the winds and sings in the waves. You call each of us to holiness and to glory.*

**All: We will not be afraid but will get up and walk on your holy ground.**

Leader: *Joyful, welcoming God, you ask us what kind of lives we are living. For all the good things that have happened to us we thank you. For all the mistakes we have made and the people we have hurt we are sorry. We ask for your help and grace.*

**All: We will not be afraid but will get up and walk on your holy ground.**

Leader: *God of the stranger, God who welcomes all, we pray for our communities, for their cares and concerns, many not known to us but known to you.*

**All: We will not be afraid but will get up and walk on holy ground. We trust to your love all those for whom we have prayed through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: *Visionary God, architect of heaven and earth, unless we walk and build and grow in you, we do these things in vain. As we prepare for the coming year, open our eyes to new possibilities new perspectives, new projects, structures, outlooks and ideas. And may all be illuminated with the true light of Christ.*

**All: We will not be afraid but will get up and walk on your holy ground. Amen.**

*Based on a prayer used at Canada Youth*

### **St. Andrew's Mission Statement**

The Mission of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and to share in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to be a faithful, enthusiastic and caring Christian community which seeks to involve all of its people in its ministry; and, through Christ-centered worship, education and programs, to meet the needs of people with the love of God in Jesus Christ.

### **A VISION FOR ST. ANDREW'S**

**"St. Andrew's is a vital growing Church, embracing change and discovery as it seeks opportunities to serve God."**

(Adopted 1995)

### **A Vision for Mission for St. Andrew's**

"The Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning" – Emil Brunner

St. Andrew's is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity. Consequently, we promote mission involvement in some way for everyone. Our involvement in mission is life-giving to us, giving vitality to our congregation, as we invest our lives in the lives of others for their sake. As we serve others in mission we know that we are serving God.

Mission for us is our response to Christ's call to love our neighbour. We "walk the talk": desiring to make a difference in our world and working to effect change where there is need. We apply ourselves in a way that is relevant to the need we see and by being generous in our response. Being motivated by our hope in Christ, part of our intention is to impart hope to those we help. Our mission work is visible to the wider community. They will appreciate what we are doing and why we are doing it. In this way our mission work will be a witness to Christ.

### **Values**

As we seek to accomplish our goals, we express these values:

- **Education:** We intentionally work to nurture the faith of our St. Andrew's participants to strengthen their discipleship through every involvement in mission. We help them grow in their awareness of the issues behind the need and help them to understand the situation from a faith perspective.
- **Justice:** We address both the need (through acts of compassion) and also the causes of the need (through concern for justice).
- **Diversity:** We have a balance of mission involvements, such as local and global hands-on and advocacy, by fundraising and direct involvement, etc.
- **Meaningfulness:** We recognize and respect the gifts, strengths and passions of individuals desiring to be involved in mission, and connect them to projects that will be most meaningful to them. It is our desire that a person's mission involvement be enthusiastic.
- **Inclusivity:** We plan mission involvement in such a way to include the involvement of youth and whole families.
- **Partnerships:** When appropriate and possible, St. Andrew's acts in partnership with others.
- **Process:** The process of doing mission is as important as what we do in mission. We seek to create and strengthen relationships, foster team building among participants, be respectful of the culture of those we are helping, ensure that long-term support will continue after our involvement is ended, and that our contributions enhance the abilities of those we help and not replace them.

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**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Officers and Leaders 2012**

**THE SESSION: Moderators: Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts, Rev. Janice Hazlett**  
**Clerk: Jim Hope-Ross (Jan – Jun); Jean Sadler (Jun – Dec)**

Caroline Bain  
Merrill Blenman  
Ed Braun  
Elaine Cantlon  
Audrey Cole  
Judie Coleman  
Debby Dorcas  
Randy Evans  
Brent Forcade  
Dolly Forcade  
Alex Grant  
Linda Haines  
Norman Haines  
John Hazlett

Valerie Hall  
Jim Hope-Ross  
Ron Horwood  
Bill Judd  
Lynn Judd  
Sheila Kirkland  
Don Koch  
Marlene LaMontagne  
Steve MacDonnell  
Kevin MacFarlane  
Hugh McFadzean  
Tom McIntyre  
Loran McVittie  
Cathy Millar

Craig Murray  
Inge Murray  
Christine Pepper  
David Platt  
Brenda Pudwell  
Janet Ridsdale  
Joan Rowe  
Mark Rowe  
Jean Sadler  
Annette Shaw  
Jean Spotowski  
Ineke Stewart  
Rhonda Wishart  
Arlene Young\*  
Muriel Young

\* resigned during the year

**Elders Emeritus**

Elders within the Congregation not in Session in 2012:

Jim Adams  
Eleanor Art  
Bob Barclay  
Brian Boonstra  
Ron Budd  
Jim Christie  
Ann Conquergood  
Donna Cornea  
Sylvia Cummer  
Shirley Davidson  
Joan Davies  
Elly de Nooij

Harry Eisenhauer  
Ruth Eisenhauer  
Paul Elliott  
John Flack  
Cathie Huber  
Wally Hunter  
Ed James  
Neil Jamieson  
Morley Johnson \*  
Barbara Kearnes  
Isabel Lidster  
Pat Lomheim

Bill McAuley  
Elizabeth Munnoch  
Rob Pollard  
Gail Prevost  
Duane Tritter  
Pat Tritter  
Jim Watt  
John Young  
Terry Zimmer

\* deceased in 2012

**Our District Visitors who are not Session members**

Shirley Allen  
Eleanor Art  
Frank Breisch  
Linda Crawford  
Joan Davies  
Ida DuToit

Rita Elliott  
Maureen Flack  
Bob Fuenning  
Liza Fuenning  
Lesley Hubler  
Wilfred Kangong

Dan Mullan  
Mary Anne Quesnel  
Evelyn Reimer  
Anita Szott  
Kathleen Tomie  
Terry Zimmer

Director of Youth Ministry  
Office Team Coordinator  
Administrative Assistant

Ben Kroeker  
Annika Koch  
Dolly Forcade

Custodian  
Nursery Caregiver

Oscar Salguero  
Annalyn Danglapen\*

Envelope Secretaries

Rob Pollard  
Linda Burton-Chalmers

Sunday School Envelope Secretary  
Director of Music/Organist  
Leader, Musical Friends  
Leader, Angels in the Infield  
Leader, Sounds of Joy

Ineke Stewart  
Cody Obst  
Debby Dorcas  
Elizabeth Kangong  
Debby Dorcas

\* Resigned during the year

## Congregational Statistics

### THE FAMILIES

Number of families associated

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
450	448

### THE MEMBERSHIP

Communicant Membership January 1

571	590
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Added to the Roll

- by Profession of Faith	0	0
- by Certificate of Transfer	27	7
- by Resolution of Session	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
	30	7

Removed from the Roll

- by Death	9	21
- by Certificate of Transfer	0	0
- by Resolution of Session	0	0
- own request (new category)	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
	11	31

Communicant Membership December 31

590	566
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### BAPTISMS

- Children	8	5
- Adult	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	9	5

### MARRIAGES

- Members	1	1
- Adherents	2	0
- Other	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
	5	6

### FUNERALS

- Members	7	19
- Adherents	5	5
- Other	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	14	25

## In Memoriam

*Edith Ashton  
Frederick Calvin Astle  
Beth Beiswanger  
Joan Bell  
Howard Breidon  
Charles Bury  
James Oliver Carrow  
June Marie James  
Morley Earl Johnson*

*Heidi Klett  
Nora LeGeyt  
Lillian Marriner  
Murdo McLeod  
Duncan McPherson  
Howard Miller  
Beth Mogridge  
Randy Moore  
Joyce Mummery*

*Margaret Marshall McCullough Mushet  
Jessie Graham Ogilvie  
Richard Poirier  
Martha Agnes Meta Scott  
Esther Speers  
Evelyn Gladys Stackhouse  
Pearl Marion Sultan  
Hector Young*

*"Blessed are they which die in the Lord from henceforth; You, saith the spirit,  
that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them."*

In 2012, Memorial Donations were received in memory of the following people.

**Betty Amery  
Isobel Barber  
Chuck Bury  
Ken Cole  
Debbie Dutton  
David Donaldson  
Dean Donaldson  
Rev. Karl English  
Mary & Orly Fuson  
Ruth Grant  
Heidi Klett**

**Joyce Mummery  
Beth Mogridge  
Willy Merchant  
Kae McAuley  
Charles Ogilvie  
Esther Speers  
May & Jimmy Shaw  
Pearl Sultan  
Charlotte Weston  
Hector Young  
Ruth Young**

**THE MEMORIAL FUND** exists to provide an opportunity for people to make monetary gifts to the Church in memory of friends or relatives without having to specify how the money is to be used.

The Session is responsible for deciding how the money will be spent. In general, the money is used for special items for the Church or Church School. Gifts are deposited in a separate account.

Donations to this fund may be made by contacting the Church office, the Ministers, the Elders, or the local funeral homes.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Alex Grant*



## Ministers' Message to the Congregation

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12: 1-2

The pages of this report bear witness to God's faithfulness and continuing activity in our midst. As you can see we have much to celebrate. This year we celebrated 50 years of ministry in our current location. We remembered not just the years here, but the faith and foresight of those who came before us, who discerned God's direction and moved from their familiar building and neighbourhood to what was then the outskirts of Calgary. We have been able to continue building on the foundations of faith and service that they laid and the example they gave through God's grace and through the presence, participation and contribution of all who are associated with our congregation. We continue to be blessed by the diversity and unity of the many people associated here, who contribute to ministry through Spiritual gifts, offer their hands on labour, their insight and faith to strengthen the community. With the love and service of many we have been able to care for the building and grounds, visit homes, provide programs and to reach out to people in our congregation and reaching out in mission beyond our walls. We are grateful for all our people who have contributed to God's work in this place.

There are many exciting things happening in the congregation, so look through the pages and be reminded of the blessings we have received. We have been blessed with a vision to expand "family ministry" in our present location and to offer ministry to families in South Calgary. In the coming year we will be in a strong position to move forward in this direction while maintaining the strong ministry we currently enjoy.

A highlight this year was the privilege of hosting the ecumenical carol service Joy to the World. Again this year, the music was wonderful and worship was meaningful. The people of St. Andrew's worked together and through the participation of many and home baking, we were able to extend the ministry of welcome and a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service.

We were also able to send 6 youth to CY2012 and to hear a report from them in worship.

Worship continues to be a highlight at St. Andrew's. We have had special guests, enjoyed services led by our youth, special music provided by guests, by our chancel choir, Sounds of Joy, Youth in Harmony and the Angels in the Infield. We have worshiped on Sunday mornings and gathered for special services. In faith we have celebrated births, baptisms and the lives of those who have gone from this life.

Through God's grace we continue to build on the foundations so carefully laid by those who have gone on before us. As we move into our next fifty years of ministry in this location we carry with us the history of bold decisions as we follow God's leading. Together as members of one body, in faith, hope and love we look forward to the future that God has in store.

**JOIN US FOR OUR INTEGRATED CELEBRATION SERVICE AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT THE COMBINED SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 10 AT 10:30 A.M. TO BE FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH FOR ALL IN TRINITY HALL.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
REV. JAN HAZLETT AND REV. PETER COUTTS**

# Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting

## **Attendance**

191 people gathered in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 10:02 a.m. for worship and the 105<sup>th</sup> annual congregational meeting.

## **Constitution**

The Rev. Jan Hazlett acted as Moderator for the meeting. She declared the meeting properly constituted. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly explained the procedures for the meeting.

## **Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of Secretary**

Moved by Val Hall, seconded by Marlene LaMontagne, that the order of worship as printed in the bulletin would serve as the order of business for the meeting and that Jim Hope-Ross be appointed as Secretary for the meeting. CARRIED

## **We Gather as God's People**

### **Call to Worship**

We were called to worship through the responsive reading of a portion of Psalm 122.

### **Hymn**

We sang Hymn 407: "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven".

### **Prayer of Praise and Invocation and The Lord's Prayer**

The Moderator led us in prayer in celebration of God's faithfulness in all times past, in the past year, and in times to come. We closed prayer with the Lord's Prayer, which was given in unison.

## **We Celebrate our Past**

### **Scripture**

Sheila Kirkland read Mark 1:16-20

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Bob Shaw, seconded by Rob Cameron, that the minutes of the 2011<sup>th</sup> annual congregational meeting be adopted. CARRIED

### **Adoption of Reports without Recommendations**

Moved by Rene Prevost, seconded by Brenda Pudwell, that these reports without recommendations be received for information:

- Session and its Teams (Pages 9 through 16 of the Annual Report)
- Youth and Children's Ministries (Pages 17 through 20 of the Annual Report)
- Adult Ministries and Groups (Pages 21 and 22 of the Annual Report, plus a half page report of the group "Reading and Reflection" that was distributed at the meeting)
- Flower Calendar (Page 22 of the Annual Report)
- Heritage Seniors (Page 23 of the Annual Report)
- Ladies Guild (Pages 23 and 24 of the Annual Report)
- Library Committees (Pages 24 and 25 of the Annual Report)
- Men's Fellowship (Page 25 of the Annual Report)
- News from the Pews (Pages 25 and 26 of the Annual Report)
- Pastoral Care Teams (Pages 26 through 30 of the Annual Report)
- Sound Board (Page 30 of the Annual Report)
- Women's Missionary Society (Pages 30 and 31 of the Annual Report)
- Music Ministry (Pages 32 and 33 of the Annual Report, supplemented by a three-page summary of highlights of the year that was distributed at the meeting)

CARRIED

### **Highlight from 2011 – Amalgamation with Trinity Congregation**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts discussed the amalgamation of the congregations of Trinity Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's, which continues under the name of "St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church". Peter acknowledged the efforts of the people of both congregations in bringing about a largely successful amalgamation and particularly noted the contributions of the Clerk of Trinity, John McPhee, for his leadership and patience through a difficult and, at times, emotional process.

### **In Memoriam**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts acknowledged the passing of members Fred Astle and Morley Johnson during 2012.

### **Hymn**

We sang the hymn "Majesty", which was printed in the bulletin.

### **We Celebrate our Present**

#### **Scripture**

The Rev. Jan Hazlett read Matthew 16:13-16, 24-26.

#### **Children's Time**

The Rev. Hazlett led the children's time in worship.

#### **Overview of 2011 Financial Statements**

The Moderator directed our attention to the 2011 year-end financial statements that had been distributed to the meeting.

Moved by Gordon Forbes, seconded by David Platt, that the 2011 Financial Statements be adopted.

CARRIED

Gordon Forbes then highlighted the 2011 financial statements with the aid of a slide show.

Moved by Gordon Forbes, seconded by Dolly Forcade that the "Review Engagement Report" signed by independent accountant Doreen Richards, Treasurer of Grace Presbyterian Church, be adopted.

CARRIED

#### **Mission Highlight**

David Platt, Convener of the Mission Team, gave a brief overview presentation of the impressive works and projects undertaken in 2011 in furtherance of our heightened goal with respect to mission and outreach.

#### **Offering**

Our offerings were received and acknowledged through the doxology and dedicated through prayer led by the Moderator.

### **We Celebrate our Future**

#### **Hymn**

We sang Hymn 459 "O Servants of God".

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts led the prayer for thanksgiving.

#### **Budget for 2012**

Gordon Forbes led the presentation of the 2012 budget, which was produced on pages 38 and 39 of the Annual Report.

Moved by Gordon Forbes, seconded by George Amos, that the budget for 2012 as presented be approved.

CARRIED

#### **Anthem**

The choir, led by Music Director Cody Obst, presented the anthem "Heavenly Sunlight". The Rev. Dr. Coutts thanked Cody and the choir for this offering and for all of their talented and dedicated service throughout the year, which so greatly enriches our worship experience.

#### **Report of the Board of Managers**

Moved by Brent Harding, seconded by David Platt, that the Board of Managers Report (found on pages 34 through 36 of the Annual Report) be adopted. CARRIED

Further moved by Brent Harding, seconded by Mark Rowe, that a vote of thanks be given to the members of the Board of Managers, whose names and responsibilities are outlined in the Board of Managers Report at page 35. CARRIED

#### **Nominations for membership on the Board of Managers**

Moved by Brent Harding, seconded by Rene Prevost, that the following persons be elected to serve terms of three years on the Board of Managers: Brent Harding, Stephen Henrichsen, Sean Pepper, Anne Rainbow, and Paul Rowe. CARRIED

It was noted that Dot Todd has completed her term on the Board and would not be standing for re-election. Dot first served on the Board of Managers for St. Andrew's in the mid-1960s.

#### **Scripture**

Debby Dorcas read Matthew 28:16-20.

#### **Reflection**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts shared a time of reflection, which he entitled "Being in the Middle of our Story".

#### **Highlight for our Future**

Caroline Bain used an effective slide presentation to outline Stewardship & Planning's planned giving initiative through use of the Legacy Trust Fund. It is anticipated that the Legacy Trust Fund will be activated during 2012.

### **We Go Out to Witness and to Serve**

### **Congregational Concerns**

We were directed to the many opportunities for witness and for service outlined in the bulletin.

### **Hymn**

We sang Hymn 648 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me".

### **Closing Anthem**

The choir sang "Amazing Grace".

### **Benediction**

The Moderator closed the meeting and the worship service by pronouncing the benediction at 11:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Hope-Ross, Clerk of Session*

## **Session Highlights**

Members of Kirk Session of St. Andrew's are elected to the office of Ruling Elder and are ordained for life. An elder who resigns from active service on Session is designated an "Elder Emeritus". We are pleased to report that no one resigned from Session in 2012. We note with sadness, however, the passing of elder Morley Johnson. Morley served St. Andrew's in many ways and was a dedicated and trusted friend.

There were eight active standing teams of Session in 2012, whose membership comprised both elders and lay persons. The teams were: Christian Education, Communion & Districts, Congregational Life, Invitation & Welcome, Leading with Care, Mission, Personnel, and Stewardship & Planning. In October, The Invitation & Welcome Team amalgamated with Congregational Life Team. In addition to these standing teams, Session also received reports and provided direction to the congregational Pastoral Care team. The Impact Team, which was created in 2011 to consider the impacts of the closure of the YMCA's building upon our reciprocal parking arrangements with the "Y", continued its work under the oversight of Session renamed "the Heritage Vision team", with a slightly amended mandate to also consider the implications for St. Andrew's continuing presence at its current location in light of our mandate from the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod to consider future ministry in South Calgary. A Worship team remained unstaffed and inactive throughout 2012, although at the end of the year, discussions were underway regarding creation of a new Worship team.

2012 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year of worship at St. Andrew's at its Heritage Drive location. Many events took place throughout the year to celebrate this milestone. A banner was installed over the main entrance. Invitation & Welcome undertook the sale of coffee mugs, which acknowledge the event. Commemorative pins were produced and made freely available to the congregation and visitors.

Other highlights of 2012 included:

- Session approved the renaming of the Fireside Lounge as "The Karl English Lounge" and dedicated the lounge in memory of the late Rev. English by hanging his portrait on the fireplace.
- Efforts continued to envision the forms of ministry that might be used to further the work of the Presbyterian Church in South Calgary.
- Conceptual consideration of "Family Ministry", which would be based at our Heritage Drive facilities but which reach out in service especially to families throughout South Calgary was ongoing throughout the year. Vision for family ministry and the calling a third minister of word and sacrament would be recommended to the congregation at the annual congregational meeting in February, 2013.
- In addition to the Men's Fellowship Breakfasts, the Invitation & Welcome team provided a pancake supper, which preceded the Ash Wednesday evening service.
- Brenda Pudwell resigned as Editor of News from the Pews, a role that she has performed with good humour, patience and professionalism since 2003. Norah Finlay and Brent Harding now share the editorial duties.
- The trust deed was approved and trustees were named to oversee The Legacy Endowment Fund and its concept for planned giving was rolled out to the congregation through Stewardship & Planning. 30% of net proceeds from the Trinity sale were transferred to the Legacy Trust Fund in accordance with terms of the Trinity St. Andrew's Amalgamation Plan.
- The Trinity window project was completed with the location of the window centrally above the existing Sanctuary door/window assembly.

- A Dementia Respite Care program was conceptually approved and initiated through the Pastoral Care team.
- Lindsay Judd advised Personnel that she had accepted a full time position with the Calgary School Board and would not be seeking to renew her nursery staff position. Annalyn Danglapien was subsequently hired for the position. Unfortunately, by year end, Annalyn had also resigned, leaving this important role unfilled.
- Space does not permit description of the many continuing programs and new initiatives undertaken by the Mission team, but they enthusiastically continue to lead St. Andrew's in the fulfillment of our "Vision for Mission".
- Jim Hope-Ross resigned as Clerk of Session and has been ably replaced by Jean Sadler.

Following each month's Session meeting, News from the Pews and the Sunday bulletin provide the highlights of the meeting. Your interest and feedback is desired and encouraged. Please continue to welcome your elders and district visitors into your lives and make your spiritual and pastoral needs known to us so that we may better serve you according to God's bidding.

*Jointly submitted,  
Jean Sadler and Jim Hope-Ross  
Clerk and Past-Clerk of Session*

## **Session Teams**

### **Christian Education**

The CE Team is charged with the task of providing guidance and active support to the life-long Christian Education within the congregation. Within the Team's responsibility is the operation of the Nursery, all levels of Church School, all Youth events and programming, Adult Education including Alpha & Adult Bible Study, Summer Church School, Vacation Bible School and the child, youth and adult libraries. CE oversees special interest groups such as the Reading & Reflection and Coffee & Conversation groups as well as certain special events including ADVENTure, the annual Spring Fun Day, the presentation of gifts to graduating Grade 6 & 12 youth and the annual Teacher/Leader Appreciation Event. The CE Team selected a scholarship recipient, Simon Feigs, for the Ogilvie Scholarship in 2012 and oversaw the introduction of a Spiritual Dance program for teenage girls on a trial basis. Plans were made in 2012 for ways to further Family Ministry at St. Andrew's and a series of speakers on parenting issues have been arranged for the new year.

In terms of Church School curriculum, Young Children & Worship saw its twelfth year at St. Andrew's for the younger children. In 2012, children from age 3 to Grade 5 attended church school in a multi-aged grouping with the YC@W program being used at 9:30 and "One Room School" curriculum being used at 11:15. Inge Murray blessed us with another year of her talent as the Coordinator of Church School for this age group throughout 2012.

Junior & Sr. High was taught at 9:30 utilizing "Faith Alive" curriculum for Grades 6-12, for the first half of 2012 and a change in curriculum to "Reform", for the second half of the year. Pop Up High fellowship for all the youth continued between services in the Upper Room. Jennifer and Bart Stolee were welcomed back as the Coordinators of the Jr./Sr. High Church School.

In terms of Youth Ministry, Ben Kroeker who was hired in the summer of 2010, continued on through 2012. We continue to have a connected group of teens meeting at the church as *Surge* on Friday nights. A Bible Study took place on Wednesday nights for 6 weeks during the fall of 2012 for the senior high students. Much fundraising by way of cookie sales and bottle drives took place in the spring of 2012 with a view to raising sufficient funds to send a number of our youth to CY2012 in the summer of 2012.

In 2012, our Nursery Coordinator was Stephanie Werle. Lindsay Judd continued as staff person in the Nursery until early 2012 and the position was assumed in the spring by Annalyn Danglapien who continued with us until she resigned in October 2012. A search for a replacement continues. A Newsletter "Splash" for families of nursery aged children was continued as an additional way of connecting families to St. Andrew's.

The CE Team appreciated the assistance of Judie Coleman who continued in the role of Adult Library Coordinator until the end of 2012.

The CE Team plans and organizes the annual presentation of gifts to our graduating Grade 6 and 12 students. 5 from Grade 6 and 6 from Grade 12 in 2012 were presented with gifts on Christian Family Sunday. In addition, CE organized the annual Teacher/Leader Appreciation with a donation to Acadia Place in their names, the annual Spring Fun Day on Saturday April 14 and the informal family celebration of ADVENTure at Christmas, which had record attendance in 2012.

Two groups under the guidance of Rev. Jan Hazlett were back by popular demand in 2012, Reading and Reflection and Coffee & Conversation.

Our Mission funds for 2012 were directed in the name of the church school children to the Church School's Foster Child, the Crib for a Bed program, the Teen Angel program and Acadia Place.

The CE Team can only accomplish the work it is called to do by the continuing response of members of the congregation to serve in teaching & leadership roles. We are very appreciative of all who assist in the work of Christian Education at St. Andrew's.

More detailed reports of the various groups overseen by the CE Team can be found in other sections of this Annual Report.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rhonda Wishart, Convenor*

### **Communion and Districts**

We provide regular Communion Services on the first Sunday of March, June, October, and December as well as special services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday at Easter each year. In addition, we provide assistance for our Ministers to provide Communion Services to the Sudanese Community who make use of our facilities.

The continuing assistance from all of our Session members and Special District Visitors is much appreciated. These dedicated volunteers are the basis of our church's ongoing communication with all of our Members and Adherents.

As Chair, I offer special thanks to the members of our Team, Sheila Kirkland and Ineke Stewart, as well as to Christine Pepper who has been assisting us with preparation of the elements for each of our Communion Services.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene LaMontagne*

### **Congregational Life**

Congregational Life Team has had another busy year providing social and fellowship opportunities for members of our congregation. In the fall, due to small numbers on the teams and the history of working well together on events, the Congregational Life Team amalgamated with the Invitation and Welcome Team to form the Welcome and Fellowship Team, under the leadership of Merrill Blenman.

This fall, due to other commitments Roger Cole stepped down as convenor. Team members over the year have been: Desiree Henrichsen, Dot Todd, Roger and Audrey Cole, Val Hall, Muriel Young, Rev. Jan Hazlett and Annika Koch.

Over the years activities have included:

- In response to the Session's direction the Congregational Life Team has organized more informal opportunities for people to get together. Over the year these less formal events included "Spring Fling" which provided opportunities for our congregation to work together to improve the building and eat together.
- The Annual Stampede Breakfast took place on July 15. This year the team again took on the organization and cooking for this meal, with the help of many including members of the Invitation and Welcome Team. This allowed us to be more flexible and we could invite people until the last



minute. All were fed, and a good time was had at this event. We appreciate the many hands that contributed to the success of this event.

- Working with other teams on the congregational Food Grains Bank Dinner. Thank you to Loran McVittie for his organizational effort.
- The Team after amalgamation to become Welcome and Fellowship again organized the “ADVENTure” supper December 3. The simple dinner was enjoyed by over 100 people
- Sincere thanks and appreciation go to all who volunteered their help in events and projects over the year. And special thanks to the small but committed group of volunteers who make up the Congregational Life Team—without their ideas and hard work, the above mentioned events would not have been the success they were.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rev. Jan Hazlett Past acting convenor of the Congregational Life Team.*

## **The Impact Team**

Okay....Park Yourself!

Beginning in January 2010, a group of members from St. Andrew's came together at the January Meeting of Session to work to resolve how we were going to deal with a new and emergent issue of Parking caused by the shutdown of the YMCA next to us. The YMCA had been operating there for some 50 years but made the decision to close down because of heavily increased maintenance costs and lower participation numbers in programming. The Y turned the building over to the City of Calgary who owned the property and the Y kept the lands used for parking with a long term view to sell that land to the city when appropriate.

By the way....that land has been used forever by our Church including when the property was sold to the Y, owned at that time by St. Andrew's, in 1967.

The St. Andrew's Team was established as the Impact Team...what Impact does the Parking Issue have on St. Andrew's in long term? The bad news is....a huge Impact. And the team is still working to find a way to resolve the issue.

We lose 33 parking spaces that are absolutely essential to us if we cannot find a way to continue to use that land. That would mean we might park at the LRT Lot and use a Shuttle bus to take members to and from the Church. We might buy all the property and create a housing complex of which we might sell or rent....but that is simply not feasible. We might buy a house along our alleyway and turn it into a Parking area but it is highly questionable how that would go over.

The Team has worked diligently for two years to find a solution and not a bit happy one has not been found.

The Team members need to be thanked for their strong commitment including Peter Coutts, Jan Hazlett, Mark Rowe, Tom McIntyre, Ed Braun, and Bob Sadler...outstanding members.

So...the battle for a solution will continue with some major changes in place. Certain members will begin discussion with our community neighbors to see what they might suggest. Hopefully, we can have closer dialogue with the City and perhaps further discussion with the Board of the YMCA.

As it is said “It ain't over until it's over”. And it certainly is not over yet.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Norman Haines, Past Chair*

## **Invitation & Welcome**

We continue to be diligent in our efforts to make all who worship at St. Andrew's welcome to worship and active within St. Andrew's.

A "new comers" event was held in April with a great attendance of new members as well as Elders and District Visitors.

Holy Week Worship Services were printed and available for all visitors and congregational members. Elders and District Visitors were encouraged to distribute this information in their districts.

Three crosses were installed again this year with the appropriate shrouds. Along with our members, residents and motorists favorably commented. We plan to continue with this in 2013.

Our team assisted with the Food Grains Fundraiser Dinner by doing the setup and decorations.

During the Christmas Bazaar our team welcomed all, handed out bookmarks which included all our Advent and Christmas events and worship services as well as serving hot apple cider.

We have asked each of teams and groups to take turns making coffee the first Sunday of each month. This should make all aware of the duties of each team and encourage members to become members of teams.

It is our hope that all members of St. Andrew's will continue to make all welcome and enjoy a cup of coffee after worship.

As of November, our team amalgamated with the Congregational Life Team.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Art, Convenor*

### **Men's Fellowship**

The St. Andrew's Men's Fellowship evolved from a need identified by the Invitation and Welcome Team to provide an opportunity for men in our congregation to gather regularly and informally for fellowship.

In 2012 the Men's Fellowship meetings were held in Trinity Hall on the fourth Saturday morning of each month from January through May and September through November. At each meeting Fellowship Teams took turns preparing a delicious breakfast, followed by a presentation from a guest speaker. Each breakfast normally concluded with a short devotional. Attendance in 2012 averaged 30 to 40 men. Our guest speakers presented a wide variety of subjects of interest.

Speakers and topics in the spring included Rob Allen from IBM discussing technology, Peter Maher "the voice of the Calgary Flames", and Dale Oviatt who spoke to us about WinSport Canada. On April 28th, our Fellowship members enjoyed an enlightening visit to the Bonnybrook Wastewater Treatment plant. On May 26th, a special "Ladies Morning Out" breakfast was held at which Fellowship members invited ladies in our congregation to join us for a gourmet breakfast, followed by a very entertaining and informative talk by Anne Greco from our congregation about her mission trips to Haiti. Jeremy Tuff from Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank joined us on September 22nd and Jeff Hodgson provided us with a presentation about Heritage Park in October. To conclude our fellowship breakfast schedule for 2012 we invited Tom McIntyre from our congregation to provide us with a glimpse of his many travels to the Far East titled "Asia - the Mystic Continent". It was a brief but very entertaining glimpse!

Although the primary goal of the St. Andrew's Men's Fellowship is to provide men in our congregation with an opportunity to gather for friendship, we also contributed to the life and work of our church. In January the Men's Fellowship made a financial donation to assist in the installation of a new sound system in Trinity Hall. Thank you to Rob Cameron for his expertise in this regard. Our men also purchased one of the griddles for our new stove so it could be used for the St. Andrew's Stampede breakfast. In February the Men's Fellowship hosted a pancake supper prior to the Ash Wednesday worship service. Over 100 persons attended. It is our hope to make this an annual congregational event.

Thank you to Lloyd Allen, Craig Murray, Bob Shaw, and Bob Sadler for their leadership in a steering committee to recruit speakers, and to schedule and promote the breakfasts. Thank you to Rob Pollard for his assistance in planning and purchase of the food for each breakfast. Thank you to Clayton Howe for his continuing efforts at publicizing each breakfast. A final thank you to the many giving men from our church family who attend our meetings, assist in set-up and take turns preparing the breakfasts. If you are a St. Andrew's man, young or young-at-heart and have not yet joined us, please consider coming out to an upcoming Fellowship breakfast. We want to get to know you better!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Don Koch*

## Leading with Care

At St. Andrew's we continue to work to reduce risk and to provide a safe environment for all, including our most vulnerable. We act in compliance with The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Leading with Care Policy and in co-operation with the direction of the Pastoral Effectiveness Committee of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

Over the year our activities have included:

- Providing training and support for leaders
- Ensuring required Police Information Checks are completed for all who take part in ministries with children, youth and vulnerable adults.
- With the help of the office staff, keeping records of ministry position descriptions, covenants and reference checks.
- Evaluating risks of new ministries and ensuring compliance with our policy
- Updating of Forms and continuing update of Police Record Checks
- Conducting regular facility checks (at least twice annually) and requesting and overseeing changes where necessary.
- Reviewing critical incident reports and taking action needed
- Reviewing procedures and revising as necessary.
- Continue to recruit, schedule and train Sunday morning Shepherds to monitor the building during worship times, offering support for the nursery, Sunday School leaders, being aware of guests who enter the building but don't enter the Worship service, offer help to those who leave the worship service early, and are prepared and familiar with protocol to offer leadership in case of emergency. Special thanks to Craig Murray who has taken over scheduling of the Shepherds.

**Fire Drill during worship:** In compliance with the Presbytery mandate that all congregations conduct an emergency evacuation drill in 2011, we carried out an emergency evacuation in June of 2011. It has been suggested by the Pastoral Effectiveness Committee that it would be appropriate to have such a drill each year. We did not have a drill in 2012, so look forward to having an emergency evacuation drill in 2013.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed specifically to implement Leading with Care and thank all of St. Andrew's for continuing to work together to ensure that St. Andrew's is a safe place for all people.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

## Mission

This was another busy year for the Mission Team, meeting once per month except for July and August. The highlights for the year include a number of successful projects:

- Lenten fundraiser for Acadia Place, raising over \$7,000 to assist them in paying off the mortgage;
- Continuation of Community Kitchens with Gwynneth Gourley coordinating;
- Food Bank collections and donations every second Sunday plus our annual Veterans Food Bank collection on Remembrance Sunday in November;
- Fundraiser for the Doorway project through poinsettia sales at Christmas – thanks to Rhona Cowx for organizing;
- Continuing support for NeighbourLink via donations and also the No Crib For a Bed project at Christmas. The All Roads Lead Home program is no longer in place and the 3 families we have supported for the past 4 years have moved on;
- Support for the 4 ladies from the congregation who went to South Africa on a house building project in July;

- A visit to the Blackfoot Crossing interpretive centre in June attended by about 20 people;
- Reverend Jan went to Israel on a Mission and educational trip;
- The Foodgrains Bank fall supper coordinated by Loran McVittie with over \$7,000 raised and matched 4:1 by the Canadian government;
- A wonderful fall concert in November coordinated by Cathy Millar and Mary Anne Quesnel. Marty Antonini and 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven put on a truly wonderful performance.
- We continue our involvement with Inn From the Cold and thank outgoing organizer Cathy Millar for her dedication and support to this project. We welcome Val Hall as the new coordinator.

We thank all of the dedicated Mission Team members for their continuing commitment to this very important aspect of church life at St. Andrews.

*Respectfully submitted,  
David Platt, Convenor*

## **Personnel**

The Personnel Team provides support to the congregation and the ministers by providing administrative oversight and advice on all personnel matters concerning church staff. The team is made up of members from Session, the Board of Managers and the congregation at large. The Team's membership is currently made up of Craig Murray and Steve MacDonnell from Session, Bob Shaw from the Board and Ann Conquergood from the congregation-at-large. Peter Coutts continues his caring assistance and guidance to the team. Rob Beatt stepped down from the Team in June and his professional human resources knowledge and experience are greatly missed.

The staff of the congregation is made up of nine full and part-time employees. In March, with support of the Christian Education Team, we were successful in adding Annalyn Danglapen who replaced the departing Lindsay Judd in the Nursery Caregiver position. Unfortunately for us, circumstances in Annalyn's schedule forced her to step down in late October and this position is vacant once more. A suitable candidate is currently being sought. No other staff changes occurred in 2012. Meetings were held over lunch with each of the ministers to solicit feedback to better support our clergy in meeting their needs. One item that received action in this regard was the recording of total hours worked by our ministers. This now forms part of the monthly statistics reported to Session. The team is currently readying itself for possible staffing requirements as Session works through the visions of family ministry and ministry south of Fish Creek Park.

Besides responding to staffing requirements, annual performance reviews of the seven non-clergy staff are carried out and budgetary salary figures are developed and presented to the Board and Session. The Team also maintains personnel policies and procedures and consults with other Presbyterian churches concerning personnel functions and issues.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Steve MacDonnell, Convenor*

## **Stewardship and Planning**

The Stewardship and Planning Team spent most of the year involved in setting up the St. Andrew's Legacy Trust. The trust is an endowment fund established to support the work of St. Andrew's. Establishing the trust fund will allow St. Andrew's to hold gifts in an endowment in perpetuity and use income from the endowment to further the work of the church. It will fund three areas of our Church Life: Our Worship, Our Mission, and Our Facility. It is very easy to participate using many common financial vehicles including: charitable bequests, publicly traded securities, life insurance and gift annuities. We had a visit from Herb Gale who works at the national office in Planned Giving on October 28 and he provided us with a great

overview on what the program has done in other churches in Canada and what it can do for us. For further information see anyone from Stewardship and Planning.

Another issue has been the paying off of the Faith Bonds. Look for a campaign in the near future to erase this debt as St. Andrew's looks to some exciting new directions in the next few years.

Our PAR program continues to do very well. The PAR program makes it easier to donate regularly to the church and saves the church money in bank transactions. A great way to ensure St. Andrew's is supported even if you can't be here every Sunday.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Bain, Convenor*

## **Celebrate 50 Team**

The Session of St. Andrew's named Session Members Annette Shaw, Cathy Millar, Norm Haines, Muriel Young and Jan Hazlett to the team and invited John Young to participate on a Team to consider fitting ways to celebrate our 50 years of ministry in our current location.

The Team had its first meeting May 24, and met 5 more times through the summer and into the fall.  
Ways we celebrated:

John and Muriel Young accepted the position of honorary chairs of the celebration and recognized for their leadership that has continued here for over 50 years.

Worship Celebration:

- o Sunday September 23, our worship service was planned to be more like the services when we moved into this building. The congregation was encouraged to dress in the style of 1960's and women were invited to wear hats. Mr. Bill Graven was invited to the services and recognized for his contribution to St. Andrew's locating on Heritage Drive. John Young was asked to speak about his memories of St. Andrew's locating on Heritage Drive.
- o Remembrance Day: Our Remembrance Day Service highlighted the contribution of people from St. Andrew's during the WW I and II.

Photo Gallery:

- o John and Muriel Young chose feature pictures each week to add to a growing picture gallery in the narthex and Karl English Lounge. The Youngs also made photograph albums available in the Narthex. These were well received!
- o Throughout the fall, beginning on September 23, we made special bulletin covers with pictures of people and events from our past 50 years.
- o Concert to Benefit Acadia Place:
- o One way we celebrated our church home on Heritage Drive was to help to provide a home for those who are at risk of homelessness. We had a benefit concert with the proceeds going to Acadia Place. The Concert featured Marty Antonini and Seventh Heaven, and was organized by the Mission Team.

Promotion:

- o Pins that celebrated our 50 years in this location were purchased and distributed.
- o A Banner to celebrate 50 years in this location was purchased and put over the doorway. Special thanks to Sean Pepper and Rob Cameron for their efforts to display this banner.
- o The Team prepared a Final Report for the January 2013 Session Meeting, making final recommendation and asking to be dismissed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett, Chair of the Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Team*

## A Vision for Family Ministry at St. Andrew's

### Definition of Family Ministry

The focus of family ministry will be children and youth (and through them their families), young adults and young families. The focus will include people of these demographic groups who are currently involved in the life of St. Andrew's, those on the periphery of our congregational life, and those we wish to attract to our congregation. We are redefining "family".

St. Andrew's has a responsibility, given us by Presbytery, to develop a new ministry in south Calgary. We envision this ministry to be a social ministry to families, the exact nature of which is not yet defined. In time this social ministry may become a second worshipping group of St. Andrew's Church, composed of St. Andrew's people involved in this ministry, those who receive the help from this ministry, and those of the south Calgary community who participate in this ministry.

These two elements of family ministry will be integrated in a way so that what happens at St. Andrew's Church will naturally flow into our social ministry in south Calgary. It will begin with the consolidation and expansion of family ministry here at St. Andrew's along with a modest initial engagement in south Calgary, recognizing that as strength is built within this demographic group at St. Andrew's we will grow our capacity to conduct the south Calgary social ministry. In essence, family ministry will become a stronger ministry of the congregation as well as a mission endeavour.

### Rationale for a Stronger Emphasis on Family Ministry

Youth, young adults and young families all have unique needs from each other which are also different from the needs of the middle-aged and older adults. Consequently each of these three groups requires unique attention and support. The membership of St. Andrew's is dominated currently by middle-aged and older adults. The older generations of our congregation have a good organization to meet their needs and interests and a sense of volunteerism that sustains their organizations. The younger generations lack a similar organization, and for a number of reasons it is harder for them to sustain such activity. More clergy and staff support is required to build and sustain a program for the younger generations. Our youth program is a good example of this reality. To a large degree today, and to a greater degree in the future, the pastoral care focus of our congregation will be on the congregation's older demographic groups. Meeting this changing pastoral need will take more of the time of our current clergy and reduce their available time to support the younger generations. To build the next generation of our congregation we will need a stronger ministry focus on family ministry in order to appeal to and attract the next generation by being a faith community that meets their needs and preferences. Given the realities outlined above, a stronger family ministry will be enabled most effectively by adding a third minister to focus on this ministry.

Several years ago a demographic study of The Presbyterian Church showed that youth, young adults and young families are the ones most at risk of dropping out of actual or potential church involvement. Canadian sociologist Dr. Reginald Bibby has shown that this is the general trend across Canada (*Beyond the Gods and Back*, 2011). A strong ministry for these three younger demographic groups increases our potential to retain them.

Christianity has existed for 2,000 years because each generation of Christians handed their faith over to the generation that followed them. We are called to do the same in our own time by being stewards of the future of the Church. Cultural change in our society since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century makes this harder to do today, however. Youth, young adults and young families in Canada today generally have a vague sense of spirituality and little inclination to turn to congregations to support and develop their spirituality. A stronger family ministry will become a form of mission by encouraging people to become followers of Jesus and support them as they grow as Christians. If we wish to



appeal to the younger generations we will have to address their needs and preferences in relevant ways.

There is a wide range of deep needs among Calgary families. A social ministry is an expression of Christian care. Through a social ministry in south Calgary we will not only be expressing the love of Christ but also giving witness to the Lord we serve. It is our hope that such a social ministry will generate credibility, respect and trust for St. Andrew's which in turn can influence people to consider joining with us in the journey of faith.

Societal change over the past 55 years has changed the playing field for churches in Canada. However there are younger people who have beliefs and values which align with Christianity, or are open to new beliefs, and have needs which can be met by our congregation. Influencing and attracting them will take a new kind of determined effort.

#### Desired Outcomes from a Stronger Emphasis on Family Ministry

- 1] Support the growth in faith for people in these demographic groups.
  - One of the central goals of the Christian faith for 2,000 years has been to help each emerging generation to come to know and embrace our faith.
  
- 2] Help people in these demographic groups to enrich their lives.
  - We realize that many of the younger generations are not looking to grow in the Christian faith but are looking for help in living their lives. We can offer care by helping:
    - teens and young adults as they learn to live in their world
    - couples to be stronger couples
    - parents become better parents
    - all to be better members of society
  - By helping in these ways we demonstrate that we care about people's needs, and create potential opportunities for us to have a faith influence on them.
  - Our congregational life provides an opportunity for young people to experience community, which they may not experience elsewhere in their lives.
  - The younger generation have social needs. This ministry can be a means to connect people of similar age and life situation with each other.
  
- 3] Increase the number of young families in St. Andrew's Church.
  - This will enrich our congregational life today.
  - It will help us hand over the life of faith to the next generation as we act as stewards of the future.
  
- 4] Increase the Participation of Children, Youth, Young Adults and Young Families in Congregational Life.
  - Build community for this group among themselves, and by integrating them into the broader life of St. Andrew's through mission and social activity together, and through meaningful worship involvement.
  - Increase their sense of connectedness and belonging to St. Andrew's Church:
    - Using social media and the internet to connect with these groups
    - Involving our younger and older members with each other in meaningful ways
  
- 5] Meet social needs of south Calgary families.
  - Let the "rubber hit the road" as we love our neighbour, in a way that makes a real difference in the lives of those we touch.
  - The actual social ministry is yet to be determined. As we cannot be all things to all people this will be a focused ministry.

### Position Description for Associate Minister (Family Ministry)

The desired outcomes of a stronger family ministry given above were used to create this proposed position description.

Title: Associate Minister (Family Ministry)

**Purpose:**

To provide spiritual leadership, pastoral care and organizational direction for relevant ministry to youth, young adults and young families.

**Accountability:**

Accountable to the Presbytery for ministerial conduct, as outlined in the Book of Forms 249.  
Accountable to the Session as the leadership body of the congregation.  
Accountable to the clergy team as a member of the team.

**Responsibilities:**

In the context of family ministry to youth, young adults and young families, the Associate Minister will:

Lead the development and conduct of worship relevant to youth, young adults and young families.

Nurture in individuals growth in faith, discipleship in Jesus Christ, and development of the whole person.

Provide organizational leadership to build Christian community that strengthens fellowship, a sense of belonging, integration into the life of St. Andrew's, and mutual care.

As part of the clergy team, be the point person in the development of St. Andrew's south Calgary mission.

**Relationships:**

The Associate Minister will enjoy involvement in the wider life of St. Andrew's Church beyond the primary scope of Family Ministry, including worship leadership, program, pastoral care and congregational leadership.

The Associate minister will be an integral part of the clergy team, relating to the Minister who acts as head of staff.

### Short and Mid-term Objectives for the Development of Family Ministry

St. Andrew's can begin to work on enhancing family ministry even before a third minister joins our congregation. Here are some priorities for the next 12 months.

**Family Ministry Priorities – Four Months**

An audio-video feed of the worship service to the nursery.

Some initial investigation has been made on the technical requirements for making this happen.

Make more use of youth, young adults and young couples as greeters and ushers Sunday morning to make them more visible in the congregation.

Facebook site

More social activities for these groups.

The Family Ministry Design Team organized the family picnic held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We are considering a bowling event in November and an outdoor skating event early in 2013.

Educational events for people in the community.

The nursing ministry team agreed in the summer to conduct the first event in October themed "Family Wellbeing Night". This has now been postponed until 2013.

Family Ministry Priorities – Twelve Months

Vacation Bible School here

For many years we have worked jointly with St. Peter's Church in providing a neighbourhood VBS. We have a few people here who are keen to see us host it in the future.

Dance / Arts program for the teens

Desiree Henrichsen is working at establishing this activity

Consider establishing a contemporary worship service

Look at piggy-backing on Wednesday night Alpha to provide opportunities for families to gather and learn. Child care provided.

Recommendations

- Motion 1: That the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, endorses the vision for expanded family ministry.
- Motion 2: That the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, request the Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod for permission to create a new position for an Associate Minister (Family Ministry).
- Motion 3: That the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, request permission from the Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod to proceed with a search process to fill the new position once the funding for the position is assured.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Peter Coutts*

# Youth & Children's Ministries

## Director of Youth Ministry

Surge Student Ministries has had a tremendous year! Our group has been connected to a lot of new faces, experienced some changes to programming and have had some new opportunities that have brought them closer to Christ.

First off, I would like to thank the congregation for sending our students to St. Catherines, Ontario to Canada Youth 2012. Our Church sent five students to a life changing experience. Dermott Decottignies, Kyle White, Shelby Cole, Carl Murray and Shona Murray joined 500 other students from across Canada to learn more about Christ and deepen their faith. The talent of the speakers and the structure of the week allowed for exactly that. It was quite amazing to be connected to all of those students from across the Presbyterian denomination.

When we went down to CY 2012, we travelled with youth from other Presbyterian churches in Calgary. And we found that we quite enjoyed their company! This inspired the youth leaders from our city's Presbyterian churches to start planning what we simply call "the City Wide events." This way we can connect with other students in the city and help and support each other's youth groups. We held the first one right after our annual fall retreat. It was quite successful. We had 30 people show up for our first event! We've been continuing to hold these events every month and it's really exciting to see how Christ seems to be getting our youth together and a group identity between our churches is starting to form!

We also had our second annual backpacking trip. We saw our attendance double on this trip and we also saw quite the array of weather patterns. We saw everything from sunny skies to hiking 10 km in the hail and rain. We put in a lot of hard work, work that included hiking up over 600m in elevation to a ridge overlooking the lake. Everyone rose to the challenge of backpacking in the back country. And overall we would all say that it paid off. This is a quote from Carl Murray from the September issue of News from the Pews.

"For a first timer like me, it was an amazing experience. God has so many wonderful creations that are not seen from within the city; like the view from the ridge. All along the hike, you keep thinking to yourself 'this better be worth the work'. Once you get up to the ridge you get this feeling inside when you look over the edge and see the spectacular view that is absolutely indescribable. You realize how big, how great our God really is. I will definitely be going again and encourage anyone who wants to experience something new to join along. It is well worth all the hiking."

Finally, we've introduced a new study format into our youth group to help busy students find time to explore faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus. We have started video studies where all the students have to do is show up and watch the speaker present an issue on faith and then we discuss it. In a twitter comment, one student expressed her gratitude for the study saying that it gave her a lot of things to think about.

We're still trying to get a band off the ground and will continue to pursue this in 2013.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Kroeker, Director of Youth Ministry*

## Cradle Roll

On our register for the year 2012, we have 5 new members.

Birthday cards were sent out to 13 of our children, 3 years and younger.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Elspeth McFadzean, Cradle Roll Secretary*

## **Splash Curriculum**

During the sacrament of baptism, we as a community promise to continue to nurture and encourage the child in faith. As a community we do this by providing Nursery Care during Worship, Sunday School for all ages and Youth group as well as family activities like Adventure and choirs. However, when the children are very young we as a community have taken these promises seriously and provide a curriculum for parents to nurture faith of their child in the home.

This curriculum is called "SPLASH". Each month from birth until three years of age, the family of each child is sent a newsletter appropriate for the stage of development of the child. Music and song suggestions are provided also by way of an annual CD. With SPLASH we hope to support and provide resources to families to be intentional in nurturing the faith of their little ones. Thank you to Audrey Cole keeping track of our families and for sending the curriculum every month.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

## **Spirituality and Movement**

This fall we have been able to offer a program of Spirituality and Movement for young women under the Christian Education banner, with Rev. Jan Hazlett as a resource person. Under the capable direction of Desiree Henrichsen, the group uses dance and movement in their exploration of faith and living their faith. The sessions include prayer, scripture, role play, discussion and movement. The small but enthusiastic group will continue in the new year. Sessions take place in Trinity Hall on Monday evenings, and new members are welcome. For information contact the church office.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

## **Nursery**

This year, our St. Andrew's Nursery continued to benefit from having a hired Nursery Caregiver. Lindsay Judd, who had been working in the nursery since last year, resigned from her position as Nursery Caregiver early in the year. We were pleased to then have Annalyn Danglapen take over the position in early spring until fall, leaving the position vacant for the past few months. Both Lindsay and Annalyn provided quality and consistent care to our young children on a weekly basis. The initiative of having a hired Nursery Caregiver has been very successful, as we saw an increase in our weekly attendance and have also now seen children in the nursery during the 11:15 service. The consistency of having a Nursery Caregiver every week is reassuring for both the little ones and their parents, who were able to attend service on a more regular basis.

While we have been looking both within and outside the church community, we continue to seek a qualified candidate to take on the role of Nursery Caregiver. Until a replacement is found, we are relying on volunteers. This is proving to be a struggle, leaving us unable to consistently offer parents childcare for their little ones.

As always, we are very appreciative of those volunteers who have given of their time this year to allow our parents a needed break, providing them an opportunity to participate in worship.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Werle, Coordinator*

# Church School

## Pre-school and Elementary Departments

Many leaders and helpers continued to offer their gifts in leading, teaching and assisting the younger children of St. Andrew's church school. We thank Rev. Jan Hazlett for her leadership and support to the leaders and helpers.

### **Curriculum:**

At 9:15 the Young Children and Worship program by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman was used for children aged 3 to grade 5. The grade 6 students joined the youth for the "up high" program.

At 11:15 the One Room Sunday School Curriculum was used for children aged 3 to grade 6. A few junior high students participated and also helped as junior leaders.

During the summer the One Room Sunday School Curriculum was used and members of the Christian Education (CE) Team and volunteers from the congregation led these lessons.

### **Mission:**

- o St Andrew's Church school made cards for our foster child.
- o Kathleen Tomie arranged an informative lesson on the work of our Church in Mission.

### **Celebrations:**

- o Many children attended the annual Spring Fun Day. The morning was filled with making crafts, watching a puppet show presented by some of the St Andrew's youth and lots of fun was had with the parachute games.
- o The elementary church school participated in a palm procession at the beginning of the Palm Sunday service.
- o There were six grade six students who received annotated bibles, and five grade twelve students who received a spiritual reflection book from the CE Team.
- o A donation was made on behalf of the church school leaders and helpers to Acadia place instead of a teacher/leader appreciation celebration. Handmade bookmarks were given to the leaders and helpers.
- o An end of school year celebration with ice-cream sundaes was held at the beginning of June for all the church school children.
- o Many children and their families participated in the Advent ADVENTure where lovely Christmas crafts were created and the "Sounds of Joy" and "Musical Friends" choirs presented a musical to round off the evening.
- o The Christmas Pageant involved the younger children of St Andrew's Church School with some of the youth taking on the leadership role for the pageant.

### **Training and workshops:**

- o Valleyview Presbyterian Church offered training for new leaders for the "young children and worship program". We had one person from St Andrew's participate in the training for a leader role in the program.
- o A few church school leaders attended the Presbytery workshop "Making Connections that Matter: Youth, the Church & God" led by Spencer Edwards that St Andrew's hosted in November 2012.

On behalf of St. Andrew's I would like to thank all the leaders and helpers for using their gifts in ministry and sharing their faith with the young people of St Andrew's.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Inge Murray, Pre-School and Elementary Church School Coordinator*

## **PRE-SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY TEACHERS**

Pre-school and Elementary Coordinator.....Inge Murray  
Registrar.....Audrey Cole  
Resource Coordinator..... Inge Murray  
Church School Envelope Secretary..... Ineke Stewart



### **Leaders and helpers**

Lucy Aburto (Jan – Dec)  
Marianne Attridge (Jan-Dec)  
Audrey Cole (Jan-Dec)  
Desiree Henrichsen (Jan-Dec)  
Leslie Hubler (Jan-Dec)  
Lorna Kearnes (Jan-Dec)  
Tammy Laryea-Adjei (Jan-Jun)  
Tracy Huthersall (Sept – Dec)  
Jane MacDonnell (Jan-Dec)  
Usha Mohan (Jan-Dec)  
Inge Murray (Jan-Dec)  
Linda Ripley (Jan-Dec)  
Rhonda Wishart (Jan-Dec)

### **Junior & Senior High Church School**

Many thanks to the following dedicated and energetic leaders of the Junior/Senior High class in 2012:

Mary Jane Curran & Christine Pepper  
Yvonne Kangong (with some assistance from Simon Feigs and Carl Murray)  
Bart & Jennifer Stolee

This fall we introduced new curriculum called ReForm which both the students and teachers have greatly enjoyed. Each lesson begins with a 5-minute animated video that engages the wide-ranging audience (grades 6 through 12) in a visual and humorous way. Through topics like "Is God male?" and "Does God still create stuff today?", the candid, back-to-basics approach highlights the foundations of Christian faith in a way that is accessible and applicable to everyday life.

Classes take place each Sunday morning during the 9:30 service in the Upper Room and attendance typically fluctuates between 5 and 12 youth each week.

We'd like to express special thanks to Ben for his contribution and continued support for the Junior/Senior High group. We are truly blessed with such willing and energetic leaders, and are rewarded each week by watching the youth grow in their relationships with each other and with Christ. We look forward to continued insights, energy, and enthusiasm from our youth as we deepen our faith together in 2013.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bart & Jennifer Stolee, Coordinators of Junior/Senior High Church School*

### **Resource Coordinator**

The Resource Coordinator maintains the supplies needed by the church school. The main responsibilities of the Resource Coordinator are to order church school curriculum and to keep the supply cupboard stocked with craft supplies.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Inge Murray*

# Adult Ministries & Groups

## Adult Study Groups

The adult studies groups met on Sunday mornings, one group at 9:30 am and the other group at 11:15 am. All previous study resources have been catalogued and are available for use.

The Spiritual Reflection study group met at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and had between 14 and 22 regular participants. This year the group continued with "End Times" by Paul Stevens. This was a difficult subject to work through. In the fall the group started a video based study by John Ortberg "The me I want to be - Becoming God's best version of you". The group enjoyed sharing and reflecting on a more personal, spiritual level and they have also learnt through listening to each other's experiences. Bill Judd leads the group, and the participants enjoyed the fellowship and opportunity for in-depth discussions around these topics.

The SOS (Students of Scripture) group met at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and had 6 regular participants. The group worked through three studies over the course of the year: "Jesus' final week" by Cindy Bunch that coincided with the season of Lent, followed by "Never beyond hope" by JI Packer and they finished the year with the "Beatitudes" by John Stott. The studies were lead by Stewart Hall and the group enjoyed coming together in fellowship and the study of God's word.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Inge Murray*

## Coffee and Conversation

Over the year our coffee and conversation group has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings. The group has grown to number regularly around 18 and more often a mix of men and women. Together we use a study guide and our discussion center on scripture, faith and life. We begin our morning, gathering at 9:30 for tea/coffee and goodies that we take turns providing. At 10 we begin an intentional conversation about faith led by Rev. Jan . Over the year we have been working on a study of psalms and taken time in Advent and Lent to do an appropriate seasonal study. Together we ask questions and explore what living our faith can mean. We close with prayer for each other, our community and our global community. The group is always open to new participants.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

## Reading and Reflection

This year we have continued with the monthly book club led by Rev. Jan with help from others on occasion. The books have again provided a great starting point for issues of faith and our world. This year our books have included: Unless, The Birth House, An Altar in the World, My Stroke of Insight, Room, Blue Like Jazz and The Glass Castle. The group often numbers over 20, most often women although men are invited and sometimes attend. We hope that in future more men might consider coming out and adding to our discussion.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

## Alpha

Alpha is a course that looks at basic Christian beliefs, originally intended for new people to the Church it is also helpful to those who had been long time church members. It causes us to review our beliefs and to see our faith anew, it is also a great way to develop new friendships in the church. This program is used by Christians around the world in almost every denomination. In Calgary there are many churches that offer the program.

We offer two different courses:

The original course is entitled "Questions of Life" it encourages people to examine and discuss their faith and share their ideas with others.

Another course is provided from the Alpha program with a different series of videos, a study based on Paul's letter to the Philippians entitled "A Life Worth Living" it focuses on our daily approach to living our Christian faith.

At St. Andrew's, we have offered Alpha courses since January 2001. Our courses are held in Trinity Hall on Wednesday nights, beginning with snacks, beverages and fellowship at 6:30 pm. We then move to a time of devotions about 7:00 pm followed by a video on an aspect of the Christian faith by Rev. Nicky Gumbel, a very engaging and humorous speaker. After the video we break into groups to discuss our thoughts on the subject of the evening. An integral part of the course is a weekend retreat that has usually been held at St. Andrew's.

Both Alpha courses run for 12 weeks, including the Introductory Dinner and Celebration Dinner. In 2012 we started on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>. Every June we also try to get all former Alpha alumni together for an indoor barbecue of fun and fellowship. This event is usually well attended.

Together with the Alpha courses we have Small Groups for Bible studies that meet at the same time on Wednesday evenings. Most of these people have taken Alpha courses and want to continue to study and grow in their Christian faith. It is not required to have been on an Alpha course to attend. The Alpha Team is pleased to have these Small Groups as an integral part of the Wednesday evening program and fellowship.

Many people from both inside and outside St. Andrew's have enjoyed the Alpha program. It serves both to bring new people to the faith and also helps support existing members who would like to develop their Christian faith and enhance their relationship with other Christians.

To register for courses, or obtain further information please phone the church office 403-255-0001, Randy Evans 403-257-5300 or Rhona Cowx 403-640-4119.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Evans, Convenor*

## Flower Calendar

### WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH?

Flowers are used to symbolize many occasions in the church. Most often, they are used to cheer our lives during difficult times; but also enhance the Easter and Christmas seasons. Sometimes, they are used to say thank you to people or to celebrate occasions such as special anniversaries and birthdays.

### HOW ARE THE FLOWERS USED IN THE CHURCH?

During each Sunday service the flowers are placed at the front of the sanctuary. In addition, the Sunday bulletin will identify the name(s) of those who purchased the flowers and for what occasion, if desired.

### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

In the lounge there is a Flower Calendar. Print your name beside the appropriate date when to place flowers in the sanctuary. Below the calendar is a form to fill out to indicate your wishes regarding whether you will take the flowers home or if you would like them given to someone else. Leave the completed form in the office.

### HOW MUCH DO THE FLOWERS COST?

The flowers are purchased at a cost of \$30.00 per arrangement. Cheques are made payable to "St. Andrew's Church "with flowers on the memo line". If you wish to purchase the flowers from another florist, please notify the church office.

**MAY I JUST MAKE A DONATION?**

As an alternative, individuals can make a donation to the St. Andrew's Church Memorial Fund. A special silk bouquet will be used for these Sundays.

**MAY I TAKE THE FLOWERS HOME AFTER THE SERVICE?**

Yes, just advise the church office of your intentions.

**WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FLOWERS IF I DON'T TAKE THEM HOME?**

The flowers will be delivered to the individuals who are ill, shut-in, or just need some cheer in their lives.

**WHO MAKES THIS ALL HAPPEN?**

First and foremost, the individuals who purchase the flowers. The office does the ordering, and the flowers are picked up at the florist and delivered to the church by Olive Schwab. Church elders deliver the flowers after the 11:15 service when required.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dolly Forcade, Administrative Assistant*

## **Heritage Seniors**

Membership in the Heritage Seniors Group (which is sponsored by St. Andrew's Church) is open to anyone over the age of 55 years who is either a member or a non-member of the Church. The object of the group is to improve the quality of life of its members by providing opportunities for physical, mental, social and spiritual activities.

The present membership is over 200 and the activities include aerobics, carpet bowling, stretch exercises, line dancing, music makers, art classes, bridge, walking club and card socials.

We enjoyed trips to Rosebud Theatre, Waterton Park, Stage West and St. Peters Church. At our monthly luncheons we have guest speakers or some form of entertainment. The Christmas lunch our members brought wrapped gifts for children 8 years old and younger. These gifts were given to Ronald MacDonald House and The Mustard Seed. The Annual Strawberry Tea was held in May. Many thanks to our members and friends who made this very successful.

The Seniors have made the following donations to St. Andrew's:

Donation	\$2500
New stove	\$2000
Snow Removal	\$ 500
Paper & Paper cups	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total	\$ 5500

Donations of \$500 each to two local charities

A thank you is given to the church office staff who help in various ways with the smooth running of the Heritage Seniors.

A special thank you for all the support and dedication given by the many volunteer members of the group who serve on the committees, provide instructions and who help in many other ways. It has been a pleasure to work with these people who are willing to do their part and have thus enabled the Heritage Seniors Group to attain the success it has.

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Young, President*

## Ladies Afternoon Guild

This group is open to all ladies of the congregation. It meets every second Tuesday of the month except July and August.

The meetings are held in the Karl English Lounge commencing at 1:30 pm.

2012 was a very busy and productive year.

- Furniture for the Karl English Lounge was bought and put in place.
- The Guild was in charge of raising the finances and purchasing a new stove for the kitchen. With the help of the Seniors Group, the Memorial Fund, the Catering Group, private donations, Men's Breakfast and the Guild we accomplished our goal.

Two grills were purchased for the stove - used successfully by the Men's Fellowship and the Welcome & Fellowship Annual Stampede Breakfast in July.

The new stove was christened with two luncheons - the Seniors' Volunteer and the YMCA Relocation. Our ten burners were used for Christmas puddings. A birthday, Baptism, numerous funerals and the Presbytery Workshop catering have all required our new stove. Also Community Kitchen is as pleased as the rest of us.

Our new sister organization the Evening Guild have been a huge help to us - in catering, in Bazaar and in general. We appreciate their help very much.

The Ministers and Session asked for our input for a Funeral Brochure.

This was submitted in October, hopefully this brochure will help answer many of the questions that arise when faced with this stressful and emotional time.

The Bazaar is the church's biggest fund raiser and was a huge success.

Several of the ladies were interviewed by CBC -St. Andrew's has the Longest Running Bazaar in the city. A Volunteers Dinner was held for all participants in the Bazaar -was well attended and the entertainment was wonderful. Our very own Heather MacDonnell, an Alberta Games and Commonwealth Silver medalist, performed with her sister and several of her dance group.

Joy to the World -an ecumenical choral evening -was our last project of the year - we arranged the refreshments for all at St. Gerard's. The music and the food were well received.

In June we had a potluck dinner for both Guild groups - everyone brought a dish and its recipe placed in the Cook Book. So far sales have been brisk and we have in the range of \$1500.00 to give to the Ogilvie/Speers Scholarship Fund.

In 2013 we, as a group would like to continue to encourage young families and kids to participate in the life of St. Andrew's.

Cash donations have been given through the year to various organizations.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Anne Rainbow, President Ladies Afternoon Guild*

## Ladies' Evening Guild

The inaugural meeting of the LEG (Ladies Evening Guild) was held February 6, 2012, with 5 ladies in attendance.

The group holds its meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, sans the summer months. Rather than re-inventing the wheel, the group decided to use the Afternoon Ladies Guild Charter, until the group either feels that this charter does not fit our purpose, or the groups' direction changes.

The LEG meeting are short (no refreshments – unless you bring your own) with less formality than the Afternoon Guild. Minutes are published via email, etc. They start sharply at 7:30 and are over again, sharply at 9:00, in the lower lounge off Trinity Hall.

The first function of the LEG by itself was the "Boot Sale" or "Treasures in your Trunk" which was held June 9, 2012. While the weather was not as conducive for holding a "Boot" Sale the ladies set up in the lower hall,

had many tables, and “interesting” items for the public to view. We even had the Celebrity from “Canadian Pickers” picking through the treasurers.

For this function, the Ladies Afternoon Guild loaned the LEG a float, from our first function we were able to pay back this loan from the kind ladies and now have a decent float for future endeavors. The ladies of the LEG are ladies who never fail to volunteer for different functions and causes. Certain members helped with Catering 101, the Soup Lunch, and of course the Christmas Bazaar and lately the Joy to the World evening.

Since the inaugural meeting the group is slowly grown to approximately 10-12 members. In September 2012, election for the Ladies (of the) Evening Guild, we now have a : Madam, a keeper of the “Little Black Book” and of course our “Money Bags”. The Ladies of the Evening Guild, are here to be able to include Ladies of St. Andrew’s who for whatever reason can not make the Afternoon Guild meetings.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline (Jackie) Moody, Convenor*

## **Library Committees – Adult, Teen & Children’s**

### **Adult/Youth Library**

A library? Do we have a library at the church? YES we do and now the most popular books are residing on the bookshelves in the corner of the Karl English Lounge, just beside the kitchen. There you will find devotionals, adult fiction and non-fiction, books on Christian Life and Family Life, Personal Growth, Grief and Pastoral Care. Plus books pertaining to both Men's and Women's Issues. We also have Large Print books.

Do we have Bibles and Commentaries? YES They are still located downstairs in the Inner Hall along with other reference books on Church Administration, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Nursing Health Ministry, Bible Background and Studies.

#### **HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY**

1. Select your book(s)
2. Remove the card from the back pocket
3. Fill in your name, phone number and the date
4. Place the card in the grey Library Card Box according to the Book's Title
5. When returning your book(s) there is no need to re-shelve them, simply leave in the designated box.

YES we are always looking for donations of Christian books that are less than 5 years old. Please leave them in the church office.

NO, there is no limit to the number you can borrow or a time limit on how long you can borrow but we recommend no more than 5 books and please be kind and return as soon as you have read them.

There is a Children's Library located in the Christian Ed hallway and a Youth Library located in the Youth Lounge.

Several books were purchased and many were donated throughout the year. These have been catalogued and added to the Adult and Youth libraries. The library is a good resource but is not used as much as hoped.

Thank you to Sylvia Cummer, who helped maintain the library when I was away this year.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judie Coleman, Librarian*



## News From the Pews

Two thousand twelve was an important year of change at News From the Pews.

Brenda Pudwell heard the call of her grandchildren and turned over her editorial pen to a new editor. Thank you Brenda for your dedication to keeping the people of St. Andrew's informed about our church.

Under a new editor, NFTP shifted its emphasis somewhat to, much like The Bible, tell more of the stories of the people of St. Andrew's rather than church events.

Events remain important but St. Andrew's is more than events, it is the people behind those events, the people who organise and stage those events and the people benefit from them.

NFTP faces a challenge. The budget for the newsletter is \$0.00. That means doing more has to be accomplished without costing more. The easiest method to do that is by using digital resources – easier said than done.

Each edition of the newsletter is now produced in a digital and paper version. E-mail subscribers probably come out ahead particularly when it comes to images. E-mail subscribers get full colour images while the paper version is reproduced in black and white because colour reproduction costs considerably more.

Hopefully the compromise has satisfied all readers and we continue to encourage e-mail subscription to save the costs of postage and paper.

We hope you enjoy each edition of NFTP and welcome comments and suggestions. E-mails can be sent to: newsletter@standrewscalgary.ca A paper letter can be dropped in the NFTP box in the English Lounge.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Brenton Harding, Editor.*

## Pastoral Care Teams

### Pastoral Care

*May the knowledge of the love and grace of God sink from my head  
down into my heart so that it flows out of my hands, my mouth, my ears,  
and my eyes so that this body becomes the body of Christ in the world.*

This prayer reveals one of the most important aspects of pastoral care -- engaging our physical being in the service of caring for others. We do this through our hands as we reach out and touch or refrain from touching, our mouths as we speak or remain silent, our ears as we listen to the voices of those who cry out or speak softly, and our eyes as we see things from the perspective of our faith. The church becomes the body of Christ in the way we care for one another.

- "Spirituality and Pastoral Care" met monthly over the year. Led by the Rev. Jan Hazlett this group encourages and supports those who visit on behalf of the church. Over this past year we have moved on from our discussion of Jean Stairs book "Listening to the Soul" to a broader base discussion of spirituality and incorporation of spirituality in visits. Together we continue to consider the ministry of visiting, exploring topics of concern around visiting. In working on our own prayer and devotional lives we have explored different ways of prayer, and together visited a Labyrinth in the fall to experience this form of meditation. This group continues to meet usually about one Wednesday evening a month. The group is open to new members, for information contact Rev. Jan Hazlett.
- The CareNotes located on the Pastoral Care Board in the Lounge continue to be a good resource. They will be restocked in the new year.

- Side by Side is a new pastoral care undertaking under our Companion Ministry. It evolved from our concern for caregivers who take care of a loved one with memory problems and the caregiver's need for respite. The Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch, who also works for the Bethany Care Society, brought forward the idea and offered the support of the Society. Rev. Jan worked closely with the Bethany Care Society and the Alzheimer's' Society to gather information to help her create our program and put together the necessary forms. The program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and offers BrainGym®, simple exercises, crafts, music and various activities. Each day starts with coffee/tea and muffins, with lunch offered at noon and coffee/tea and cookies at the end of the program. Except for BrainGym®, the program is staffed with volunteers from St. Andrew's. Side by Side was offered on 4 Wednesdays this fall: October 24, November 7 & 21 and December 5. We started with one participant and expect 3 new participants when the program resumes on January 9<sup>th</sup> when it will become weekly, running through to the end of June. This group continues to be funded mainly by donations. As a result of someone offering to underwrite the cost, in the new year, we will be able to offer Music Therapy every second week in Side by Side. Please keep this new ministry in your prayers.

Changes to convenors during the year:

- Both Gail Prevost and Lee Bridge resigned as coordinators for our Home and Shut-In Ministry this year. We are very thankful for their time as coordinators. We are fortunate to have found a replacement for them in Barb English.
- Vanessa Davidson resigned as one of the coordinators for CareShare over the summer. We appreciate Vanessa's time given to this ministry. Jean Spotowski has continued on her own but we are looking for someone to assist her.

Pastoral Care is made up of many teams. Each has a specific task and yet they often overlap. As you read the following reports from each individual team, please be open to ways that you might offer care to others.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

### **Bereavement Team**

The purpose of this team is to provide pastoral support, to members of the congregation who have lost loved ones. Support is offered through telephone calls, cards and home visits. The current team members are Muriel Young, Elva Ellergodt, Winn Cole and Alice Williams.

This year team members participated in the May Seniors Health Fair, by providing resource information related to community grief counseling, support groups and St Andrew's Church bereavement services.

Recognizing that many who have experienced loss find Christmas time difficult, the Bereavement Team hosted the annual " Celebration of Life Service ", on Monday December 3, 2012 . This year our guest speaker was Rev. Victor Kim, lead minister at Grace Presbyterian Church. A total of 38 people attended this inspirational service.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Williams Convener*

### **Care Share**

Care Share is one aspect of the Pastoral Care Team Ministry. Volunteers who have "signed-up" are asked to offer support of people during difficult times, usually by offering to provide a meal or transportation for medical appointments. Many volunteers have given generously of their time and talents over this past year. Again this year we were able to deliver plates of Christmas baking to shut-ins and others. Many thanks to Rita Elliot who organized the this effort, to the many who contributed baking and to the members of St. Andrew's who delivered the plates.

This ministry has been capably coordinated by Vanessa Davidson and Jean Spotowski. This year for personal reasons Vanessa has been unable to continue this work. We are grateful to Vanessa and to Jean Spotowski for their time and dedication to this ministry over this year. We are blessed to have Jean Spotowski continue to co-ordinate this ministry.

On behalf of Jean Spotowski I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all who support the Care Share program.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

### **Home and Shut-In Visitation Ministry**

This ministry makes sure that people who are not able to attend worship (or need help to do so) can still feel connected to the church community, and part of its life. Our volunteer visitors help to keep this connection alive. We don't want people to feel forgotten just because they can't show up every Sunday. Many have spent years supporting the church, and feel the grief of separation caused by age or lack of mobility.

The number of people on the visitation list fluctuates almost from week to week as people's circumstances change. As of December, the number is 24. The number of people who visit is 22. This is an unobtrusive kind of ministry; it's a one- to-one connection, and done at the time of the visitor's choice. Sometimes our visitors bring little gifts or something that interests the person they are visiting. Undoubtedly, however, the real gift is the time spent together. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the faithfulness of the volunteer visitors, some of whom have been doing this for years.

We suggest 4 visits a year, minimum. If you have 4 hours out of an entire year to spare, please volunteer for this quiet, vital ministry. You can make someone's day. And perhaps your own.

Gail Prevost and Lee Bridge have coordinated this Home and Shut-in ministry for two years, and we extend our gratitude for all their work.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Barb English, Coordinator*

### **Nursing Health Ministry**

The purpose of the Nursing Health Ministry of St Andrew's, is to provide congregational support, in the form of " Nurse on duty " on a Sunday morning, from 10:30 am until 11:15 am between services, in the small " former YWCA office " within the main church office.

This year, to better address congregational health concerns, the team mandate was expanded to include a broader scope of practice, related to specific health information and community support, in the form of a Seniors Health Fair and Fall Prevention.

During the past year, the Registered Nurses on the team, have provided " Nurse on duty " support in a number of ways.

Blood pressure monitoring remains the number one reason for accessing this service.

- Blood pressure monitoring : 118 in 2012
- Nutritional counseling
- Psychological support and encouragement
- Bereavement support
- Surgical procedure information
- Community resources

Our first Seniors Spring Health " Tune Up " was held on May 4, 2012 in Trinity Hall from 10 am -1 pm. Twelve community resources were on hand to give out information on a wide variety of topics. A pharmacist addressed medication issues during a half hour " mini workshop " and members of the nursing team were on hand to monitor pulse oximetry and blood pressure. A total of 76 participants attended.

In September, Alice Williams and past team convener Kathleen Tomie, joined the Alberta Health Services Older Adult Fall Prevention committee. In order to acknowledge November, as Alberta Fall Prevention month, informational displays were set up between services on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, members of the Lillian Dickson WMS group participated in an information session related to fall prevention and osteoporosis.

The Nursing Health Ministry team includes, Anne Greco, Lynn Judd, Judy McVittie, Barbara Kearnes and Alice Williams.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Williams RN BN & Convener*

### **Prayer Ministry**

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. — James 5:16 (NIV)*

Some days we wake up praying and go to sleep praying. Other days we think, we don't really have anything to pray about today. Then all it takes is a few moments of reflection for us to realize that whether everything is moving along smoothly or falling apart in our grasp, there is always something to pray about.

Days that flow nicely are a great time to be thankful and to pray for others who are suffering. We can ask God what we can do this day to help a friend or neighbour. Maybe it is our turn to be the answer to someone else's prayer. We pray readily when life seems to be falling apart and we feel unable to change our situation. But our prayers can change our circumstances. God still answers prayers, every day. Whether we need an answer to our prayers or we can be the answer to someone else's prayers, we need to pray. Prayer changes everything!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

### **Prayer Chain Ministry**

Would you like to be a member of the Prayer Chain Ministry but are unsure how to pray? You may find the following book to be helpful. It can be found in St. Andrew's adult library along with many other books on prayer.

#### *Prayer – Finding the Heart's True Home*

Best-selling author Richard J. Foster offers a warm, compelling, and sensitive primer on prayer, helping us to understand, experience, and practice it in its many forms—from the simple prayer of beginning again to unceasing prayer. He clarifies the prayer process, answers common misconceptions, and shows the way into prayers of contemplation, healing, blessing, forgiveness, and rest.

Coming to prayer is like coming home, Foster says. "Nothing feels more right, more like what we are created to be and to do. Yet at the same time we are confronted with great mysteries. Who hasn't struggled with the puzzle of unanswered prayer? Who hasn't wondered how a finite person can commune with the infinite Creator of the universe? Who hasn't questioned whether prayer isn't merely psychological manipulation after all? We do our best, of course, to answer these knotty questions but when all is said and done, there is a sense in which these mysteries remain unanswered and unanswerable. . . At such times we must learn to become comfortable with the mystery."

Foster shows how prayer can move us inward into personal transformation, upward toward intimacy with God, and outward to minister to others. He leads us beyond questions to a deeper understanding and practice of prayer, bringing us closer to God, to ourselves, and to our community.

The Prayer Chain's ministry is to seek God in all situations. We pray for God's guidance, support and peace; for healing for those who are ill - physically, mentally or emotionally. We offer praise for blessings in people's lives and for answers to our prayers. A simple prayer asking God to heal, comfort, protect or support someone is adequate. God knows the details of the need.

We ask you to consider becoming a member of the Prayer Chain. Prayers are offered up in the privacy of your own home and at a time that is convenient to you. All prayer requests are confidential. This past year many dedicated women and men received over 100 prayer requests, updates and praise reports either electronically or by telephone.

**Prayer:** Dear God, we don't always know the right words to pray for those who are sick and afraid. Give us the courage and, when they are needed, the words to pray for those who need your healing grace. Amen.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our Prayer Shawl ministry that began in 2008 continues to be a meaningful ministry today. Prayer shawls are knit by women attached to this congregation. As they are knit, the women pray for the person who will receive the shawl and for all who have received shawls. The shawls are kept in the office and given out to those who are experiencing difficult times, such as times of bereavement or illness. They are also given out to those who are experiencing major changes such as welcoming a new baby.

When the shawls are given they are accompanied by a card that includes a verse from Psalm 139 message: "This shawl was made just for you/ To bring comfort/ To know you are loved/ To share in your joy./This shawl is to wrap you up/ When you're cold/ When you're hurting/ When you need to snuggle. /As you wear this shawl, may you feel the warm embrace of our Triune God. /Knitted or crocheted with blessings, love and prayers by Women of St. Andrews."

In addition to shawls, for children stuffed animals have been knit for children in hospital. If you know of any person who would benefit by having a prayer shawl, please leave their names with the office, or come in and select a shawl to present to those who would appreciate them. We ask that you register the name of the person receiving the shawl in the book provided so that we have a record of who has received them to avoid duplication, or missing someone who needs one. Many thanks to the women who have knitted, prayed and continue this ministry.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

### **Hospital Visitors**

As a congregation we are grateful to have dedicated people who offer ministry by visiting those in hospital. This year Muriel Young and Judie Coleman have been offering this ministry at the Rockyview Hospitals—Muriel on Tuesdays and Judie on Wednesdays. These visitors visit our people known to be in the hospital and people on a list at the hospital kept of Presbyterians admitted to hospital who have identified themselves as Presbyterian and allowed that this information be released to the visitors. Many times, it is our visitors who discover that a person from our congregation has been admitted, and it is they who pass on the information to St. Andrew's ( if appropriate).

It would help us to make timely visits if we are aware when our people are admitted to hospital, so the Hospital Visitors make the following request:

If possible, when being admitted to hospital, ensure you are listed as Presbyterian, so your name appears on the visitors' list. Also, if you or someone you know is admitted to the hospital, please pass on this information to the Church office.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett, for Muriel Young*

## Sound Board

Once again we are indebted to the Sound System Team for their volunteer dedication each Sunday to ensuring that the members of the congregation clearly follow the order of service. Over this past year our volunteers have been Robert Cameron, Tom Spoering, Craig Murray, Rob Pollard, Ron Quick, Les Champ and Ethan Gourley. Thank you to Muriel Young and the office for their efforts scheduling for this group. Unfortunately, Rob Cameron has found it necessary to step down in the coming year, but will act in a supply capacity, if needed. The Sound System Team still has room for more members. If you can help, please contact the church office for information.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan for Muriel Young (coordinator)*

## Women's Missionary Society

**MEETINGS:** We gather in the Karl English lounge the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July and August) at 1:30 pm. At most meetings we profile a current missionary or mission project of the PCC follow a prepared program/study on mission or have a guest speaker, have the obligatory business meeting and always enjoy a time of fellowship. A free will offering is collected. These funds support mission projects of the national WMS.

**MEMBERS:** Currently we have 15 active members and 9 associate members (those who support us but are unable to regularly attend the meetings).

**PROGRAM:** This year we have continued to utilize the study entitled "Making Connections: Ride the Cariboo Trail". It focuses on the ministry of the Cariboo Presbyterian Church in the interior of British Columbia.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** We have had a number of guest speakers this past year. In January, Alex Grant spoke to the group about the PCC tour of the "Cariboo Trail" he took a number of years ago. One of our members, LaVerne Waldo shared her experiences as a missionary in Africa at our April meeting. In June, Gwyneth Gourlay gave an upbeat presentation about autism. Alice Williams spoke about fall prevention, proper footwear and osteoporosis at the November meeting. In December the Rev. Helen Smith gave a presentation on child poverty in Canada and also shared about Acadia Place.

**PROJECTS:** We continue to support the Fellowship of the Least Coin by donating our pennies and prayers each month. From January until June we collected loose change to support Action Refugies Montreal - a Montreal based organization which aims to support newly arrived refugees to Canada.

For the past number of years we have collected used stamps for the Leprosy Society. The focus of that has changed. We now collect the stamps for the Canadian Bible Society.

Knitting is still the most popular of our projects. Sadly we have stopped knitting pneumonia vests for newborns in Africa and India as the shipping charges (covered by the national office of the WMS) were becoming too expensive. However, the good news is that these vests are now being knit by women in those overseas communities.

Hats, scarves, mittens etc. continue to be gathered and given to places such as the Brenda Strafford Foundation and new this year to Acadia Place. The prayer shawl ministry remains active as well. Our newest knitting endeavor is that of comfort dolls and teddies. These small but most important gifts (56 in all) were given to Anne Greco for her trip to Haiti in February. Anne distributed them to many of the children there.

In November we received good news on a project from the past – Bricks for Jobat. Construction has finally begun on the hostel and should be completed by the fall of 2013!

We are so very grateful to all of you who help support our projects in any way that you can. From a used stamp to pennies to knitting....all help to make our projects so very worthwhile.

**OUTREACH:** As in the past members participated and others attended the annual World Day of Prayer service held on the first Friday of March. In the spring two members offered Word of Welcome Bibles (from the Canadian Bible Society for new Canadians) to a class of ESL students at the Shawnessy YMCA. They were enthusiastically received. At the end of May we led the Mission Awareness service at St. Andrew's. Our guest speaker on that day was Anne Greco who generously shared her experiences and pictures of her time assisting the earthquake victims in Haiti. One member of our group taught a church school class in May with the assistance of a CE member. In December we donated personal hygiene supplies to the Salvation Army Pregnancy and Parenting Support Group as well as provided extra holiday baking for the Care Share special Christmas plates.

**EVENTS:** In June and December we forgo the business part of our meetings and devote extra time to fellowship. This year we had a potluck lunch in June and enjoyed home baked Christmas goodies in December. Two members attended a Synodical event at Camp Kannawin in April as well as a day session of the annual Women's camp there in June.

**TRIBUTE:** On July 8 we lost our dear friend Jess Ogilvie. Jess was a long standing member of the Lillian Dickson WMS. She was our group treasurer for over 40 years and achieved the distinction of being the longest continuous group treasurer in all of the WMS groups across Canada.

Our meetings are always open to any and all interested. Please feel free to join us the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Tomie, President*

# Music Ministry

## Director of Music

2012 was a tremendous year in the musical life of the people at St. Andrew's! There were many milestones, with the choir continuing to provide high quality music on a weekly basis for the congregation of St. Andrew's and to God's glory.

We were delighted to welcome Foothills Brass to join us in worship not once, but twice this year. First at Easter, we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour with inspiring hymns with organ, brass, and timpani. (The choir also ended the service with their rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus by Handel.) Then, for Remembrance Day and also a service marking the fiftieth anniversary of our church building, the brasses joined the choir in anthems by Richard Walters and Peter Tiefenbach that were featured on the CD, "People of Faith." The majestic anthems and special guests for this service helped to make this morning one of our most very memorable and touching musical worship services ever!

When I looked through the music for this year I was also struck by how many times the Men's Quartet sang. Joining in worship on at least five occasions it was delightful as always to hear the sounds of men singing in harmony. My personal favourite was the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven" which they sang this summer.

Soloists in the summer included: Alex Grant, Alice Post, David Jefferies, Lynn and Bill Judd, Randy Evans, Brian Hawco, and myself. Thanks to organists/Pianists David Holoboff, Colleen Athparia, and Tom Geddes who filled in while I was away.

Other significant musical events in the year included:

- The presentation of “The Weeping Tree” by Joseph Martin on Good Friday for choir, soloists, orchestra, narrators, and dramatic participants. The second time we have sung this work, it was just as stirring as the first time.
- A Remembrance Day Concert at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer on November 7<sup>th</sup> titled, “People of Faith” featuring Foothills Brass, pianist Donna Holoboff, soprano soloist Michele Cusson, our own church choir, and members from St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Foothills Alliance Church, the Calgary Multicultural Choir, the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, and individual singers from around Calgary. This ProArts@Noon Concert was the second time St. Andrew's has appeared in this concert series which offers free noon-hour concerts for all to attend.
- Our turn to host the annual Joy to the World, multi-denominational Christmas lessons and carol service. The service was unique as we ended with a mass piece called “Love Came Down at Christmas” by Joel Raney where the choirs surrounded the audience in what one congregation member called “a giant musical hug!” Flautists Deanna MacGregor and our own Jim Crane joined in as well, with Antonina Cox on the piano.
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Choir sang in a joint public concert with the Calgary Multicultural Choir on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Woodcliff United Church. With over 300 in attendance for this event, the choir was able to reach a lot of new people and sing some of their best Christmas songs.
- Services on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> were unique in the presentation of John Rutter's “Brother Heinrich's Christmas” which is scored for narrator, choir, flute, bassoon, and “orchestra” (which was Cody playing both piano and keyboard.) Actor Duval Lang, flautist Deanna MacGregor, and bassoonist Lori Barrett joined in this fun and light-hearted way to celebrate the Christmas season.

There hopefully was much more, that you enjoyed about the music at St. Andrew's in 2012! I would be remiss if I did not thank Debby Dorcas for her leadership with her musical groups in our church and also Elizabeth Kangong with the young children. Thank you for all you bring to our church family! I would also like to thank Shirley Howe for maintaining the choir gowns, Michael Henry for his years of service as Choir Librarian, and David Jefferies for beginning his new term as Choir Librarian.

There are probably people who I have not been able to name in this missive, and I thank EVERYONE who was part of the musical worship at St. Andrew's this year! Without a team effort, none of this would be possible...

Blessings and keep singing everyone!

Cody Obst

SDG – Soli Deo Gloria



## Angels in the Infield

It is a choir for children ages 3 and all the way to 9 years old at St. Andrew's church Calgary. Since I took over from Nicola, we have had wonderful performances singing in both services. We have also taken part in the Annual Christmas Pageant and invited everyone to join us in singing one of our songs. The purpose of this choir is to build the children's confidence in leading, to serve as God called us to do and to have fun.

We usually practice most Sundays between services about 10:30 in the Lower Fireside Hall at least 4 times so that the children could understand the meaning and the words they are singing. I usually take the children from the Sunday school room so that we can get straight to singing since we have limited time. Thanks to the parents and grandparents who bring the children to church so faithfully and encourage them to praise God.

It would be a pleasure if more children could join us in singing and we pray that parents or grandparents could encourage the children. We also pray that God will touch the other children like us to join in singing and raising our voices in praise to Him now and forever.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Kangong*

## Sounds of Joy, Musical Friends

### 2011    ♪ Sounds of Joy    ♪    Musical Friends    ♪

*This year we sang our hearts out during regular worship services, participated in the Youth Service on Christian Family Sunday, presented our annual musical for ADVENTure, and participated in the Joy to the World service with Cody's choirs.*

## *Sounds of*

*J*

*Just the thing to do on a Tuesday night*

*Just the people you want to spend time with*

*Just the thing to feed your soul*

*O*

*Our offering to God*

*Our offering to the people of St. Andrew's*

*Our offering of ourselves*

*Y*

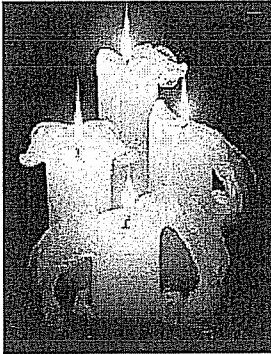
*Youth who love God*

*Youth who love to sing, dance and act*

*Youth who love to share what they love doing!*

Sounding joyous in 2012 were **Shona Murray, Shelby Cole, and Lauren Cole**. Shona, Shelby, and Lauren – I love Tuesdays nights, and I love spending time with you!

We have some special people to thank: **Audrey Cole** for your steadfast presence at the sound board every Tuesday night; **Inge Murray** for your feeding of our bodies and our spirits with your support; and **Musical Friends** – for ALL of you who join us for our musicals and support us with your voices, your laughter, and your enthusiasm. We truly couldn't do it without **all of you!!!**



One of our favorite songs this year was '**I Can See the Light**'. The message that God's love has been passed down ~ and continues to be passed down ~ from one to another ~ was one we loved sharing:

From one to another, from Jesus to me  
Down through the ages to this Christmas Eve  
Love lit a candle one Bethlehem night  
And I can see the light.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank each of those involved in all our choirs for enriching my life and the worship of St. Andrew's. Blessed am I! Blessed is St. Andrew's!!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Debbly Dorcas*

## Board of Managers

Each year presents the board of managers with a different set of challenges. Two thousand twelve was true to form with a twist.

Each year we struggle with operating St. Andrew's in financial conditions that swing throughout the year. For the first half of the year offerings, the largest part of our revenues, rise and fall but always within a range that, spread over a year, would meet the needs of the many areas funded by the congregation.

Then the summer rolls around and offerings seem to disappear like the snowbirds flying south in the winter. That leaves each board meeting opening with a prayer that enough offerings will be received in the final four months to balance the budget by year-end.

In 2012 we had a twist when a significant revenue producer disappeared. Last year the YMCA moved its programs from St. Andrew's to its own facilities and with it significant revenues from our rental of space to the Y.

While the revenue loss was important, the Y's move also meant space unused during the week.

### St. Andrew's United Church

As fate would have it, we got some help when St. Andrew's United Church, just up Heritage Drive, announced it would close. This caused a scramble by its groups to find new space.

We had a number of significant conversations with these groups who contacted our office. They provided information about their space requirements, visited our church, and met with representatives of St. Andrew's.

At the end of the day we did manage to fit several groups into an already busy week. The unfortunate part was that we were unable to accommodate all of the groups and this caused some blow-back.

The other aspect of these events was that none of our new users were able to offer the same revenue as the Y. We have replaced some of what we lost but as we enter 2013 our space rental revenues are down.

There was other fall-out from the board's work to recruit new users. Complaints were received that contrary to its stated position of welcoming families, St. Andrew's was actually hostile and refused to accommodate several family groups from St. Andrew's United.

These rumours and complaints are false. We do welcome families and family oriented groups. We did everything possible to accommodate groups from St. Andrew's, however several had requirements beyond our capabilities or objected to certain requirements.

For instance, one group had substantial storage needs. Ask anyone who participates in activities at St. Andrew's about storage availability and you will hear that, for all intents and purposes, there is none. Current storage areas are overflowing.

Another problem area that cropped up, and was often a deal-breaker, was the matter of liability insurance.

St. Andrew's United, and some other churches, accommodate groups without the need for liability insurance. Our national church requires insurance and we ask facility users to carry insurance. Unfortunately, this type of coverage can be expensive but the alternative is exposure for St. Andrew's to the risk of law suits.

### Serious Consequences

In good conscience, the board could never operate St. Andrew's on the basis of: "*oh, they would never sue a church!*" A law suit for \$1 million would have serious consequences for St. Andrew's; even a suit for

\$500,000 would cripple our church.

We understand several of the groups found alternate space, one at a church that was prepared to waive insurance coverage. While that is indeed good news, that other congregation now lives with a substantial, possibly unprotected risk.

Anyone who comes by St. Andrew's during the week knows our church is a busy place serving all ages. The board did whatever it could to welcome and accommodate groups from St. Andrew's United while still being prudent and respectful of the other groups already using our facilities.

In 2010, the board created an investment management committee to manage excess funds generated by operation of the church and various groups in the church. Some of the revenue lost to the Y's move will be replaced by investment income although there is still a considerable gap.

### **Great Appreciation**

Three members of the congregation serve on the management committee. Ted Cantlon, Johnston Cairns, and Steve Conquergood meet periodically to review conditions in investment markets and to manage surplus funds.

The Board of Managers expresses its great appreciation to Mr. Cantlon, Mr. Cairns, and Mr. Conquergood for their contribution of time and expertise in managing the important financial resources of St. Andrew's.

Amalgamation of St. Andrew's and Trinity Presbyterian Churches was stressful but it came with many blessings, the most significant being the addition of the members of the Trinity congregation to St. Andrew's.

Another blessing was a significant financial contribution to St. Andrew's. On November 1, 2012 some \$500,000 from sale of the Trinity site was used to launch the St. Andrew's Legacy Trust Fund. The memory of Trinity and its congregation will live on in the good works accomplished through the trust.

Creation of the Legacy Trust will have financial implications for the day to day operations of St. Andrew's. Investment income earned by the \$500,000 contributed to the trust will now be directed to the trust itself rather than church operations.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Brenton Harding, Convenor*

## REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

I have reviewed the statement of financial position of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church as of December 2012, including the statements of revenue and expenditures, the balance sheet and the schedule of designated funds. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Session and the Board of Managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of these financial statements.

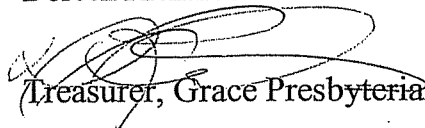
In common with many not-for-profit organizations, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, derives revenues from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory verification. Accordingly my review of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, excess of revenue over expenditures, assets, liabilities, or members' equity.

I am satisfied that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the various statements present fairly the financial affairs of the church for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Calgary, Canada  
January 22, 2013

Signed

Doreen Richards



Treasurer, Grace Presbyterian Church

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Receipts Expenses to**  
**December 31, 2012**

	2013 Budget	2012 Budget	2012 Actual to Date	2011 Actual	2010 Actual
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Our Sharing</b>					
Church Support (PAR)	225990	213924	210,053	300,482	268,891
Church Support (Envelope)	305232	303,511	301,274	211,604	198,366
	<u>531222</u>	<u>517,435</u>	<u>511,327</u>	<u>512,086</u>	<u>467,257</u>
Church School	600	700	550	402	650
Open Plate	12000	12,000	11,164	11,534	11,660
Interest income	23000	25,000	23,427	20,875	6,506
Use of space	6000	16,000	12,704	44,631	27,840
Other donations	35000	30,000	53,290	36,399	39,897
	<u>607822</u>	<u>601,135</u>	<u>612,463</u>	<u>625,927</u>	<u>553,810</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>The Work of St. Andrew's</b>					
<b>Choir Music &amp; Expenses</b>					
Music and registration	6050	8,700	5,143	4,452	5,412
Guest Musicians and other	11050	6,550	13,532	11,322	9,554
	<u>17100</u>	<u>15,250</u>	<u>18,675</u>	<u>15,774</u>	<u>14,966</u>
<b>Congregational Teams</b>					
Missions	2000	2,000	2,109	2,470	2,910
Pastoral Care/Bereavement	3000	1,000	773	926	709
Christian Education	9350	10,350	8,650	8,280	8,823
Communion & Districts	160	100	155	28	406
Welcome and Fellowship	1500	1,400	549	998	362
			1,184	348	810
Worship & Nurture	1200	1,200	1,408	1,146	704
	<u>17210</u>	<u>16,050</u>	<u>14,828</u>	<u>14,196</u>	<u>14,724</u>
<b>St. Andrew's People</b>					
Ministers and Ministerial Support(4)	208831	200,655	201,370	188,209	183,795
Continuing Education-Ministers	2000	2,000	1,130	127	222
Continuing Education-Members	2300	2,300	1,537	397	726
Support Staff Remuneration(5)	115760	112,912	111,049	108,826	88,359
Employment Benefits	47000	37,677	35,561	31,521	33,837
Leading & Leader Resources	700	500	705	239	148
	<u>376591</u>	<u>356,044</u>	<u>351,352</u>	<u>329,319</u>	<u>307,087</u>

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

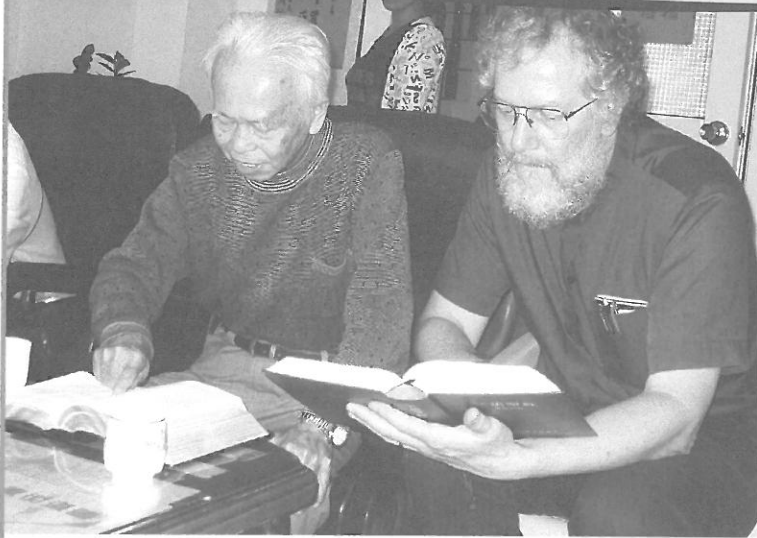
Receipts Expenses to

December 31, 2012

	2013 Budget	2012 Budget	2012 Actual to Date	2011 Actual	2010 Actual
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>					
Bank Charges	1100	1,000	1,078	882	939
Insurance	17500	16,263	16,260	13,641	13,190
Office Supplies & Expenses	12000	14,900	13,398	14,509	14,680
Transportation	200	600		-	1,385
	30800	32,763	30,736	29,032	30,194
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operations</b>					
Building/Grounds Maintenance	35000	33,000	36,338	38,389	27,223
Major Repairs	32000	35,000	35,000	21,174	29,428
Computer Enhancements	1200	1,000	757	3,050	1,168
Trinity Glass Installation			3,844		
Utilities	28000	28,000	26,294	25,588	27,574
	96200	97,000	102,233	88,201	85,393
<b>We Reach Out</b>					
Advertising	1500	1,500	1,559	541	1,872
Presbyterians Sharing	52222	52,222	52,222	78,623	57,146
Bridge the Gap			2,017		
Presbytery & Synod Dues	34077	29,806	29,808	30,504	28,620
Youth Conferences	500	500	500	500	-
	88299	84,028	86,106	110,168	87,638
<b>Total Expenditures on operation account</b>	<b>626200</b>	<b>601,135</b>	<b>603,930</b>	<b>586,690</b>	<b>540,037</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over expenditures on operating account</b>	<b>-18378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,532</b>	<b>39,237</b>	<b>13,773</b>
<b>Building Account</b>					
Faith bond subscriptions				0	205,000
Mortgage (faith bond) donations	30000	52,000	35,927	51,492	81,670
<b>Total building receipts</b>	<b>30000</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>35,927</b>	<b>51,492</b>	<b>286,670</b>
Building Loans - Bank interest				0	1,991
Building Loans - Principal payments				0	213,871
Building Loans - Personal repayments	10000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Faith bond redemptions			54,000	6,000	51,000
<b>Total building account expenses</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>64,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>276,862</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over expenditures on building account</b>	<b>20000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>-28,073</b>	<b>35,492</b>	<b>9,808</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over expenditures (added to restricted building fund equ</b>	<b>1622</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>-19,541</b>	<b>74,729</b>	<b>23,581</b>

# On Fire for Christ

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are sharing God's light with the world.



From mid-June to early August, we worked tirelessly 6 days a week, 10 hours each day, to make an audio tape of the complete Hakka New Testament. In a make-shift recording studio at Chung-lak Presbyterian Church over 30 readers were assigned various parts in the New Testament. Many were surprised to discover that reading the Bible out loud was much more demanding than casual conversation; their pronunciation of every Hakka vowel and consonant, plus all six Hakka tones had to be exact and read with the appropriate feeling and emotion.

People were thrilled to read the new Bible in Hakka! It sounded so natural and familiar in their mother tongue. Over the month and a half of taping, the Holy Spirit gently gave people an ever increasing desire to make the Good News of Jesus come alive. Everyone was so excited by their experience that they want to invite more readers and supporters to make an audio tape of the entire Old Testament next year!

— The Rev. Dr. Paul McLean is working with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan on Bible translation projects



God called me to Canada Youth to help me realize I've been in the right place all this time. I just needed a different perspective on worship and I needed to know that the church isn't dying; it's just getting started.

— Lizzie Song, Canada Youth participant  
Watch for information on CY2014 at [www.canadayouth.ca](http://www.canadayouth.ca)



On a hill rising to the east of the commune of Nagyberég, Hungarian, Roma, Dutch, Canadian and American came together to praise the Lord for the newly completed prayer-hall.

It was 19 years ago that the teachers and students of the Nagyberég Reformed Church Secondary School began to invite the members of the Roma enclave to Bible study sessions and religious instruction classes and spent their weekends going to the Roma community to teach the children the Good News. This ministry has grown to sending a missionary to preach, teach Sunday school, school programs and summer Bible vacation school. Sunday worship services were regularly held in István and Margit's small house or yard.

Every year we have seen significant advances in this community. A playground was established, electricity was installed, the road was improved and now, a prayer hall has been built. Praise God!

— The Rev. David and Anna Pándy-Szekeres are working with The Reformed Church of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine to equip the church to reach out in word and deed.



# On Fire for Christ



Before I came to Malawi I thought I knew all about “hunger” and “Africa”. One important new perspective waiting for me in Malawi was to discover that the hunger I come across on a daily basis would only sometimes be physical. Just as often it’s spiritual. *Africa is hungry for the gospel.*

Now when I hear or read the words “Africa” and “hunger”, the images that come to mind aren’t always the ones I brought with me but rather good ones that have surprised me since I arrived — images of bursting churches, packed pews, drums of worship. Believers in Malawi are typically energetic and passionate. Canadian Christians often tend to think of their faith as a once-a-week-on-Sunday sort of thing but for many African Christians, faith is a day-in-day-out reality, and the local congregation holds a very central place in their lives and a very public place in the community.

Indeed, one of the greatest challenges faced by church leadership is born of the gospel’s stunning success. How will this massive and growing generation of new converts be made into lasting disciples of Christ? The question I often hear pastors and my colleagues asking is: *How do we feed our sheep?*

— The Rev. Dr. Todd Statham is working with The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian to equip pastors at Zomba Theological College in Malawi

The Nigerian Presbyterian Mission started in 2011 with 10 people gathering to worship. Since then, God has guided us as we have reached out to the Nigerian Community and now, by the grace of God, an average of 15-40 people come each Sunday.

Our activities include Sunday and midweek worship, church school, Bible studies, men’s and women’s groups, youth fellowship, prayer meetings, and community outreach. We are helping integrate Nigerian Presbyterian immigrants into their new society, visiting the aged within the community and encouraging their children to be part of our church. We also arrange and attend events with the Nigerian community as part of our evangelism strategy. Since our services are in English, we hope to draw people who may prefer an African style of worship.

Since we started, God has been so faithful, using us to make people happy and put smiles on their faces. Our goal is to build a congregation that is engaged with the wider world.

— The Rev. Augustus Oku is shining Christ’s light with the Nigerian Mission in Toronto



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