

Imagining the Kingdom



2015 Annual Report

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Presbyterians from across Canada joined together at the 2015 General Assembly under the theme, “Imagining the Kingdom: The Kingdom of God is like...” Together we discussed important issues and planned for the future. We passed the Presbyterians Sharing budget and dreamed of building God’s kingdom. We committed to sharing in a wide range of ministries — encouraging and equipping congregations, supporting inner city, native, refugee, urban, and remote ministries, sending people to work with international partners — and so much more! What is the kingdom of God like? It is Presbyterians, working together to make mission and ministry happen as one church, made up of and reaching out to many peoples!

“Working with The Presbyterian Church in Canada through International Ministries has given me the opportunity to support local community members who are making a difference in their community. Through their committee work, members are improving their individual and collective skills and knowledge in project planning and learning how to practically pursue a better future for themselves. As Christians we are called to love our neighbours and care for the poor. Our work in Mendha is an example of just that.”

— Michelle Verwey, mission staff, India



“Before coming to Winnipeg, we worked in Saudi Arabia for nine years with no church to attend there. So when we came to Lighthouse Evangelical Arabic Church, we had a very deep desire to pray and worship in our own language. We hadn’t sung in Arabic for many, many years — so long that we didn’t know some of the new songs sung at Lighthouse! We are so glad that we are part of this great family!”

— Dr. Baghat, Lighthouse Evangelical Arabic Church, Winnipeg, MB



“I praise God for daily grace and mercy, and I thank The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and the Bible Society in Taiwan for supporting this multicultural multilingual mission work. I am grateful for the prayers and offerings which enable me to share my experience in Bible translation with our partners in Taiwan. Sincere thanks to all the congregations in the PCC, plus AMS and WMS groups, who faithfully support Bible translation through Presbyterians Sharing. May God bless you for the role you play in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Hakka Bible and ongoing translation work with Taiwan’s indigenous peoples.”

— Rev. Dr. Paul McLean, mission staff, Taiwan

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 programmes, 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 neighbor. 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.

109TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 2016

February 28, 2016

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Appointment of Secretary
3. Adoption of the Agenda

2015 in Review

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Officers and Leaders 2015

The Session: Moderators: Rev. Janice Hazlett, Rev. Kevin Lee, Rev. Jared Miller (Dec)

Clerk: Jean Sadler (Jan - April)

Interim Clerk: Jim Hope-Ross (April- Dec)

Caroline Bain	Ron Horwood	Craig Murray
Merrill Blenman	Jim Hope Ross	Inge Murray
Ed Braun	Bill Judd	David Platt
Elaine Cantlon	Lynn Judd	Christine Pepper
Audrey Cole	Sheila Kirkland	Brenda Pudwell
Judie Coleman	Don Koch	Janet Ridsdale
Debby Dorcas	Marlene LaMontagne	Joan Rowe
Brent Forcade	Steve MacDonnell	Mark Rowe
Dolly Forcade	Kevin MacFarlane	Jean Sadler
Alex Grant	Hugh McFadzean	Annette Shaw
Linda Haines	Tom McIntyre	Jean Spotowski
Val Hall	Loran McVittie	Rhonda Wishart
John Hazlett	Cathy Millar	

Elders Emeriti

Elders within the congregation not in Session in 2015

Jim Adams	Ruth Eisenhauer	Rob Pollard
Eleanor Art	Harry Eisenhauer	Gail Prevost
Bob Barclay	Paul Elliott	Sylvia Shaw
Brian Boonstra	John Flack	Duane Tritter
Ron Budd	Cathie Huber	Pat Tritter
Donna Cornea	Neil Jamieson*	Jim Watt
Shirley Davidson	Barbara Kearnes	Arlene Young
Joan Davies	Pat Lomheim	John Young
Elly de Nooij	Bill McAuley	Terry Zimmer

District Visitors who are not Session Members

Shirley Allen	Bob Fuenning**	Evelyn Reimer
Eleanor Art	Liza Fuenning**	Anita Szott
Marianne Attridge	Lesley Hubler	Kathleen Tomie
Frank Breisch	Wilfred Kangong	Derek Wilkinson
Joan Davies	Barbara Kearnes	Arlene Young
Rita Elliott**	Dan Mullan	John Young**
Norah Finlay	Elly de Nooij	Terry Zimmer
Maureen Flack	Mary Anne Quesnel	

*Passed away in 2015/**Resigned in 2015

Church Staff

Director of Youth Ministry	Ben Kroeker
Office Manager	Rhonda Mullan
Administrative Assistant	Dolly Forcade
Custodian	Oscar Salguero
Nursery Caregivers	Jasdeep Mand
	Christie Robinson (Jan-Apr)
	Ashley Hochstein (Jun-Dec)
Director of Music/Organist	Cody Obst
Side by Side Coordinator	Alice Post

Volunteer Staff

Envelope Secretaries	Rob Pollard, Linda Burton-Chalmers
Leader, Musical Friends	Debby Dorcas
Leader, Angels in the Infield	Elizabeth Kangong
Leader, Sounds of Joy	Debby Dorcas

Congregational Statistics

FAMILIES	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Number of families associated	420	414
THE MEMBERSHIP		
Communicant Membership January 01	545	511
Added to the Roll		
by Profession of Faith	9	7
by Certificate of Transfer	3	11
by Resolution of Session	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
	14	23
Removed from the Roll		
by Death	1	14
by Certificate of Transfer	2	1
by Resolution of Session	6	2
own request(new category)	<u>28</u>	<u>4</u>
	48	21
Communicant Membership December 31	511	513
<u>BAPTISMS</u>		
Children	3	9
Adult	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	3	9
<u>MARRIAGES</u>		
Members	3	1
Adherents	1	0
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	4	3
<u>FUNERALS</u>		
Members	8	10
Adherent	1	4
Other	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	11	17

In Memoriam

The following members and adherents of our congregation were called to higher service during 2014 and 2015:

<i>Hugh Alexander Bates</i>	<i>Thomas Albert Legeyt (2014)</i>
<i>Charles Arthur Cann</i>	<i>Elizabeth Munro McMurtrie</i>
<i>Nora Donaldson</i>	<i>Hugo Stanley Nelner</i>
<i>Jenny Thomson Barrie Faulkner (2014)</i>	<i>Lori Lynne Ocon</i>
<i>Lillian Margareth Gossen</i>	<i>Ernest Waldo Ormon</i>
<i>Douglas Bayne Grant</i>	<i>Fred Post</i>
<i>Ronald Maxwell Hughes (2014)</i>	<i>Robert Keith Sadler</i>
<i>William Allison Inman</i>	<i>James Kenneth Sangster</i>
<i>Neil Frederick Jamieson</i>	<i>Jacoba (Norma) Schmidek</i>
<i>Evelyn Bernice Latta</i>	<i>Dorothy (Dot) Todd</i>

The Memorial Fund

In 2015, Memorial Donations were received in Memory of the following people.

Grace Allen	Bob Sadler
Nora Donaldson	Norman Smith
Ruth Grant	Family Members of Phyllis Wolf
Evelyn Latta	Jason Tritter
Donald Morrison	Dorothy Todd
Margaret Pleskie	Flora & Harry Taylor
Donald Morrison	John Wilgus
Malcolm Roberts	Muriel Young
Esther Speers	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' Messages to the Congregation

From Rev. Jan Hazlett's Desk

“And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.....Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

He began to teaching their synagogues and was praised by everyone.”

Luke 4:1, 14-15

As Jesus was filled by the Spirit and led both in difficult times and productive times, we as the Church, Jesus body in the world, are also led by the Spirit. This annual report witnesses to the ways that the Spirit is leading us and to the ways that this congregation has and continues to respond. Together we bear witness to God's continued activity as we walk together in faith in all times. Over the year, with the economic downturn, with all its uncertainty, we continued to be led by faith and recognizing God's call we added to our ministerial team. It is with joy and gratitude to God that in December we welcomed the Rev. Jared Miller as minister in this congregation with a main focus on family ministry here and south of Fish Creek.

The story of St. Andrew's continues as a story of discipleship and growing together. That our offering increased during this past year is a testament to faith and trust in God. With the work of many hands, ministry has continued, the building has been cared for and windows replaced, the grounds have been tended and we have continued to reach out into the community. This year we have again been blessed with the presence of Rev. Helen Smith as Presbytery Representative as we discerned the Spirit's leading in our call process. Worship has been a focus of our life together. We have celebrated births, baptisms and the lives of those who have gone to higher service. Services have included two children's musicals, a choir drama, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, meditative services and alternative worship at the Holy Smoke Café. We have been grateful for those who sing in the choirs and special musical guests, for bell ringers and soloists, lay readers and those who have helped in drama, ushers, greeters, sound people, those who staff the Welcome Desk, the communion and districts team (that has provided the elements for communion and managed the communion districts), as well as the many others who continue to support worship in many ways.

As a Missional Congregation, we have had many people involved in outreach and mission, well on our way to having an opportunity for all to participate in mission in some way. In the following pages you will find details of the ways we have been reaching out together, that include: Sunday School Children making salad for Inn From the Cold, the many who make the Side-By-Side program possible, Christmas party at Claire Building, the whole team for the Coldest Night of the Year Walk and Mission Team projects. We have raised money for Food Grains Bank and medical supplies for people in Haiti, sent money to Presbyterian World Service and Development for projects including relief for Syrian refugees and contributed our share to Presbyterian Sharing.

We have had fun together at congregational events that have included the bazaar, newcomers socials, had cake at worship, offered hospitality for all attending events around the induction of

the Rev. Jared Miller and pot luck dinners led by the Welcome and Fellowship Team. We have benefitted greatly by the work of those behind the scenes, those who are on our Teams, been involved in the Stewardship of our financial resources under the leadership of the Stewardship and Planning Team.

We have had children's programs on Sunday morning, supported Alpha and weekly bible studies, commissioned and celebrated leaders in our programs, staffed and offered care in the nursery, enjoyed the petting zoo and other activities under the leadership of the Christian Education Team.

We have benefitted in many ways by those who have counted offering, volunteered to do tasks in the office, visited and phoned, offered prayers and smiles of encouragement.

We continue to be blessed by the diversity and unity of the many people associated here, who contribute to ministry with their spiritual gifts, offer their hands to labour, their insight and faith to strengthen the community and build up faith. With the love and service of many we have been able to care for the building and grounds, visit homes, provide programs and reach out to people in our congregation and around the world.

We look forward to 2016 as another year of walking together in faith, as members of One Body, led by the Holy Spirit, continuing the ministries entrusted to us on Heritage Drive and as we begin to take steps to minister south of Fish Creek. In ministry and mission let's continue to work toward the future that God has in store.

JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 28 @ 10:30 AM FOR OUR SERVICE OF CELEBRATION, AT 11:30 FOR LUNCH TOGETHER FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BY THE REV. JAN HAZLETT

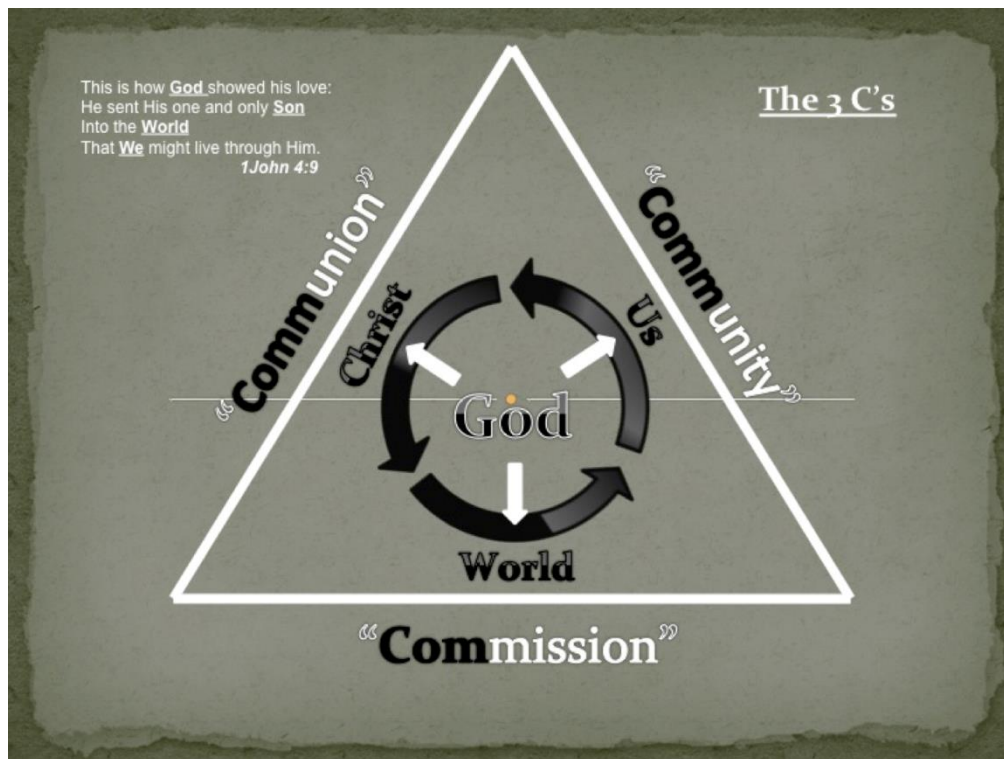
From Rev. Kevin Lee's Desk

I am sure you have all heard the old cliché – *“Time flies when you are having fun!”* Well, I must be having fun at St. Andrew's, because the time is flying by! Nearly a year and a half has already gone by since I starting ministry in St. Andrew's in September of 2014. Thank you for all of the love and support you've shown me this past year. I have been challenged to grow, both personally and spiritually, and I am deeply grateful to God and the congregation for the opportunity to serve in my capacity as a minister at St. Andrew's. As we face a new and challenging year ahead, let me challenge and encourage you to continue to grow with me in the following ways;

From Consumer to a Member – It very easy for people to the get into the default mode of becoming a “consumer” of religious services of the church, instead of becoming a member of the body that lives missionally in service to others. Remember that each member is uniquely, fearfully, and wonderfully made, which means that every member is designed and purposed for the whole body in a special way. The more we take initiative to engage and participate, the more we will feel engaged and encouraged! It's like a snowball rolling down the hill - as the small snowball rolls down the hill, it picks up more snow, and as a result, it becomes bigger and faster. This is called momentum. The opposite of momentum is inertia – the word inertia literally

means, “idle” or “sluggish”. Being sluggish and idle in a spiritual sense is deadly to the soul. Lets get moving in 2016 by initiating something new.

Let me encourage you to grow in the following three areas in 2016;



- 1) Community: Deeper and Wider Relationships** – Truly important things in life are not the material possessions or the things we consume. All truly lasting gifts come through our relationship to one another. I pray that we will be committed to building deeper relationships to existing friendships, and commit to developing new ones. Instead of waiting for someone to invite you, invite someone to your house for coffee or for lunch. Make a concerted effort to get to know at least one person or family more deeply this year. When you invite friends to your gathering, invite at least one family or a person you don't know very well.
- 2) Communion: Commitment to Spiritual Discipline** – Deeper sense of God in ones life and the understanding of His will for our lives comes through concerted effort on our part. God answers those who ask, reveals Himself to those who seek Him, and opens doors to those who knock at His door. Join a small group, get a prayer partner, participate in a book study, do a daily devotional, commit to the weekly corporate worship for deeper and wider learning. Get online, even, and join a daily devotional if it will help you. These are some of the ways that you can build spiritual discipline into your life for spiritual growth. Finally, let me encourage you to serve and lead others. If you want to feel more engaged and intentional about personal growth, take the lead, you will be blessed beyond measure.
- 3) Commission: Life of Service** – I think it's easy to see our involvement in the life of the church as an end in itself. In reality, our participation in the church really is a means to a greater end. What is the end towards which we strive? – to live as worshippers and

followers of Jesus through Monday to Saturday in our communities! To be sure, God does call us out of the World, to be set apart, but God also sends us out into the World as equipped and empowered people of God to proclaim the Good News to others in our journey, both in word and in deeds. It is true that we worship Him as the corporate church on Sundays but our lives as Christians are truly and rightly lived on other six days of week in our homes, neighborhoods and in our work places.

Happy New Year to you and your family, and a blessed new year!

In Christ,
Pastor Kevin Lee

From Rev. Jared Miller's Desk

Writing an annual report when I've been here for less than 1/6th of a year is tough. What do I report on? I can tell you how blessed Beth and I have been by the hospitality that's been shown to us over the Christmas Season. I could list all the things I've done since I got here (though that list probably wouldn't be very long), or I could produce a treatise to tell you all the things I have planned for the next couple of years ... (though, they say if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans ...)

So I thought instead that I would try and paint a picture of what I envision my Ministry with you to be.

And so I want to try and address the big question that so many of you have:

What does a Family Minister do?

It's a fair question to ask, and I have to say that because I asked the same thing when I started exploring a call to it. The term is problematic, because it's not really inclusive. We know what we mean when we talk about ministering to families, but we don't always say what we mean. Because when we talk about family ministry we tend to mean couples with kids. But what about single guys and girls starting their careers? What about those of us who are charting our own path or in College? Surely we hope that a Family Minister would connect with those people. And what about the couple who just celebrated 30, 40, or fifty years of marriage? Are they not a family?

What we mean when we talk about Family Ministry is really Child-Rearing Age Ministry, but you can't say that and be politically correct, let alone hope to fit it onto a business card. My vision for this church is that we wouldn't commit ourselves to Family Ministry, but to becoming a family of families.

That being said, though, when we do talk about it as "Family" Ministry it recognizes one of the deepest truths that the church is wrestling with in the twenty-first century: we are no longer able to *expect* our children and grandchildren to be part of a church for their own sake, let alone join or become members. The fastest growing religious group in Canada is those who check "None" on the survey form when it asks about religious identity - and when we look at this reality and say, "we need someone who can focus on them", that's the right instinct.

But to think about it in terms of Family Ministry alone is problematic. That's why I've stopped thinking about my work as Family Ministry *pro forma*, and instead as Family and Outreach Ministry. Someone asked me once what outreach is, and so here's my definition: Outreach is the church being the Church outside of the church. Outreach is about connecting with the people who probably won't just show up on a Sunday morning or a Saturday evening and communicating to them, through word and action, that the story that defines our reality is Good News for the whole world. "Families" are the biggest age group missing from churches across this city, and so gone are the days when the church can hope "families" show up and take care of them when they get here. These, instead, are days when "families" require the church to reach out to them where they are.

Here's to 2016 being a year of outreach.

*God Bless,
Jared*

MINUTES OF THE 108th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CALGARY, ALBERTA

ATTENDANCE

One hundred and twelve people gathered in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. for the 108th Annual Congregational Meeting.

The Rev. Jan Hazlett offered welcoming comments.

Rev. Kevin Lee, Moderator for the meeting declared the meeting properly constituted and explained the procedures to take place.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

MOVED by Don Koch, Seconded by Bob Sadler THAT Jean Sadler be appointed Secretary to the meeting. CARRIED.

MOVED BY Bob Sadler, Seconded by Bob Shaw THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

MOVED by Marlene LaMontagne, Seconded by Gail Prevost THAT the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

MOVED by Arlene Young, Seconded by Hugh McFadzean THAT the Congregational Meeting Minutes of 6 July, 2014 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

MOVED by Frank Breisch, Seconded by Annette Shaw THAT all Reports without recommendations be received for information. CARRIED.

The Moderator noted he is amazed at the number of activities that go on in our church, and he has been very encouraged and blessed that we have such a dynamic congregation. He thanked the congregation for their ministry during 2014. MOVED by Frank Breisch, Seconded by Annette Shaw THAT all Reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

IN MEMORIAM

The Moderator offered a reading for those people referred to the list published on page 10 of the Annual Report and he read the names of those called to higher service during 2014. He then offered a prayer.

LEGACY FUND PRESENTATION

Derek Wilkinson reported on behalf of the Trustees of the fund. He noted the Legacy Fund Report on pages 51-52 of the Annual Report and reiterated the three categories of the Trust Fund, namely Mission, Ministry and Facility. The Legacy Fund is an enduring fund with emphasis on giving to enhance church life. There are up to seven Trustees. Capital is invested in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, starting with \$518,000 with \$26,000 added and as of the end of the year \$94,000 is available as Interest. As of September 30, 2014 monies available in the three categories amounts to: Mission Projects \$14,948; Facility Projects \$16,782; Ministry \$14,948. He noted there will be information sessions held during 2015 to answer questions. Derek confirmed that only the \$94,000 of Interest can be spent.

FAMILY MINISTRY SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Rev. Jan Hazlett reported, noting St. Andrew's has always been a congregation that looks outward and is a congregation of mission. Mission is something we do with joy because we have the ability. She noted St. Andrew's received \$1million from the amalgamation of Trinity and this money has been kept for Ministry South of Fish Creek. Funding for the third Minister will be 50% from the amalgamation proceeds; 20% allocation from our budget; 30% from general revenue and grants from National and Presbytery levels. In 2016 we will need to increase our givings. A Search Team will be ratified at the March Session meeting to begin the process of identifying a Minister, Family Ministry.

ADOPTION OF REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2014

Moved by Mark Rowe, Seconded by Bob Sadler THAT the Reviewed Financial Statements for 2014 be received and adopted. CARRIED.

2015 BUDGET

Mark Rowe noted that Session approved the external review of the church books. He thanked individuals who had assisted with the finances and budget process and they include Rev. Lee, Rev. Hazlett, Dolly Forcade, Bob Sadler, Tom McIntyre, Bob Shaw, Alex Grant, Stephen Henrichsen plus Steve MacDonnell and Personnel Team members for the personnel portion of the 2015 budget. He noted proposed expenditures of \$657,670 which is a reduction in spending of \$47,865; and projected revenue of \$639,800 which is a decrease of \$63,633.

MOVED by Mark Rowe, Seconded by Bob Sadler that the 2015 Budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

Following a question regarding the external review of the books, Bob Sadler explained the Team could not find anyone within our membership with the required credentials to undertake the work. The actual cost of the work is extremely reasonable and the Team has budgeted \$5000 for the 2015 work.

MOVED by Cathy Millar, Seconded by Val Hall THAT thanks be expressed to all individuals and their teams for their time and work during this year as well as thanks to the Ministers and Rev. Frank Breisch for all their caring and work.

MOVED by Rhonda Mullan, Seconded by Brenda Pudwell that the meeting be adjourned by 1:25 p.m.

The Moderator offered the Benediction and closed the meeting.

*J. Sadler
Clerk of Session*

Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary
Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 1p.m.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a call for Minister, Family Ministry.

MODERATOR:

The Rev. Helen Smith, Presbytery Representative to the Search Team, served as Moderator of the meeting.

OPENING PRAYER:

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

MOVED by Cathy Millar, seconded by Alex Grant, THAT Interim Clerk of Session, Jim Hope-Ross, be appointed to serve as recording secretary for the meeting. CARRIED

CONSTITUTION and PROCEDURES:

The Moderator outlined the particulars of the given notice of the meeting and declared the meeting properly constituted. She welcomed those present and urged them to sign the attendance sheets that were circulated to the meeting. 163 members and adherents attended. The Moderator noted that regrets were received from the Rev. Jan Hazlett whose responsibilities as a Presbyterian took her to Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church on this day. The Moderator outlined the procedures for the meeting and noted that only Members of the congregation could vote at the meeting, although adherents are most certainly entitled to sign in favour of the call and encouraged to do so. The meeting would follow the agenda, copies of which were distributed at the entrance to the sanctuary.

REPORT OF THE SEARCH TEAM:

Lynn Judd and Cathy Millar, Co-conveners of the Search Team, provided the Team's report. Cathy introduced the members of the Search Team.

Cathy provided an overview of the history, which led to this historic moment in the life of St. Andrew's, from the amalgamation of St. Andrew's with Trinity Presbyterian Church, to the mandate from Presbytery for St. Andrew's to lead in the re-establishment of a Presbyterian presence South of Fish Creek, to the discernment of the need for a family ministry to sustain St. Andrew's and to better seek to fulfill the South of Fish Creek mandate, to the formation of the Search Team.

Lynn outlined the process undertaken by the Search Team to seek candidates for the position of Minister, Family Ministry; to assess 15 applicants and to reduce the number to three, who were interviewed; the Team's selection of the Rev. Jared Miller as the candidate of choice and Session's enthusiastic agreement to have the Rev. Miller preach for the call.

Tom McIntyre, Convener of the Stewardship & Planning Team, then provided S&P's financial report. He introduced the Stewardship and Planning Team.

Tom explained the need to revise the 2015 budget in order to eliminate the deficit that had been included in the budget as originally approved, as well as the need to reconcile the South of Fish Creek fund, which had been sourced to fund some aspects of the 2015 budget.

Tom then outlined a five year plan to demonstrate the feasibility of funding St. Andrew's one-third share of the ministry South of Fish Creek.

He began with an in depth analysis of the planning and budgeting that would be required for 2016 in particular. He identified the assumptions used for the sources of income for 2016, which, together with expenditures reduction, would allow St. Andrew's to fund its share of the Family Ministry and to balance its budget. Highlights included the need for a 2% increase in congregational weekly offerings, a draw from the Memorial Fund, a request from the Legacy Fund's Facilities and Worship income allocations, an expectation for continued generous "outside" donations, as well as a freeze on ministers' stipends for 2016, a "hold" on maintenance capital expenditures and a 10% reduction in Presbyterian Sharing's allocation.

Projections for similar budget restrictions are anticipated for the ensuing four years of the five year plan. It bears noting that this financial plan reflects the best efforts and assumptions the S&P Team were able to put together. Except for the budget revisions required to be implemented for 2015, they do not represent firm budgets for those subsequent years, nor do they project any revenue stream from the ministry south of Fish Creek itself, which ought to occur in the later years of the 5 year plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Moderator then called for consideration of the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

MOVED by Cathy Millar, seconded by Lynn Judd, THAT the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, proceed with the issuing of a call for Minister, Family Ministry.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOMMENDATION #2:

MOVED by Lynn Judd, seconded by Cathy Millar, THAT the guarantee to Presbytery of stipend be as follows:

\$60,030.00, inclusive of travel allowance
\$21,000.00 housing allowance
\$ 4,000.00 utilities

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to review the stipend and allowances annually in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

- i. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.
- ii. That the benefits of i. above shall be cumulative up to five years.
- iii. To provide five weeks' holiday annually.
- iv. To pay supply if such is necessary during the periods of continuing education and holidays.
- v. In the case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply if such is necessary.
- vi. To pay for medical and dental insurance as provided through the Pensions and Benefits Board of the General Assembly and to make contributions to the Pension Plan in compliance with the terms of the plan.
- vii. To pay necessary moving expenses.

CARRIED

RECOMMENATION #3:

MOVED by Lynn Judd, seconded by Cathy Millar, THAT the name of the Rev. Jared Miller be inserted in the Call.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION #4:

MOVED by Cathy Millar, seconded by Lynn Judd, THAT the following be representatives of St. Andrew's to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod:

Cathy Millar, Lynn Judd, and Tom McIntyre

CARRIED

NEXT STEPS:

The Moderator advised that the presentation to Presbytery would take place at the regular meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Stated Hour of 6 o'clock p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 37th Street S.W. and Richmond Road, Calgary.

Members and adherents of St. Andrew's are welcome to attend, some of whom may be invited to testify in support of the Call.

The Moderator advised the meeting that the written endorsement of the Call by members and adherents of St. Andrew's is an essential part of the presentation to Presbytery.

She outlined the procedures whereby the Elders and District Visitors would encourage St. Andrew's people to sign the Call or to authorize their elder or visitor to sign the Call on their behalf. Members and adherents may also sign during regular office hours at the church. All signatures must be received by no later than Sunday, November 1, 2015 in order that they may be compiled for the presentation to Presbytery.

If Presbytery discerns that the Call is a true gospel call, then it is conveyed to the Rev. Miller's home Presbytery of Assiniboia for its consideration and, if it meets their expectations and requirements, the Call would then be placed in the Rev. Miller's hands. He then has seven days to decide whether or not to accept the call.

CONCLUSION:

Cathy Millar extended our thanks to the Moderator, the Rev. Helen Smith, for her diligent assistance throughout the search.

MOVED by Rhonda Mullan, seconded by Audrey Cole, THAT the meeting terminate.
CARRIED at 1:49 p.m.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

Session Highlights

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS for the 2015 Annual Report

Session comprises the active elders elected by the Congregation. At St. Andrew's, the elders are elected for life. Elders may resign from active responsibility. Upon their resignations, they become "Elders Emeritus". In 2015, St. Andrew's was fortunate in that no elder died nor resigned so we continue to be blessed with 38 active members of Session. In addition to their visitation responsibilities, each elder is expected to serve upon at least one of the following teams of Session: Christian Education, Communion & Districts, Impact, Leading with Care, Mission, Pastoral Care, Personnel, Stewardship & Planning*, Welcome & Fellowship, and Worship. The reports of each of the teams follow these highlights in this Annual Report. *Stewardship & Planning has umbrella responsibility for Stewardship, Finance, Facility Management, Planning, and Investment. Each of these areas of responsibility has its own team leader; the leaders comprising the Stewardship & Planning Team, under its own Convener, Tom McIntyre, and Vice Convener, Elaine Cantlon.

Throughout 2015, there were many highlights and some lowlights to record and reflect upon: In January, Session approved a recommendation of the Personnel Team to appoint Lynn Judd and Cathy Millar as co-chairs of a new Search Team to seek a Minister of Family Ministry. Lynn and Cathy would work with the Personnel Team to put together the rest of the Search Team. The Rev. Helen Smith would serve as the Presbytery Representative on the Search Team. In March, we received a visitation team from Presbytery. Periodically, Presbytery sends a delegation to each church within the Presbytery in order to assess the health of the life and work of the congregation and its leadership. The visitation team was convened by the Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw. They attended worship and then met with the Session over lunch. They then met with the ministers. Their report should not be expected to be received until after the General Assembly in June.

Sadly, Bob Sadler, Clerk Jean Sadler's husband, suffered a setback in his health in March. As a result, Jean asked to be relieved of her responsibilities to Session and, in particular, her duties as Clerk. Jim Hope-Ross was duly appointed as Interim Clerk of Session.

The Personnel Team had its hands full in 2015. Their report deals with the specifics, but in addition to oversight of the Search Team mentioned above, they managed long-term medical leaves for the Caretaker and the Office Administrator, and dealt with compassion the difficulties and stresses faced by the Rev. Lee's conscientious loyalty to our congregation and his love of his wife and family, who reside in Toronto.

A major overhaul of the Session Teams was undertaken; the chief of these being the elevation of Stewardship & Planning to a "super team" with oversight of Stewardship, Finance, Facility Management, Planning, and Investment Teams under one convener (Tom McIntyre) and five leaders of these sub-teams.

Facilities Management in the guise of the former Building Team, undertook the installation of many necessary improvements including a new water softener, a new dishwasher, a new refrigerator, new sanctuary and Trinity Hall windows, and new pew cushions.

In June, the Presbytery's visitation report was received by Session. It is still under consideration. Also in June, the restructure of Stewardship & Planning was approved by Session but the position descriptions for the sub-teams were not approved.

Nevertheless, Stewardship & Planning, under the capable leadership of Convener Tom McIntyre and Vice-Convener Elaine Cantlon, carried out the responsibilities for the various functions as they saw them, including the necessary revisions to the 2015 budget and preparation of the draft 2016 budget and preparation of a preliminary five year financial plan.

In September, the hard work of the Search Team came to fruition when Session approved the issuance of a call to the Rev. Jared Miller to the position of Minister of Family Ministry. We were most fortunate when the Rev. Jared was able to positively answer the call and to begin his ministry at St. Andrew's on the first of December.

In November, the Legacy Fund Committee, led by Session representative Elaine Cantlon and presenter John Cuthbertson, came to Session for approval of their detailed resolution to structure the Legacy Fund including a planned giving initiative. The very hard work of the Legacy Fund Committee produced a thorough and well-reasoned recommendation, which was readily approved.

Although we face some serious financial challenges, Session is well-positioned to lead St. Andrew's to live its vision in 2016 as "*a vital growing church, embracing change and discovery as it seeks opportunities to serve God.*"

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hope-Ross
Interim Clerk

SESSION TEAMS

Christian Education Team

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 annual teacher/leader recognition.

The Team Members for 2015 included Jan Hazlett, Rhonda Wishart, Inge Murray, Debby Dorcas, Audrey Cole, Stephanie Werle, Mary Jane Curran, Kevin MacFarlane and Ben Kroeker.

In terms of Church School, programming was available at the 9:30 service for children from age 3 to Grade 5 in a multi-aged grouping with the *Young Children @ Worship* curriculum being used in the first half of 2015, and the *All-in-One Sunday School* curriculum being used in the second half of the year. Inge Murray blessed St. Andrew's with another year as the Coordinator of Church School for this age group throughout 2015.

Junior & Senior High Church School was held at the 9:30 service utilizing the *Faith in Motion* curriculum for young people from Grades 6-12. The CE Team is grateful for the leadership of Mary Jane Curran, Co-ordinator of the Junior & Senior High program in 2015. Pop Up High fellowship for all the youth continued on an intermittent basis between services in the Upper Room.

Summer Church School was offered at the 9:30 service in 2015, led by the C.E. Team members with assistance from members of the congregation using the curriculum *All-in-One Sunday School*. Vacation Bible School for little ones was coordinated by St. Peter's Anglican Church, with St. Andrew's providing some assistance in the way of leadership by contributing a volunteer leader.

In terms of Youth Ministry, Ben Kroeker, continued to lead and engage our young people through 2015. St. Andrew's has a connected group of teens and friends who meet at the church as *Surge* on Friday nights and join the City-wide group of Presbyterian youth on regular occasions.. Ben was ably assisted in leadership by Simon Feigs, Carl Murray and Shona Murray. A farewell party for Ben was hosted by the CE Team in late 2015.

In 2015, Stephanie Werle continued her able leadership as the Nursery Coordinator. In early 2015, Christie Robinson left the nursery staff position and Jasdeep Mand, who had returned to the position in a job sharing capacity in late 2014, was soon joined by Ashley Hochstein. The Nursery is well served by these delightful students, Jasdeep and Ashley, who both study nursing at Mount Royal University. 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 is blessed by the presence of Sylvia Shaw who continued in the role of Adult Library Coordinator in 2015, organizing a great deal of that library and tackling the Children's Library as well, giving it a much needed facelift. We were also grateful for the continued leadership of Christine Pepper in her role as Coordinator of Alpha and for the leadership of Bill Judd and Stewart Hall in the two regular Sunday morning Adult Bible Study programs.

The CE Team plans and organizes the annual presentation of gifts to our graduating Grade 6 and 12 students – and these presentations were made on Christian Family Sunday.

CE organized the annual Spring Fun Day in April 2015 welcoming a petting zoo from Butterfield acres. The festive informal family celebration of ADVENTure took place in late November with a musical being led by Debby Dorcas offered at the 9:30 service with cookie decorating and holiday beverages for families following the service.

Two groups under the guidance of Rev. Jan Hazlett were back by popular demand in 2015, Reading and Reflection and Coffee & Conversation. Reading and Reflection did not continue in the fall.

CE's Mission funds for 2015 were directed in the name of the church school children to the Mitten Tree, to assist the Mission Team with Christmas projects at Clare House and to maintaining the relationship with the church school's foster child through the Christian Children's Fund of Canada.

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 & Districts Team

In 2015, the Communion and Districts Team (“the Team”) settled into a routine for the delivery of the sacrament of Communion to the people of St. Andrew’s. A major reason why Communion services were able to settle into a more-or-less routine pattern was the strong contributions and support of its Team members: Audrey Cole, Christine Pepper, and Hugh McFadzean. Hugh quit the Team following the Sudanese Communion service in December.

Sheila Kirkland continues to oversee the allocation of the Visitor Districts and she, together with Joan Smith, records the names on the roll of those who took Communion at the four more formal Communion services of the year. Dolly Forcade undertakes this important responsibility after the other first-of-the-month Communion by intinction services.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month. The service is by way of intinction except for the first Sundays of March, June, October, and December.

With the intinction method, the people come forward to receive the elements and dip the bread into the cup and partake when individually served.

The March Communion is held in conjunction with the Lord’s Last Supper and the celebration of Easter. It proceeds in the manner of a modified grand entry format, by which the elders process the elements into the sanctuary to the Communion Table and remove them in the same manner at the conclusion of the service. The elders serve the bread to the congregation in the pews and all partake together. The wine (grape juice) is served and taken in the same manner. In June, the table is set with the elements in the traditional manner. The elders come forward and take their places in the loft behind the pulpit. The service of the elements and the partaking of them are in the same manner as with the grand entry. At the conclusion of the service the elders depart and the elements remain on the table.

The October Communion is held in conjunction with Thanksgiving. The December Communion is held in conjunction with Advent and Christmas. It utilizes the traditional method of presentation.

Communion is also served by intinction at the Maundy Thursday service and at the last Christmas Eve service.

Gluten-free elements are available at all Communion services. At services employing the intinction method, cubes of gluten-free bread and small cups of juice are carried to those who require it and also to those who are unable to come forward or who prefer to remain seated. At the four more formal Communion services, gluten-free crackers in sealed bags are available on the bread trays.

The team also prepares the elements and sets the table for Communion when requested by the Sudanese Community of Faith.

A special thanks goes to Shelby Cole and Lauren Cole, who continue to help with preparation of the elements prior to most of our Communion services.

The Team is especially grateful to all of those elders who so generously participate in serving Communion and in helping with the clean up after the Communion services.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hope-Ross, Convener

Impact Team

With the closing of the Heritage YMCA facility at the end of 2010, St. Andrew’s has had to be prepared for the possibility that its 50 year parking agreement with the YMCA might not continue.

The Impact Team was formed in 2011 to investigate the possibility of acquiring at least some of the YMCA land immediately east of the church where tennis courts are currently located. The piece of land where the YMCA building itself is located is currently owned by The City of Calgary. The City has reviewed and is continuing to review possible uses of the land. The YMCA has indicated that its first priority is to work with The City on any land development project.

The current Impact Team members are Mark Rowe, Ed Braun and Tom McIntyre. Unfortunately, Impact Team member Bob Sadler passed away this year. The team misses Bob.

The Impact Team continues to have discussions with The City including a meeting with Councilor Peter Demong, who is a member of the City Council Transportation Committee. The Impact Team is also investigating the possibility of modifying the existing St. Andrew's parking lot to better utilize the church's current parking lot.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Rowe, Convenor*

Leading with Care Team

The leading With Care (LWC) team currently consists of Dolly Forcade, Jean Sadler and Rev. Jan Hazlett. LWC is responsible to promote the safety of all our church family. We regularly check the physical building for potential threats to the safety of those who call St. Andrew's home, including the most vulnerable, as well as maintain the list of police checks for volunteers. In keeping with the Leading With Care policy set out by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, all volunteers must have a current police check on file. If your police check is more than 4 years old, or you have never done one, please contact the office for the information needed to complete one. Currently, we do not have to pay for police checks for volunteers, but there is a letter required to waive the fee. Leading With Care also facilitates the fire drill every two years. We are looking to add to our team, primarily to stay on top of the police checks, which is a large part of our mandate. If this is something you could help with, please contact Dolly or Jean. You would be providing an invaluable service to the congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dolly Forcade*

Mission Team

The Mission Team meets once per month on the 4th Tuesday night except in June and July. Current members of the team are: Bill Judd, Loran McVittie, Annette Shaw, David Platt, Brent Harding, Rev Jan Hazlett, and Rev Kevin Lee. The Convenor is Joan Rowe. We are seeking additional members for our interesting team. Our focus continues to be providing missional linkages for our congregation to local community, national, and international projects. This year we have provided support to:

Warrior Paint: As part of our efforts toward Healing and Reconciliation, the Mission Team made contact with Sherrie Rinkel Mackay, teacher, at Glenbow School in Cochrane. She and her class have developed a nationally recognized art program entitled 'Warrior Paint' to support the Stoney Nakoda Food Bank. They have sets of greeting cards that were made by students in combination with photos from the Glenbow Museum.

Mission Funds assisted several print runs of the cards so the students could sell them with all of the money going toward this Food Bank. The students and teachers attended services on Mission Sunday, April 19th, to describe the evolution and value of this multi-year project. Mission team members were invited, in turn, to attend the school's year-end aboriginal lunch, dancing, and drumming. We also were invited to the opening of the Warrior Paint display at the Kananaskis Information Center with the students.

NeighborLink: Annual donation was made plus 'No Crib for a Bed' project with donated crib and infant items, coordinated by Loran McVittie and Joan Rowe.

Inn from the Cold: Many volunteers help on the 5th Sundays at Southwood United Church, coordinated by Val Hall.

Interfaith Food Bank: Ongoing collections and donations.

Veteran's Food Bank: The Remembrance Day collection was three large boxes filled with food along with envelope donations of \$1,844.35. The Men's Breakfast group also donated \$300.00.

Calgary Homeless Foundation and Claire Building: The Claire Building, a 43 unit apartment building, is owned and operated by the Calgary Homeless Foundation. St Andrew's provided volunteers and materials all year long with donations of furniture, house ware and clothing as needed, including 4 cribs for new babies during the summer, as well as special support for a family Christmas party at the Claire Building. Bill Judd has been our main liaison with CUPS and the Claire Community, with frequent support from Loran McVittie for furniture delivery

For the Christmas Party, Heritage Seniors provided gifts for the children. Mission Funds and congregation donations provided 27 family gift hampers, cookie decorating supplies and three turkeys. Roger Cole was Santa and Marlene LaMontagne read Christmas stories. Shephard King Lutheran Church added items to the hampers. The many St. Andrew's volunteers included: Pauline Evans, Margaret Bates, Lynn Judd; Pat Tritter; Joan Rowe, Bill Judd, Loran McVittie; Shelby Cole, Audrey Cole, and Lauren Cole.

Bulletin Boards are updated regularly by Annette Shaw to focus on current mission activities through St. Andrew's.

Haiti: Lou, Anne, and Aaron Greco went on a third visit to Haiti helping with medical supplies, clinic building, and electrical work. Church space was provided to the Greco's to sell their artisan items to fund medical supplies.

Little Dresses for Africa has become a new and on-going mission project under the leadership of Judie Coleman, Pam Livingstone and Barbara MacFarlane. Little Dresses for Africa's purpose is to provide relief to children of Africa and other countries in crisis, by distributing dresses, hygiene and other items to little girls. Because of the widespread AIDS pandemic, little girls are often left to be the primary care givers of their younger siblings. There was a work bee held at St Andrew's in May where ladies cut fabric and sewed dresses. Many have made generous donations of time, materials and financial assistance. We have sent 185 colorful dresses to Disaster Aid Canada in Victoria to distribute in a variety of countries. Easy to follow patterns and material packets are available to all sewers.

We thank the entire congregation for their participation with time and talents for St. Andrews' focus on growing as 'missional church'. We look forward to reviewing and visioning our direction for 2016 and welcome congregational suggestions.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe*

Pastoral Care

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10*

One way we demonstrate our faithfulness as a Christian community is by caring for each other. In the midst of all of the joys and sorrows of this life we seek to be a present and helpful presence in each other's lives. We believe that it is the call of every church member to be a caring presence in the midst of this community. All of our clergy and many lay people are available to respond to the pastoral care needs of our congregation.

When we are sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit that dwells in us and are willing to be used by God, we can respond positively and with love to those around us. Our help need not be a big gesture or gift of something material. A warm smile, a comforting touch, a hug, or an encouraging word can meet a person's immediate need by strengthening his or her will to persevere. Pastoral Care can be provided by one with a listening heart who is willing to set themselves aside to support another person in need of a friend or listening ear. Compassion, sensitivity, and patience are also attributes of a Pastoral Care visitor. It is important to realize that in Pastoral Care, the emphasis is on "Care" not "Cure". To care is to be present with, to grieve with, pray for, and to listen in times of need or trouble. The Pastoral Care person is not intended to "fix" any situation, provide advice or provide solutions to problems. Pastoral Care is a ministry of caring enough to give one's time to be truly "present" to someone in times of crisis, joy, happiness or sadness. A Pastoral Care person listens with a prayerful heart, a heart connected to a caring, loving God. Circumstances in which pastoral care support may be needed are many and varied. Times of change, stress, loss, and illness are occasions in which a listening ear and the presence of another can be helpful.

A bright yellow pamphlet describing the various ministries can be found in the Pastoral Care rack in the Karl English Lounge, at the Welcome Desk or ask for copies from the office. This information is also on our website. On the home page click on 'Activities' – on the drop down menu, click on 'Pastoral Care'.

Another way we reach out is through [CareNotes](#) which are located in the Karl English Lounge on the Pastoral Care board and are for the congregation to use as needed. They cover a wide range of topics such as dealing with illness, grief and loss, parenting, prayer, and more.

Special thanks to our coordinators: Alice Williams, Barb English, Alice Post, Joan Rowe and Jean Spotowski.

The Pastoral Care Teams include the [Bereavement Team](#), [CareShare](#), [Home Bound Ministry](#), [Hospital Visitation](#), [Nursing Health Ministry](#), the [Prayer Chain](#), [Prayer Shawls](#), and [Side by Side](#). As you can see, Pastoral Care is made up of many teams. Each has a specific task and yet they often overlap. As you read the individual reports under "Pastoral Care" elsewhere in the Annual Report, please be open to ways that you might offer care to others. Truly this is a ministry of the church of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ by serving each other.

Respectfully submitted,

Personnel Team

The Personnel Team supports 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 reconfigured Stewardship and Planning Team 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 Stewardship and Planning Team and Sylvia Shaw from the congregation-at-large. Rev. Kevin Lee has assisted the team throughout the year and represented the ministry team.

We were quite happy and blessed when the search team was able to bring Rev. Jared Miller into our church as Minister of Family Ministry. Indeed support to the search process was one of our main orders of business during the past year. We were blessed as a church to have successfully landed Jared and Beth here during the Christmas season. Jared's new role will be challenging and we commit to supporting him in all that he will be called upon to do.

The staff of the congregation is made up of ten full and part-time employees including the ministers. At the end of the year we bid farewell to Ben Kroeker who finished his contract as Director of Youth Ministry with us after several years of service. Jasdeep Mand and Ashley Hochstein continue to split the coverage as Nursery Caregivers for our little ones. Ashley joined us in June.

We continue to pray for Oscar who was sidelined for several months this year and also for a speedy recovery for Rhonda who also had to take over two months off at the end of the calendar year. We thank the church members who stepped into the fold in either voluntary or paid relief of our staff members during their absences.

Besides responding to staffing requirements, annual performance reviews of the non-clergy staff are carried out and budgetary salary figures are developed and presented to the Finance Team 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*

Search Team

The search team for the Family Ministry position was constituted in February. Members of the Team included Cathy Millar and Lynn Judd as Co-Chairs, Rhonda Mullan, Merrill Blenman, Clem McLachlan, Raf Komierowski, Marianne Attridge, Mary Jane Curran, Melissa Dios, Craig Murray, Wilfred Kangong, Bart Stolee, Stephanie Werle, Carolyn Jerrard. Rev. Jan Hazlett and Rev. Kevin Lee were ex-officio members of the team and Rev. Helen Smith was the Presbytery representative. The Congregational Profile was updated and the position was advertised on April 1st. We received 15 applications and chose to skype interview 3 candidates and followed up with an in person interview with Rev. Jared Miller. In September, a recommendation was made to Session for the Rev. Jared Miller to preach for the Call for the position, Minister, Family Ministry and he preached on October 18th. A congregational meeting was held after the services

on October 18th and the congregation voted unanimously to Call the Rev. Jared Miller to St. Andrews. The Call was successful and he was inducted to ministry at St. Andrews on December 1st.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Judd, Co-Chair*

Stewardship and Planning Team

Members of Session approved of Rev. K. Lee's major restructuring of the S&P Team in mid-2015, which included additional assigned responsibilities. The role of the 'new' S&P Team is to provide stewardship and coordinated management guidance in the areas of planning, financial control, facility maintenance and monitoring of assigned investments.

At present, responsibilities will include the Heritage Drive and South Fish Creek ministries under the overall umbrella of St Andrew's. Tom McIntyre is the convenor of the team.

The initial months were spent in recruitment of new members for the expanded team, followed by an individual assessment of the status of each area of responsibility.

At an early stage, the team was also charged with determining the financial impact of the proposed Heritage and South Fish Creek ministries and several options were evaluated. The financial basis of the shared ministry was approved by Session and subsequently by Presbytery. This financial arrangement (1/3 St Andrew's and 2/3 South Fish Creek) was also approved by the congregation at a meeting on Oct 11 to consider a Preach For A Call.

The team also considered and developed the recommended 2016 Operating Budgets for the Heritage and South Fish Creek ministries.

The S&P Team operates with five sub-groups:

- **Stewardship Group** under the leadership of S&P Vice-Convenor Elaine Cantlon. Members include Margaret Bates, Cathy Millar, Rob Pollard, Kevin MacFarlane and Tim Rowe.
The group is responsible for stewardship activities, including provision of regular updates of the financial position to the congregation.
The group will also provide fund raising guidance for special capital projects or operational needs, as directed by the S&P Team.
As the early steps and challenges of the shared ministries move forward in 2016, the work of the group will begin to emerge.
- **Planning Group** under the leadership of Mark Rowe. Members include Shani Bosman, James Gerard, Ian Denness
The group is responsible for preparing consolidated long term financial and facility plans for the Heritage and South Fish Creek ministries.
The group is also responsible for evaluating any project costing more than \$10,000 in order to recommend to Session what proposal should be undertaken in priority sequence. The group is presently developing a standard submission document that will be used to impartially evaluate the priority of each submitted project.
In addition, the group will consider any related or referred external factors that may influence the life and work of the St Andrew's (e.g. the work of the Impact Team in the loss of YMCA parking).

The group will also work closely with other teams of Session regarding submitted concepts or proposals that will require inclusion in long term plans.

During 2015, the group prepared 5 year plans for Heritage and the proposed South Fish Creek ministries, as well as provided input into the proposed 2016 budgets.

- **Finance Group** under the leadership of Dave Townsend.
Additional membership enrolment is under consideration.
The group is responsible for the day to day management of the church's financial affairs, in close consultation with the Treasurer.
Responsibilities include monthly financial reporting, maintenance of balance sheets, preparation of annual budgets and arranging an independent annual financial review.
A separate Statement of Financial Position for 2015 is provided elsewhere in this current Annual Report.
The team assumed management of the 2015 Budget prepared by the earlier Finance Team, which included Bob Sadler who unfortunately passed away recently. The team acknowledges Bob's earlier diligent work and the loss of a respected church member and friend.
Separate budgets and accounts have been developed for the Heritage and South Fish Creek ministries in 2016, both of which are then combined into a consolidated St Andrew's report.
- **Facilities Group** under the leadership of Errol Bosman.
Members include Sylvia Shaw, Bob Shaw, Alfred MacRae, Sean Pepper, Herb Spencer and Bill Judd.
The Group is responsible for the maintenance of St Andrew's assets, completion of new capital projects and ensuring yard work and snow clearance is performed.
Responsibilities also include the development of long term facility maintenance plans, preparation of annual budgets, provision of cost estimates and procurement of competitive estimates.
Projects completed during 2015 included new flooring in the main foyer, rear vestibule and downstairs ladies' washroom areas. Also undertaken were a new water softener, sanctuary windows, electrical upgrading, external sanctuary painting, a new reach in refrigerator and miscellaneous small maintenance tasks.
Through generous donations from the Ladies Guild, Heritage Seniors and the Men's Fellowship Group, additional funds were provided to extend the number of originally planned capital projects. Thanks are extended to those groups for their valued donations.
In regards outside maintenance, in spring all planted bulbs provided a good display of colour until June, when they were replaced by bedding plants in the front and east flower beds. The arrangements lasted until mid-October, thanks to a good extended summer.
Lawn maintenance was performed under contract with Yardworks and snow clearance was undertaken by Peritus, who also cleared the YMCA parking lot for our Sunday use.
The sewer excavation in the rear parking lot continues to settle and will be examined in 2016 to determine if settlement is complete and patch paving can be undertaken.
It is planned to remove one tree in the south car park in spring due to safety concerns and interference with overhead electrical wires. This tree also sustained some damage in a prior wind storm.
- **Investment Group**, the leadership position is currently vacant.
Members during 2015 included Jim Hope-Ross, Hugh McFadzean and Stephen Henrichsen.
The group is responsible for monitoring and examining the assigned investments, as well as providing recommendations for consideration by Session.
Funds are presently invested with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Q Trade and
Managed investments include:

- St Andrew's General Investment Fund
- South Fish Creek Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Sudanese Fund

The Legacy Fund is managed independently by a group of appointed directors.
The current value of each fund is provided separately elsewhere in the Annual Report.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom McIntyre, Convenor*

Welcome and Fellowship Team

The mandate of Welcome and Fellowship team is to provide a welcoming environment for visitors to our congregation and to provide opportunities throughout the year for increased fellowship within our church family.

Welcome and Fellowship team had a busy year in 2015 as we organized or assisted with many events.

On February 8th we organized a pick-up ball hockey match in the parking lot and served hot chocolate and Timbits. A good time was had by all. Our team organized a congregational "Tropical Vacation" Potluck Supper on Saturday February 28th. After a "happy half hour" welcome punch and a delicious shared dinner and dessert, the children and adults enjoyed a piñata and a travel trivia game respectively. Those attending were dressed in very tropical garb.

On March 29th, in order to help welcome newcomers to our congregation, we held a pizza social lunch. John Young presented a short history of St. Andrew's, following which representatives from a number of church groups spoke about their team's responsibilities.

As has become our practice, Welcome and Fellowship team erected three crosses on the front lawn on March 28th prior to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and changed the shrouds during Holy week. An egg hunt was organized for Easter Sunday April 5th in Trinity Hall between the two worship services. Over 30 elementary grade and younger children made short-work of locating all the hidden treats.

On June 14th, due to a conflict which prevented our holding a picnic in North Glenmore Park, Welcome and Fellowship team served hot dogs in the Karl English lounge as a "Picnic in St. Andrew's" following the worship service. Many hungry appetites were satisfied.

St. Andrew's annual Stampede Breakfast was held on July 5th between the morning worship services. Thank you to the many persons in the congregation who generously gave their time to prepare, serve, and ensure that all went smoothly. Invitations were distributed to neighbours who live nearby. Donations from the community were received from Canada Safeway, Calgary Co-op, Smitties, and Cal-B-Que Catering. Pancakes were cooked outside and from all reports received; all cowpokes who attended enjoyed the chow. A \$670 profit from the breakfast was donated to Claire House.

In order to welcome back the congregation after a relaxing summer, Welcome and Fellowship organized "Ice Cream Sunday" on Sunday September 13th. Sundaes were served in the Karl English lounge following each worship service. Welcome and Fellowship team assisted with a

Membership class on September 26th by serving coffee, lunch and snacks to all persons attending.

A team set the nativity and angels up on November 21st prior to the start of Advent and we hope that it prompted a number of passing Calgarians to reflect on this special time of the year.

In 2015 Welcome and Fellowship team continued to promote the opportunity for members of our church family to volunteer weekly as coffee hosts after each Sunday worship service. It's a great way to get to know other members of our church family and to give back to the congregation, so if you haven't already done so, please register at the Sign-up centre to host coffee on an upcoming Sunday! It is easy to do and you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

Thank you to Val Hall, Ron Horwood, Carolyn Jerrard, Annika Koch, Brenda Pudwell, Ida du Toit, and Marlyn Townsend for their dedication, enthusiasm and active participation during the past year and we also wish to thank Rev. Jan and Rev. Kevin for their guidance and suggestions.

We hope that in 2016 all members of our St. Andrew's family will continue to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Don Koch*

Worship Team

The mandate of the Worship team is to facilitate meaningful worship across the lifespan; support spiritual growth at St. Andrew's by adding value to the worship experience and consider a variety of worship forms as appropriate to the wholistic needs of our community.

This year the Team assisted with the planning and facilitation of services for Thanksgiving; Holy Smoke Cafés were offered four times in January, March, September and November and we instituted a Sunday Solace service of reflection, meditation and prayer that we hope to offer a couple of times a year.

The Team members for part of the year were - Elaine Cantlon, Debby Dorcas, Lauren Cole, Shelby Cole, Bob Fuenning, Craig Murray, Rev. Jan Hazlett, Rev. Kevin Lee, Ben Kroeker and Cody Obst. We want to thank Elaine Cantlon and Craig Murray for their dedication and service to the team and welcome new members Caroline Bain, Clem McLachlan and Rev. Jared Miller.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Judd, Convenor*

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Cradle Roll Report

In the year 2015 we have 10 new members on our register.

Birthday cards were sent out to 15 of our children 3 years of age and younger.

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

Nursery

In early 2015, Christie Robinson left the nursery staff position and Jasdeep Mand, who had returned to the position in a job sharing capacity in late 2014, was soon joined by Ashley Hochstein. The Nursery is well served by these delightful students, Jasdeep and Ashley, who both study nursing at Mount Royal University. Our Nursery is full of little ones on a regular basis, especially at the 9:30 am service. This makes it extremely important to have volunteers from the congregation sign up for each and every Sunday to assist our Nursery Staff. A sign-up sheet is kept in the Foyer. In May and June of 2015, both Ashley and Jasdeep were working in Nursing practicums on Sundays. We were very fortunate to have had many volunteers who stepped forward to provide care while our Nursery Caregivers were on leave at this time.

*Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Werle*

Church School

Pre-School And Elementary Church School

Many leaders, helpers and parents 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.

Curriculum:

Church School was offered only at 9:15 a.m. service. From January to June 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.

The summer church school was supported and led by the members of the Christian Education (C.E.) team as well as a few volunteers from the congregation. This allowed the leaders to take a well-deserved break. The C.E. team explored various curriculums in response to feedback from leaders and parents. A curriculum was found to best fit the needs of St Andrew's with a small class size and varying ages of the children attending Sunday mornings. The "All-in-one Sunday School" by Lois Keffer was used during the summer and has continued to be used for the fall and winter. A special lesson on communion was offered to the grade four, five and six students, led by Rev. Jan Hazlett. The grade four, five and six children were invited to attend Communion in June 2015.

In June the C.E. team reviewed the regular attendance of children at 11:15 and it was decided to continue to offer church school at 9:30 am from September to December. The C.E. team continued to monitor the attendance of children at 11:15 and plans to offer church school once a month at 11:15 starting in January 2016.

The number of children attending has increased this year. With many very young children, the C.E. team has requested parents to sign up to help leaders on a regular basis.

Mission:

St Andrew’s Church school continues to make the salad for “Inn From The Cold” on every 5th Sunday in the year. The children have more insight into this mission project and have enjoyed the “hands on” experience of helping in a meaningful way.

Celebrations:

Many children attended the annual spring fun day. The children enjoyed the many craft activities planned. The CE team organized a mobile petting zoo from Butterfield Acres to come to St. Andrew’s. This created great excitement among the children and youth helpers. The sheep, goats and bunnies received a lot of attention.

On Palm Sunday, the elementary church school participated in a palm procession during the 9:30 and 11:15 service.

There were two grade six students who received annotated bibles from the CE Team, this gift coincides with the children completing elementary school and graduating to junior high school. An End of School Year celebration with ice-cream sundaes was held at the beginning of June for all the church school children.

The ADVENTure musical was held on Sunday November 29, 2015 during the 9:30 worship service. The children that participated worked hard at learning their lines, songs and choreography; their participation was very much appreciated. After the musical a café style coffee time was held in Trinity Hall. Apple cider, eggnog and specialty coffees were enjoyed together with a bounty of candy to decorate cookies.

As an appreciation for the continued dedication of the leaders a small gift was given to the leaders in December 2015.

On behalf of St. Andrew’s I would like to thank all the leaders and helpers and parents 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

Leaders and helpers

Marianne Attridge (Jan-June)
 Anna Braun (Jan – Dec)
 Jason Braun (Jan – Dec)
 Nicola Cameron (Sept – Dec)
 Desiree Henrichsen (Jan-Dec)
 Inge Murray (Jan-Dec)
 Linda Ripley (Jan-Dec)
 Stephanie Werle (Jan Dec)
 Brent Werle (Sept- Dec)
 Rhonda Wishart (Jan-Dec)

Junior and Senior High Church School

The Junior/Senior High Church School takes place each Sunday morning during the 9:30 service in the Up High Room. This class consists of youth from Grades 6 through 12, with majority younger in age. The attendance continues to fluctuate each week from 0 to 5 youth. In the Fall of 2015 we re-introduced curriculum which we have used in the past called, *FAITH in Motion*. This series includes four Leader Guides. Each of the guides consists of seven sessions on topics of importance and interests such as; *Walk the Talk, Good Friends, Surviving Life's Jungle and Man with a Mission*.

Many thanks to the following dedicated leaders of the Junior/Senior High class:

Yvonne Kangong

Lorna Kearns

Christine Pepper & Mary Jane Curran

Ben Kroeker attended the Junior/Senior High Church School sessions and we will miss his valuable contribution to the group. His support was much appreciated by both the youth and leaders!

Once again it is a privilege to be a part of this group of leaders. It's rewarding to watch the youth of St. Andrew's grow in their relationships, and help point them toward faithful living as followers of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to the energy from our youth as we deepen our faith together in 2016.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jane Curran, Coordinator*

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*

Surge Student Ministries – A Quick Look into 2015

The first thing to mention is the continuation of the PYMC group. We were able to continue to run the monthly citywide events with Presbyterian churches across Calgary, as well as put on the yearly fall retreat. We usually are able to get around 20-30 youth to attend the monthly events, and 30-40 at the yearly youth retreat. The Facebook page and Twitter account are updated every couple weeks, helping keep the youth around the city stay connected and informed of these events. We have also started a new email list for youth/parents who may not be connected to social media. This is still a work in progress but I hope to see more youth/parents add their emails as the new year progresses. This group has brought many youth closer together in friendship and in Christ.

Our annual 'Fall Retreat' happened in mid-October this year. We had Rev. Grant Gunnink from Valleyview Community Church be our main speaker. He did an amazing job as he walked us through 'Route 66 – A Road Trip through the Bible'. D'Arcy Watsham, a worship leader from Kensington Commons Church, lead the worship services with our own Ben Kroeker and Simon Feigs from St. Andrew's. The band was even able to lead Valleyview in singing and dancing to the most popular song of PYMC, 'Written in the Word' on Sunday morning.

Last year, one of Ben's goals was to see an improvement of the youth wanting to further their faith. We continued the Wednesday night bible study and looked at the first 5 commandments through a DVD study. Unfortunately these studies weren't well attended by youth. Where we did have more success was when the Surge leaders team decided to initiate Ben's idea of hosting 1-2 Friday nights in the month and dedicating it to a study of faith. Since most kids can attend Friday night events, we decided to capitalize on this by making time to look at issues youth face by talking about 'Challenging Culture'. We talked about the need for the Word of God, rather than earthly desires that culture says we 'need'. We talked about love, and what it means to live a life of love. We took a song and talked about their lyrics. These, among many other topics, were able to help the youth live a life for Jesus in our culture driven world. Simon and I were each given the opportunity to write a mini sermon for one of the nights. This was huge in helping us grow in our ability to lead the youth.

This year was exciting and had many highlights. Amidst the changes in the ministry team, I look forward to what 2016 will bring for our youth and our church. I am sure that Rev Jared Miller will help guide the leader team so that we can keep the Holy Spirit working within the youth of St. Andrew's. Please continue to pray for our youth; that they would grow closer to God as they are the church for today and tomorrow.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carl Murray*

ADULT MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

Adult Study Groups

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

The 9:30 a.m. group completed a video-based study by Rick Warren based on his book 'The Purpose Driven Life' (sub-titled *What On Earth Am I Here For*). It was a very interesting probing of who we are to God and what His purposes might be for our lives. After a summer break, the group started a new study by Tim Keller entitled 'The Reason For God' (sub-titled *Conversations on Faith and Life*), a quite different video presentation lead by Rev. Tim Keller with six non-church panelists discussing common objections to the Christian faith message, such as – "Isn't the Bible a myth, hasn't science disproved Christianity?" and "How can you say there is only one way to God, what about other religions?"

In addition to thought-provoking presentations brought by the studies, the individuals in the group had their own mix of inspiration, revelation, experience and questioning that was shared in the group. Meeting regularly encouraged bonds of friendships among the group members.

The SOS (Students of Scripture) group met at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and had 5-6 regular participants. The group worked through two studies over the course of the year. They completed the study “How to be a Christian without being religious” by Fritz Ridenour. The book of Romans is used as a reference in this study. The next study guide used was “World Religions from a Christian Perspective”. The study compared different religions and covered the history of the different religions. The group found this study thought provoking and interesting with lots of discussions amongst the group members.

Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray

Alpha

The Alpha course has been offered at St. Andrew’s since January 2001. This 12 week program has traditionally been offered in the Fall from September to December and in Winter from January to April.

In Winter 2015, eight guests joined us to take the second course in the Alpha series entitled, “A Life Worth Living”, a study based on Paul’s letter to the church in Philippi. The program was held in the Inner Hall on Wednesday evenings from January 21 to April 8 with a time of fellowship and refreshments at 6:30 PM, devotions at 7:00 PM and study from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM.

We also have two, long-standing bible study groups that meet at the same time on Wednesday evenings. Most of these people have taken Alpha previously and wish to continue to meet mid-week to study and grow in their Christian faith. One group finished their study based on the Book of Romans, moving on to Philip Yancey’s DVD series entitled, “The Jesus I Never Knew”. Eight people were in attendance and they reconvened in Fall 2015 from September 23 to November 18. The second group did not meet in the Fall due to a decrease in numbers.

After much reflection, and in consultation with Rev. Jan Hazlett, it was decided that a fresh perspective was needed for the Alpha program. Over the years we have seen numbers dwindle and new participants have been few. As a result, and in response to needs of our young families at St. Andrew’s, it was decided that Rev. Jan Hazlett would pilot the Alpha Parenting Course in the Fall; five weeks in duration with a time of fellowship, a cooked meal and child-care provided by St. Andrew’s youth. It was very well received with approximately 12 couples in attendance throughout. I would like to thank Rev. Jan, the support facilitators and the Cole family for their faithful contribution to this program’s success.

Many people from St. Andrew’s and from the community at large have enjoyed the Alpha program over the past 14 years. The courses provide an opportunity for people to explore, share and discuss the Christian faith, to fellowship with one another and to deepen their relationships with other Christians.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Pepper, Convener

Alpha Parenting Course: Something New in 2015

This fall, beginning October, for five Wednesday evenings we gathered for a Parenting Children Course. There were about 20 parents who attended each week. Babysitting was provided for up to a dozen children as well. We ate dinner together and watched a video produced by the ALPHA group and discussed parenting in groups. The videos were informative and interesting and the discussions were great. The feedback was that we should have more such courses here at St. Andrew's. It was wonderful to have so many of our families involved, I am grateful that they were willing to embrace something new.

I would like to thank all those who helped out including Audrey Cole who helped in the kitchen, Christine Pepper, Inge Murray, Cathy Millar and those providing Childcare: Lauren, Shelby and Roger Cole.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

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 with a couple of men as regulars now. We begin our morning, gathering at 9:30 for tea/coffee and goodies that we take turns providing. At 10 a.m. we begin our Bible Study and discussion of faith led by Rev. Jan or our guest leader. In the winter and spring we worked through the book of Acts and this fall we have been tackling the book of Revelation. Together we ask questions and explore ways to understand scripture and how we might live our response in our context. We close with prayer for each other, our community and global concerns. The group is always open to new participants.

*Respectfully submitted
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Flowers/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. 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 Karl English Lounge, there is a "Flower Calendar". Print your name beside the appropriate date when you wish 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 Presbyterian Church" with "flowers" on the memo line. If you wish to purchase the flowers from another florist and deliver them yourself, please notify the church office.

May I just make a donation?

As an alternative, individuals can make a donation to the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

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 or District Visitors deliver the flowers after the 11:15 a.m. service, when required.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Mullan, Office Manager*

Heritage Seniors

As a Club for 50+ Senior's, we continue to try to improve the quality of life of our Members by providing opportunities for physical, mental, social and spiritual activities. On September 3, 2015 we hosted an Open House during which we set up demonstrations and encouraged people to participate in mini activities for our various groups, such as carpet bowling, floor curling, yoga stretch, bridge, painting, music makers, etc. Many of our leaders were there to answer questions and encourage Members to participate in these various activities. Our returning Members had an opportunity to renew their membership, have a good visit/coffee with others and were able to see demonstrations of other activities that they may not have been aware of. We placed an ad in the Coffee New in an attempt to encourage new memberships but these efforts were limited at best, although we agree that the open house at the start of our activity year was well received and should probably be done again. We encourage any and all Members of St. Andrew's to join us as they transition into retirement.

As a result of a member's Motion at our AGM in June, we set up a subcommittee to evaluate our role in charitable contributions and donations. This was a process that led us to examine the use of our finances and we are happy to report that at this time, our finances allow us to continue to donate funds to various organizations. In 2015, we donated as follows:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian - \$2,500

Ladies Afternoon Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian, cooler/frig replacement project - \$1 000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian - \$1,000 (cups, paper, snow clearing)

Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation - \$500 donation

Side by Side - \$500.00 donation

Thanks to donations from our Members, we also donated Christmas gifts to Claire House and Woods Christian Home for the children at these homes.

We continue to host a catered lunch each month, and although the cost per plate went up by \$1.00 per person, we were able to cover the cost increase within our existing funds instead of

passing the increase on to our Members. We also are in a pilot project where we are providing free coffee to our Member during their various activities. This will be reviewed early in 2016 to see if this remains viable. The various speakers, musicians, and entertainment following our monthly luncheons provide cultural and entertainment value to all those who participate. We would like to encourage all Members and any interested guest to come to these luncheons on the first Monday of each month.

For many years, we have been asked about our famous T-shirts with the logo of the 'antique bike for two'. With the help of digital experts, we were finally able to offer new T-shirts to our Members. These were given out as a special surprise at our Christmas luncheon and we will continue to give them out at future luncheons so that all members may have one – another 'freebie'.

Our Strawberry Tea was a success again this year. Even without the odds and sods table, we still managed a profit of \$2,847.28. The 'baking bee' provided a great help at the bake table and contributed to the final numbers. This tea is labor intensive and as our members age, we increasingly realize that the help we get from the church members is absolutely invaluable. We, therefore, extend a hearty thank you to those church members who helped us with it this year. This is our major fund raiser and it allows us to continue to be a vital part of the Church and community.

Some activities will need more attendance to remain viable on the horizon and these include afternoon Card games and the Book Club. We will keep trying but we need more support in attendance. Music Makers is also looking for new members. Not all activities met the needs of our Members, but we have given them the 'good old college try'. Due to poor attendance, we have discontinued Movie Fridays, Games day and the Buddy System. The golf was discontinued this year due to both the lack of participants and the potential shutdown of Buffalo Run Golf Course. We also held another Cleaning Bee in July that allows us to start in September with clean cupboards and an organized inventory.

This year, we set up an inventory system. We have added two wireless mics to the existing sound system - very beneficial to all who use it.

Thanks to Ben Kroeker, our Members participated in two sessions of computer skills. It is always good to continue to learn new things as we age so we are grateful to Ben for that opportunity.

Other travel and entertainment that we provided this past year include:

- Festival Choir performances of Fairest Isles and Elijah
- St. Peter's Players production of Wizard of Oz
- Heritage Park's Winterfest Follies
- Rosebud buffet and production of Wind in the Willow
- Year End Picnic (July) – traditional hot dog and Bocce Ball tournament

Once again, I would like to thank the office staff of the Church for their help and co-operation. Thanks also goes out to our many volunteers because they are the heart and soul of the Heritage Senior's. It is such an honor and pleasure to work with the Executive Committee and thanks is not enough for their dedicated work and their support.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Kozbial, President*

Ladies Afternoon Guild

President Audrey Cole
Vice-President Rita Elliott
Treasurer Pam Livingstone
Secretary Joan Wall

Membership 15+ Amazing ladies, who contribute their time and talents in a myriad of ways.

We meet regularly in the Karl English Lounge on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm, with the exception of July and August, we welcome all ladies of the congregation to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and tea with a devotional and occasional guest speaker

We have had a busy year here at St. Andrew's. Our group assisted in the organization of the annual Christmas Bazaar, which took place on November 14. This event is St. Andrew's largest event and was a wonderful day of sharing and fellowship with over \$12,000.00 raised to further the work of St. Andrew's. A very heartfelt thank you to the congregation who helped make this event happen. Our group in tandem with the Ladies Evening Guild has also hosted a number of events throughout the past year including funerals, Presbytery events and congregational meetings. Our members welcome the opportunity to share the joy of celebration or lend comfort to members of our congregation on these occasions.

Donations made to our group through these efforts are contributed to a number of programs that support our congregation and families in the community.

In 2016, we would like to continue our efforts to meet the needs of all the members in our congregation and the wider community. Thank you again to all who have worked with us as we strive to continue our mission of service.

Summary of Ladies Afternoon Guild Donations 2015

Camp Kannawin	\$ 1000.00
Canada Youth 2016	\$ 300.00
St. Andrew's Scholarship Fund (In memory of Isabel Dahl and Jess Ogilvie)	\$1,000.00
The Henry Wise Wood High School Student Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre	\$ 500.00
Ronald McDonald House Calgary (monthly dinners provided)	\$ 1500.00
PWSD	\$ 600.00
Donation of 2014 Bazaar funds to capital projects	\$9000.00

Bazaar funds were also used to purchase of dishwasher/water softener and new upright cooler

*Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Cole, President*

Ladies Evening Guild

The Ladies Evening Guild (LEG) has ~ 10 regular attendees who meet every 3rd Monday evening from 7pm - 9pm. St. Andrew's ladies evening guild enjoys faith, fellowship and fun together,

work as a team to actively support St. Andrew's and the community in fundraising endeavors and at special events.

Annual Congregational Meeting Lunch, March 8, 2015: The LEG provided a soup lunch for the congregation before the annual congregational meeting. There were 135 people that enjoyed the lunch. The funds raised were donated to the Haiti Mission Team for medical supplies.

Funeral Support: The LEG members are supporting the Ladies afternoon guild (LAG) when extra assistance is required at funerals.

Ladies Night April 17 and November 27, 2015: The LEG hosted the "ladies stress buster evenings". These were well-attended events where the ladies enjoyed fellowship with games, snacks and lots of laughter.

Summer Bible Study: This 11 week study took place on Wednesday evenings from June 10 – August 19, 2015. There were ~ 16 attendees and it provided a relaxed time to get together over the summer. This summer the group worked through the Beth Moore video study "Breaking Free". Maureen Lively facilitated the discussions.

Wind up dinner, June 15, 2015: All ladies from the congregation were invited to attend a dinner at Chili's Restaurant. This was a fun evening with 21 ladies enjoying a meal around one very long table.

Sunday worship support: The LEG supported donations of fresh produce to be used during a harvest procession on October 11, 2015. A sandwich lunch was provided after Jared Millar preached for the call on October 18, 2015.

Bazaar November 22, 2015: The Ladies Evening Guild and Afternoon Guild worked together to make the annual yuletide bazaar a great success. Many hands helped at the work bees, provided donations of baking and cooking and offered time to serve on the day. The LEG is grateful for the generous help that made this event a great success.

*Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray*

Library – Adult, Teen & Children's

A number of old, unread books were purged from the adult library during the year and were offered after worship services. It's amazing what one can get rid of when one posts a notice with the word "FREE" in it! Thanks to all who assisted in moving the old books out.

A number of newer books were added shortly thereafter and a current list of all books is posted on our St. Andrew's website. The books are listed alphabetically by category e.g. Adult Fiction; Adult Non-Fiction; Bible Background etc.

Adult fiction and non-fiction is shelved in the Karl English Lounge; youth books can be found in the Youth Lounge on the second floor; children's books are shelved in the basement hallway (turn left at the bottom of the main stairway) and all other books can be found shelved in the Inner Hall. All library materials can be signed out initially for a 3 week period which can be renewed.

Many thanks to all who donated material to the library during 2015. In an effort to keep our library current, books written from a Christian perspective and which are less than five years old will be considered for inclusion.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Shaw, Librarian*

Men's Fellowship

The men's breakfast continues to be well attended with the McDougall group joining us at a meeting each year in January and we visit to them in April. A number of donations were given to speakers and the rest of the funds distributed to The Veterans Food Bank and St. Andrew's building repair fund. It is with sadness that we lost a committee member to cancer, Mr. Bob Sadler, who will be hard to replace. We do need more members for our 6 teams who cook and set up just once year. Please contact Bob Shaw or Don Koch who will place you on a team.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Shaw*

MISSION MATTERS! Women's Missionary Society (WMS)

Meetings

We gather in the Karl English Lounge on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July and August). At most meetings we profile a current missionary or Mission Project of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, followed by a prepared programme/study, or have a guest speaker. Our Studies in 2015 centered around Social Justice issues which included Human Trafficking, Refugees, and the Plight of the Roma People, all of whom face oppression, discrimination and prejudice.

Members

We welcomed three new members during the year, which brings the total to twenty-one. We have one Associate Member.

Highlights of the Year

In February, our guest speaker was the Rev. Kevin Lee, recently appointed to St. Andrew's, who gave us an interesting account of his life and faith journey.

In March, the World Day of Prayer Service was held at St. Gerard's Catholic Church. Two of our members took part in the service.

In April, 'Mission Matters' led the worship on Mission Awareness Sunday. Rev. Kevin gave the meditation and Cody assisted with hymn selections.

In May, Barb English introduced our Guest Speaker, Mae Quinlan from International Justice Mission Canada who spoke on Human Trafficking using a PowerPoint presentation. Such an injustice needs to be brought to the forefront. We understand that churches, WMS Groups, and individuals are reaching out to help the vulnerable.

In June, we attended the 'Women's Gathering' held at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church. Guest Speaker was the Rev. Jean Morris whose message was 'Moving Mission from Good to Great'.

We started up again in September to plan our 2015/2016 year.

In November, Marilyn Dyck, Executive Director of the Doorway, gave an excellent talk on the lives of the young people (17-24) who have spent time on the streets and are now seeking help to turn their lives around and reach their goals for safe housing, employment, this all one step at a time.

In December, the Mitten Tree was set up in the foyer – many toques, scarves, mitts, gloves were donated by the congregation – these were distributed to worthy causes in Calgary.

Projects

Our monthly free will offerings support Mission projects of the National WMS. Contributions to the 'Fellowship of the Least Coin' are also received at each meeting. We appreciate donations received from the congregation as well. Used stamps are collected to support the Canadian Bible Society.

Knitting and Crocheting

Thanks goes out to all those who keep their hands busy. A varied assortment of handicrafts has been donated to the Brenda Strafford Emergency Centre, Acadia Place and to the Ghost River Discovery Centre. Comfort dolls will be given to Anne Greco again to take with her to Haiti. A quantity of 8-inch squares for 'Blankets for Canada' has also been received.

Our meetings are always open to any and all interested, women OR men! Join us on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Davies & Nadine Thordarson, Co-Presidents*

NFTP - News from the Pews

Editorial Team: Kevin Lee, Rhonda Mullan, Brent Harding Judie Coleman, Fran Koenders, Norah Finlay, Terry Zimmer

NFTP re-launched in 2015 with new team members responsible for putting together the St. Andrew's story of its life and mission. NFTP is design to describe and catalogue past events as well as to promote upcoming events to foster a greater sense of participation and connection to the life and mission of the church.

NFTP is distributed by mail, email, through the website and hand delivery by people who make it their ministry to stay connected to people who otherwise would be unable to stay connected.

NFTP will be published on the first Sunday on the months of February to May, and September to December, in total, 8 monthly issues for the year. Various people in the congregation, including the editorial team members, who, according to their particular interest, would ask someone to write an article or contribute directly by submitting their own stories. The deadline for submission is the last Tuesday of the month so that it can be published on the first Sunday of the following month.

The NFTP editorial Team would like to add to their team in the new year, especially those who have a computer/graphic skills to lay out the issues. We also would like pictures and photographs of the events to be incorporated into the stories. Also, in the future, we would like to publish the issues in colour to make the issues more appealing to the readers. The web version downloaded from the website or received by email are already in colour.

We would like to thank the those who distribute the NFTP "door to door". Also, special note of thanks goes to George and Jean Simpson, and John Young for folding and labeling the NFTP for distribution. Without their help, the office staff would be overwhelmed!

If you have an article you'd like to contribute or if you have any suggestions regarding the NFTP, please contact the members of the editorial team, or send an email to newsletter@standrewscalgary.ca, or drop it in the mail box located in the Karl English Lounge. Thank you for reading the NFTP!

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Kevin Lee*

Reading and Reflection

Through the first half of the year we 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: Proof of Heaven, And Then There were Nuns, Painted Girls, Mistress of Nothing, and Mistakes were Made. The group often numbered over 20, most often women although men have sometimes attended. Reading and Reflection did not continue in September 2015 to allow for new programs to be developed. We look forward to its return in the near future.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

PASTORAL CARE TEAMS

Bereavement Team

The purpose of this team is to provide pastoral care support to members of the congregation who have lost loved ones. Support is offered through telephone calls, cards and home visits.

This fall, one long time team member Elva Ellergodt, resigned after many years of committed and faithful ministry. We extend our sincere thanks for her valuable contribution to the team. Norma Chollak resigned and was replaced by Dan Mullan.

The 20th annual Celebration of Life Service was held on Monday November 30, 2015. Our guest speaker was Rev. Kevin Lee, who delivered a powerful message based on Psalm 22. Participants were encouraged to write down a special memory of their loved one on a " keepsake heart " and put it on the " Memory Tree " in the foyer after the service.

A special thanks to Rev. Jan Hazlett, John Hazlett and Ann Davidson for their contribution to the service. A sincere thank you to the volunteers who supported and participated in the Celebration of Life Service.

Respectfully submitted,

CareShare

Care Share is one aspect of the Pastoral Care Team Ministry. Volunteers on our register are asked to offer support to people in the congregation during time of difficulty. Usually our contribution is to make contact at the referral of a minister or the office and determine how we might help. Most often, we provide a simple meal or arrange volunteer transportation to medical appointments.

This year, we have 23 who are now listed as meal volunteers, and 7 who act as volunteer drivers. It is wonderful to have such an extensive list, though any one individual may be only called infrequently. This year there were approximately 20 calls of concern; 26 meals; and 4 rides provided by the CareShare Team to those in the congregation. Once again we were able to deliver plates of Christmas baking to shut-ins and others. Many thanks to those who organized this effort, who contributed baking, and to the members of St. Andrew's who delivered the plates.

This ministry is coordinated by Jean Spotowski and Joan Rowe. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who support the CareShare program.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe*

Home Bound Ministry

This ministry is directed to people who are no longer able to attend worship regularly due to transportation, health or mobility issues. Many who are now homebound have spent most of a lifetime supporting the church, and feel the grief of separation. Our volunteer visitors help to keep the connection to the church firm, ensuring that nobody feels forgotten or less valued. The whole congregation owes our visitors a debt of gratitude for the time and care they contribute on behalf of all of us.

At least four visits a year are recommended, and can be arranged at the time of the visitor's choice. Sometimes visitors bring items that may be of interest to the person they are visiting, but the true gift is the time to listen, to encourage or comfort. Days can sometimes be long for those who are homebound. If you have a few spare hours in the whole of 2016, you could be part of an important ministry to those who especially need it.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara English, Coordinator*

Hospital Visitors & Hospice Palliative Volunteers

The mandate of our Hospital Visitors' Ministry is "to provide spiritual care for the people of St. Andrew's Church who are being treated in Calgary hospitals."

St. Andrew's hospital visitors are part of the spiritual care organization of the Calgary hospitals. Consequently our visitors are required to complete the training program approved by the

hospital, be admitted into their volunteer care program, and comply with the regulations pertaining to this program. The cost of this training is covered by St. Andrew's.

We currently have three lay hospital visitors. Arlene Young and Judie Coleman visit at Rockyview General Hospital and Dan Mullan visits at the South Health Campus and Foothills Medical Centre. The volunteers visit anyone who has registered themselves as Presbyterian and especially visit those from St. Andrew's. The ministers also visit those who are in any of the Calgary hospitals.

David Platt is a regular visitor at Chinook Hospice through the Hospice Palliative Volunteer Education Program. In October, Dan Mullan completed the "No One Dies Alone" program at the South Health Campus. This program is designed to provide compassionate companion volunteers to patients who are actively dying and either don't have friends or family available or whose friends and family require some respite. The program is a 24/7 on call program. It is hoped that the volunteers will be able to help support the family/patient through this very difficult time.

Many times it is the hospital visitor who discovers that a person from our congregation has been admitted. It would help us to make timely visits if we are aware when our people are admitted to hospital, so we make the following requests: If possible, when being admitted to hospital, ensure you are listed as Presbyterian, so your name appears on the Presbyterian Visitors' List. Also, if you or someone you know is admitted to the hospital, please pass on this information to one of the ministers or the church office. The hospital lists patients by their first name so if you are known by your middle name it is important that the Church office has your first name on file so we are able to visit you!

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Nursing Health Ministry

This year the nurses on the team continued to provide health and wellness information and support to the congregation.

A "Health Information Fair" was offered in conjunction with the Heritage Seniors group on Monday May 4, 2015. Two back-to-back 50 minute sessions on the following two topics were presented.

 Aging: what to expect and what is considered normal as related to the heart and brain .
 Presenters: Anne Greco and Alice Williams.

 Sleep problems and disorders, presented by Dr. Paul Teman, Director of the Midnapore Medsleap clinic.

Both presentations were within the timeframe allotted after the exercise class and prior to the Monday luncheon.

In order to recognize November as the Alberta Health Services designated Fall Prevention month, an information display was set up in the foyer on November 15, 2015.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Williams, Coordinator*

Prayer Ministry

*We have not stopped praying...
Colossians 1:9*

Would you like to be a member of the Prayer Ministry but are unsure how to pray? Here is a simple prayer that may be helpful to get you started.

God, you heal us and make us whole. We feel helpless when people we know and love are suffering. I pray for (name), recovering from _____, for (name), who was just diagnosed with _____, (name) who had a death in the family, and for those facing unexpected illnesses and difficult treatments. I pray for people from our church who are living in nursing homes, and for those waiting for a place to call home. I pray for the people attached to our community who can't get out to worship with us. I pray for those who live in poverty and mental illness and for those who suffer violence or abuse. I now raise to you the hurting places in my own life that need your care, your healing... I give thanks for the ways in which we care for each other. Thank you for our natural instinct to care, to be generous and ready to share, thank you for everyone who does pastoral care, officially and unofficially; for the casseroles, phone calls, visits, emails, helping hands and just checking in on each other. You knit each one of us together in our mother's wombs and you knit us into a community with our care for one another. Amen

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Prayer Chain Ministry

Sometimes we don't have prayer requests for several weeks and sometimes we have multiple prayer requests in one day and that can feel overwhelming. Requests are received for on-going health needs, for comfort in the loss of a loved one, and for more urgent needs. How can we find time to add another intercessory prayer to our already lengthy list, while giving each the depth and fervour it deserves? Then someone will let us know how grateful they are for the prayers we have prayed for them and the spiritual comfort they have felt and that they have prayed for our strength and endurance to this ministry that the Lord has given us. This is very humbling. These comments serve as the encouragement we need to persevere and suddenly our prayer list seems manageable.

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 prayer requests, updates and praise reports either electronically or by telephone. St. Andrew's website has a Prayer Request link if someone visiting our web page is in need of prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl ministry that began in 2008 continues to be a meaningful ministry today.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Our Prayer Shawl ministry begun in 2008 continues to be a blessing. 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 and facing struggles in life. When the shawls are given they are accompanied by a card that includes a verse from Psalm 139 and the following 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.”

Many thanks to the women who have knitted, prayed and continue this ministry.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Side by Side

The Side by Side program is a structured fellowship program that provides social connection, encouragement and spiritual nourishment to people living with dementia, while providing respite time for family care partners. In 2015, a total eleven participants took part in the program over the year. We started the year with eight participants. One participant left in February and three others were welcomed in March, April and June, bringing us to ten

participants. Two more participants left the program in July and October, bringing the year end number of participants back to eight.

Each Wednesday, participants and volunteers come together from 9:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. to enjoy a variety of activities, including light exercise, a creative time, and a devotion time. Music therapy is offered every second week. Care partners share in an informal, supportive gathering once a month.

In January of 2015, a grant awarded to St. Andrew's by the Chisholm Fund was used to establish a new Side by Side program at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church. Mentored by St. Andrew's, Varsity started their program with two participants, but has grown rapidly, and now serves seven participants. Both the St. Andrew's and the Varsity Side by Side programs maintain waiting lists. There is great need in the community, and Side by Side is becoming known in the community by word of mouth, and through referrals from Alberta Health Services.

A "toolkit" of resources is being developed in order to provide concrete help to other congregations who may feel called to start a Side by Side program. A Start-up guide has been completed and shared with one congregation in British Columbia. A Volunteer guide has been drafted, and a Leader guide is in progress. The toolkit will also share online resources and will connect program coordinators through a private Facebook group.

The volunteers who take part in Side by Side are an extremely loving, caring, generous group of people who give of their time and talents each week. We are all enriched by one another as we treasure time with participants who teach us about being in the moment and appreciating the gifts that each person brings as a treasured child of God. Walking Side by Side, we learn from each other and know that God's love and grace is abundant!

Thank you to each person who has contributed to Side by Side this year, and for those who have stepped in to help out whenever help was needed. Please pray for this ministry as we continue to reach out to our local community and as we work to encourage new Side by Side programs.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post, Coordinator*

OTHER MINISTRIES

Chinook Care Centre Hymn Sing Ministry

Since the late 1990's, St. Andrew's, in partnership with St. James Anglican Church in northwest Calgary, have been ministering to residents at Intercare's Chinook Care Centre through regular Sunday afternoon hymn sings.

Currently there are 5 teams who each take one Sunday of the month. Each team includes people with different talents. Some play piano, some sing, some help to bring people to and from their rooms, as recreation therapy staff do not work on the weekends.

People who currently share their talents on the St. Andrew's hymn sing teams include Sheila Kirkland, Rev. Frank Breisch, Margaret Lamont, Norah Finlay, Ray Waldock, Madge Clarke, Rev. Kevin Lee, Lloyd Allen, Sylvia Shaw, Alex Grant, Kathryn Matrosovs, and Alice Post. If you would like to share in this ministry, please contact Alice Post. By joining one of our teams for

one hour on one Sunday afternoon a month, you can provide spiritual nurturing through caring companionship and musical inspiration!

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post*

Legacy Fund Annual Report

In November 17, 2015 Session endorsed a Resolution Respecting the Legacy Fund for approval by the congregation at the Annual General Meeting to be held February 28, 2016. Copies of the document will be available prior to the meeting.

Two Resolutions were presented to Session and endorsed at that time.

In support of the Stewardship and Planning five (5) year plan and need of support demonstrated; the Legacy Fund Committee reviewed the request and determined its merit. For that purpose \$15,000 will be withdrawn from the Legacy Fund invested in the PCC Consolidated Fund on or before March 31, 2016 to support the request.

Further that as of December 31, 2015 the value of the Legacy Fund invested in the PCC Consolidated Fund will be determined and from that amount \$536,000.00, which will be a permanent endowment of the Fund, shall be subtracted and this difference will be primarily used to fund the 5-year Financial Plan with disbursements of its difference to occur as such time the Legacy Fund Committee decides and approves.

Fourth quarter results for 2015 are not yet available; these will be presented to Session and the Congregation once they are received. Fund performance for the 12 months that ended September 30, 2015 is as follows:

- Fund Value at September 30, 2014 = \$582,679-12
- Fund Value at September 30, 2015 = \$657,224.29
- Fund Growth from Income and Appreciation = \$74,545.17 or approximately 12.8%*

It is expected that year end determination of Fund Growth for 2015 will be available by mid-March.

A Session appointed committee is currently reviewing Committee member's terms ending December 31, 2015.

Dan Sylvester has decided to resign as a Committee Member. Members of Session and fellow Committee Members would like to thank Dan for his term of service with the Legacy Fund.

The remaining terms are as follows:

Robert Cameron	1 year remaining
John Cuthbertson	1 year remaining
Elaine Cantlon	2 years remaining
Merle Crawford	2 years remaining
Colin Pinkerton	2 years remaining

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Cantlon
Committee Secretary*

Social Media Team - Facebook

The St. Andrew's Social Media team works together to maintain the St. Andrew's Presbyterian – Calgary Facebook page. Check out tiny.cc/StA-FB for information about upcoming events, prayers, inspiration from Scripture, occasional devotional readings, and pictures of great times at various St. Andrew's events! Invite your friends to like the page, or share a posting to invite your friends to participate with you. Just message the page to contact anyone on the team with

any questions or contributions: Judie Coleman, Rev. Kevin Lee, Rev. Jared Miller, Rhonda Mullan, Alice Post.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post*

Sound Board

The small but stalwart team of sound board operators continues to add value to our Sunday worship by ensuring that our ministers, musicians and choir can be clearly heard by all. We had a recruiting and training drive in 2015 which saw us add a couple of new volunteers to the fold and for that we are truly grateful. We do however need more people to step up and help out: it is a great way to serve St. Andrew's as it is very easy, you are guaranteed a soft seat, and you don't miss a minute of the service! Any people interested can contact the ministers or any members of the sound board team.

We look forward to planned enhancements of adding video streaming to the nursery, foyer and website, this will take place when funds allow.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Audrey Cole who single handedly handles all the musical presentations as well as the children's Christmas pageant.

*Respectfully submitted
Craig Murray*

The Tech Team

The Tech Team is made up of John Hazlett, Stephen Henrichsen and Robert Cameron. We provide the Church with technology services such as setting up and maintaining the church's network; replacing equipment as necessary; ensuring our data is secure and backed up; licensing the appropriate software; supporting the ministers and staff if they have questions or concerns; and other IT related services as needed around the Church.

In 2015 we supported equipping Rev. Miller with a new laptop, email and other IT services at the church. We also participated in meetings with various Calgary A/V suppliers re improvements to the church's technology infrastructure to enhance our presentation capabilities in the sanctuary and to provide an audio-video feed to other areas in the church (foyer, nursery, Karl English Lounge, Trinity Hall). We will continue to deal with issues in the existing technology infrastructure as they arise.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Hazlett*

MUSIC MINISTRY

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. In 2015 we had a wonderful opportunity to sing in the ADVENTure Sunday with Musical Friends, Sounds of Joy and we also sang on Musical Sunday with the church main choir. 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 room at least for 4 times so that the children can 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, guardians 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 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 Jesus Christ now and forever.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Kangong*

Sounds of Joy, Musical Friends

2015 🎵 Intergenerational Musicals 🎵

In 2015 we participated in worship in the presentation of two musicals.



In **May** (Youth Sunday) we celebrated **Covenant**

- Rainbow promise: look upon the rainbow and remember the covenant between God and every living creature on earth. God is always with us. There is always hope.



*No matter the storm, by faith we can trust
and take him at his promise that he's given to us.
Let it rain, let it pour, not afraid anymore.*

- New covenant promise: Jesus tells us at the last supper, 'the cup is the new covenant in my blood'. God will love us no matter what we do ~ or don't do ~ for love's sake.



*Sometimes he holds us close and lets the wind and waves go wild.
Sometimes he calms the storm, and other times he calms his child.*

In **December** (ADVENTure) we presented **From Ordinary to Extraordinary!**

- For ordinary people – for extraordinary people – the birth of Jesus has changed the world for the better. So VERY MUCH for the better.



*Celebrate the birth of Jesus, celebrate the promised one
Born this night so long ago, celebrate, the Lord is come.*

Special thanks to:

- Our **youngest little ones** who joined us this year for the first time as participants – precious gifts from God they are, and SO darned cute!!!
- Our **dedicated youth: Arielle Kangong, Haylee Thompson, Lauren Cole, Lilwen Henrichsen, Lizzie Kangong, Shelby Cole, Solomon Kangong, and Sydney Thompson.** You are amazing, and you are appreciated!!
- Our **young at heart adults** who give of their time and talents – no words could express how much it means to us that you join in so we can share our musicals with the congregation.
- **Audrey Cole and Judy Waldron** who go ‘above and beyond’ in supporting us all.

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,
Debby Dorcas*

Director of Music

Almost every year I feel that we have done more than ever before in the Music Ministry at St. Andrew's. However, in the year 2015, this *certainly* rang true (pun intended!)

Our goal is to provide a wide variety of music (in genre, style, time period, mood, instrumentation, voicing, etc.) We try our very best to provide a high calibre of music making in order to truly move and touch people through the full power of music. In this way, it is our hope that each and every congregant will be able to connect with our God through music at different points throughout each service and the liturgical year. The best compliment we can receive is how the music has touched you in worship, allowing you to think about or experience God in a new way! There have been many times when even I have not realized how meaningful a piece of music was (and I pick them!) until it connects with me in a meaningful way in a moment of worship. This is the power of God through the gift of music. This is why music plays such an important part in our worship here at St. Andrew's.

We strive to be missional in our music programming, reaching out to not only the people of St. Andrew's, but Calgary and even beyond. This year we had a few opportunities to reach out our own community. First, singing in a multi-choir fundraiser for Camp Kanniwin at St. Giles on March 14th. We were joined by some musical friends to sing a few of our best anthems and join together with all the other choirs and congregants in the joy of hymnody. The second event reached a large group of singers from around the city and featured a small but extremely talented group of singers from the choir. On September 5th we performed in the “Anyone Can

Sing!” workshop for over 120 singers from throughout the city and the audience members in attendance. This was a great outreach for our choir and an uplifting and educational workshop for a number of St. Andrew's church members. And lastly, we always sing at the Joy to the World Service in December which reaches a large inter-denominational congregation.

One of the key evolutions in the Music Ministry this year was the establishment of a Handbell Choir, with much thanks due to Lori Teneycke for her leadership as the director. The handbells rang on several occasions this year beginning on June 28th. We recruited a core group of ringers that love to play and we developed quickly as a new Handbell Choir. The Handbell Choir has brought some new people into the church and has also brought together a group of people from a wide spectrum of age and experience. A couple of the highlights from the year were when the bells rang the Mozart “Gloria” on November 15th (a favourite of the group!) and the beautiful addition of handbells to the nine o'clock Christmas Eve service. The addition of bells definitely made the service more celebratory and yet still kept a reflective mood for this communion and candlelight service. A big thank you to Lori and all the new ringers for making this season a very special one!

A note about the handbells:

We at St. Andrew's were very fortunate to have 3 octaves of Malmark handbells on loan to us on a trial basis. Now we need to find a set to purchase (new or used) so we can continue this meaningful music in our church. We will be looking for donations in the future, so look out for this. A new set of handbells on the very low end of the spectrum costs about \$10,000 USD. If you have any ideas on how we might raise this money, please do not hesitate to contact Cody or Lori. We would really like to see this part of the Music Ministry continue!

Of course, the choir played an integral part of the music program this year and every year in our church. Here are a few of my annual highlights. I have expanded on some and only included point form on others to shorten this already long report. How many of these Sunday's do you remember?

- ♣ March 8th (Annual General Meeting) - Melissa Murray, pianist joined Cody for piano duets and organ/piano duets. The choir sang two dramatic works with these instruments: “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho” arranged by Howard Helvey and one of our very favourite anthems, “To Love Our God” by Mark Hayes.
- ♣ March 15th – Soprano Julie Harris joined to sing Mendelssohn's “Hear My Prayer/O for the Wings of a Dove”
- ♣ March 22nd – Two wonderful anthems: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” and “We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other” with flautist, Sarah Gieck and clarinetist, Cedric Blary.
- ♣ March 29th – The choir hosted a fabulous afternoon workshop with guest conductor and composer from Vancouver Island, Stephen Hatfield. Stephen is an internationally recognized choral expert and is also brought a wonderful energy and charisma to our learning. The choir left inspired and ready to tackle many more musical challenges by:
 1. thinking more like a storyteller
 2. singing with better vocal technique
 3. engaging more with the text of a song and
 4. having more FUN!
- ♣ April 3rd (Good Friday) - Our own soloist and soprano, Lai Sum Wong, added to the

reverent and sombre mood of this service by singing an outstanding and emotional Introit, “Were You There?” arranged by Hall Johnson and the solo “O, Divine Redeemer” by Charles Gounod. The Lily String Quartet provided prelude and accompanied during the service. The choir memorably sang “Ave Verum” by Mozart and “Lamb of God” by Twyla Paris, enhanced by the strings.

- ⤴ April 5th (Easter Sunday) - What an *amazing* celebration this service was!! Again a brass quartet of Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra members joined us in worship on Easter with a timpanist as well. There was loads of majestic congregational singing and organ and a distinct tone of thanks during the choir anthem with brass: “How Firm a Foundation” arranged by Richard Walters. The congregation sang like never before on Jesus Messiah which sounds the best when accompanied by brass, timpani, and organ.
- ⤴ April 26th (Mission Awareness Sunday) - This service had a wonderful world music feel to it with lots of music from other cultures and traditions. The eclectic blend fit with the theme. There choir was stretched to learn a difficult and very emotionally powerful anthem. There was not a dry eye in the sanctuary after the choir sang a new anthem that touched us deeply, “Prayer of the Children” arranged by Andrea Klouse and written by Kurt Bestor “out of frustration over the horrendous civil war and ethnic cleansing taking place in the former country of Yugoslavia.”
- ⤴ May 3rd (Communion)– Taize and Iona themed service with instrumentalists from our own congregation! Ida DuToit on clarinet and Peter Waldron on trumpet.
- ⤴ May 24th - Along with two baptisms this day and the wonderful Aaronic Blessing we always sing, guest singer and artist, Michael Hope joined the choir in a fabulous rendition of “Here I Am Lord.”
- ⤴ May 31st - We formed a Men's Choir from members of the church to sing some old time songs and a rendition of “You Raise Me Up” which also included the peaceful hymn, “Be Still My Soul.” The sound of men singing in harmony is always inspirational!
- ⤴ June 7th - With soprano saxophonist, Gerry Herbert, the choir sang the Caribbean anthem, “Come to the Water” and the Irish blessing, “Deep Peace.” The sound of the soprano sax has only been heard in our sanctuary a couple of other times. It really soars above the congregation during the hymns and can even add a jazzy flair to some of our songs! I cannot wait to have this instrument in worship again!!
- ⤴ June 14th (Spiritual Sunday) - “Ain'a That Good News”, “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”, and the piano duet version of “Joshua.” Guest pianist Melissa Murray again joined us in worship. Congregational spirituals included “Down to the River to Pray”, “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”, “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”, “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”, and of course, the Spiritual Amen to conclude the service. This annual tradition in June is always a great way to wrap up a season of choral music at St. Andrew's.
- ⤴ June 21st – The Women took their turn to sing at St. Andrew's drawing a large and enthusiastic group of singers, some of whom have never sung in a choir before! The sounds of treble voices singing in harmony was angelic and the enthusiasm was contagious!

- ⤴ June 28th, October 4th (Communion), and December 13th (Music Sunday) – These services were enhanced by our very own Men's Quartet: John Hazlett, Lloyd Allen, Bill Judd, and Merrill Blenman. I look forward to each and every time this fine group sings!
- ⤴ Summer worship at St. Andrews – Featured soloists Tisha Murvihill (harp), Dawn Mussellam (soprano), Alice Post, Alex Grant, Brian Hawco, Lynn & Bill Judd, David Jefferies, and Cody Obst (country music for Stampede Sunday and organ solos on 2 other Sunday's.)
- ⤴ September 20th – The super sounds of the Master's Singers and director Muriel Weibe and pianist Lori Chang-Foidl added to the large worship gathering this Sunday.
- ⤴ November 1st (Communion) – Made more special with the musical strains of our own violinist, Cathy Stephen!
- ⤴ November 8th (Remembrance Day) - Declan Todd on bagpipes, Peter Waldron on trumpet, and soloist Hannah Pagenkopf singing the Rutter “Pie Jesu” from his Requiem. This was a very special service from a music perspective and included the choir singing in top form in the amazing anthem “Requiem” by Eliza Gilkyson in memory of the Victims of the December 2004 Tsunami in the Indian Ocean.
- ⤴ November 22nd – Music this day featured no choir, but soprano Krista de Silva with strings and organ.
- ⤴ November 29th (First Sunday of Advent) – Of note was the introit “O Come Emmanuel” composed by church member Roberta Stephen and dedicated to Cody and the St. Andrew's Choir.
- ⤴ December 6th (Second Sunday of Advent/Communion) – The Calgary Multicultural Choir and the St. Andrew's Church Choir joined forces to sing two powerful anthems: “Gloria” by Mozart and the communion anthem, “Ose Shalom” or “The One Who Makes Peace” by John Leavitt. The congregational singing on this day was particularly glorious!
- ⤴ December 13th (Third Sunday of Advent/Music Sunday) – This is the annual service that features all the music that we offer at St. Andrew's. This year, the Music Program looked after programming the entire service with prelude by whistler Brian Hawco, music from the Handbell Choir, an introit with soloist John Hazlett, a piece from the Adventure Musical singers called “Celebrate!”, an offertory by the Men's Quartet, all centred around a musical drama written by choir member Derek Wilkinson called “Shepherd's Celebration.” This musical drama told the story of the shepherd's hurrying to Bethlehem to see the Christ child and what that means for us. Bravo and thank you to Derek for writing such a great story and helping to put this musical together. The choir also presented this at the Joy to the World Service in the evening at St. Gerard's.
- ⤴ December 24th (Christmas Eve) – Full Choir at the seven o'clock candlelight service and Michael Hope and the Handbell Choir at the nine o'clock service!

A special thank you to choir librarian David Jefferies. Thank you to Debby Dorcas and the wonderful work you do! Thank you to newcomer, Lori Teneycke for your work with the Handbell Choir. And thank you to everyone, named or unnamed, that is part of the Music Ministry at St. Andrew's. There are many ways to help out even if you don't participate in the

music making. If you are interested in any of the things listed above, or volunteering to help our programming, please let Cody know.

One of the reasons we were able to do so much this year is because I only took two weeks' vacation the entire year!! The remaining two weeks will be carried forward into 2016 when I intend on taking a longer study leave and vacation. All of the special music takes extra planning and preparation but I do it in the hope that our work will glorify God and allow us to see Him in and through the notes of the music we make together at St. Andrew's!!

Respectfully submitted,
Cody Obst, Director of Music Ministry

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 31,724	\$ 1,895
Investments at cost (2015 Market value of \$90,434)	102,802	156,172
Government remittances recoverable	5,275	4,854
Prepaid expenses	8,739	8,674
	<u>148,540</u>	<u>171,595</u>
Restricted		
Memorial Fund	150,436	186,058
South of Fish Creek Fund	1,082,757	1,053,405
Legacy fund	645,988	581,943
Other internally restricted funds	120,702	130,450
	<u>1,999,883</u>	<u>1,951,856</u>
Capital		
Land	27,000	27,000
Building	1,683,322	1,683,322
Furniture and fixtures	180,074	180,074
	<u>1,890,396</u>	<u>1,890,396</u>
Total cost	1,890,396	1,890,396
Accumulated amortization	<u>(889,410)</u>	<u>(889,410)</u>
	<u>1,000,986</u>	<u>1,000,986</u>
Other		
Cash surrender value of life insurance	25,810	24,329
	<u>25,810</u>	<u>24,329</u>
	<u>\$ 3,175,219</u>	<u>\$ 3,148,766</u>

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 31,839	\$ 62,399
Sudanese fund	30,054	27,756
	<u>61,893</u>	<u>90,155</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Balance per Statement	<u>3,113,326</u>	<u>3,058,611</u>
	<u>3,113,326</u>	<u>3,058,611</u>
	<u>\$ 3,175,219</u>	<u>\$ 3,148,766</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Statement of Members' Equity
for the year ending December 31, 2015

Statement 2

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance beginning of year	<u>\$3,058,611</u>	<u>\$ 2,911,846</u>
Fund surpluses (deficits) for the year		
General Fund - Schedule 1	\$ (3,312)	\$ (41,106)
Legacy Fund - Schedule 2	\$ 64,045	\$ 38,577
Memorial Fund - Schedule 3	\$ (35,622)	\$ 160,696
South of Fish Creek Fund - Schedule 4	\$ 29,352	\$ 10,430
Other restricted funds	<u>\$ 252</u>	<u>\$ (21,832)</u>
	<u>\$ 54,715</u>	<u>\$ 146,765</u>
Balance end of year	<u>\$3,113,326</u>	<u>\$ 3,058,611</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
General Fund

Schedule 1

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenue:		
PAR	\$ 272,036	\$ 262,400
Envelopes and other	\$ 279,724	\$ 279,960
Transfer from Legacy Fund	\$ 10,500	\$ -
Transfer from Memorial Fund	\$ 42,774	\$ -
Search and relocation expenses recovered from SFC Fund	\$ 6,508	\$ -
Other donations	\$ 31,351	\$ 115,822
Interest income	\$ 5,878	\$ 40,565
Other church support	\$ 12,376	\$ 11,809
Use of space	\$ 5,115	\$ 5,810
	<u>\$ 666,262</u>	<u>\$ 716,366</u>
 Expenses during the year		
Maintenance and operations	\$ 136,019	\$ 162,725
Ministerial remuneration	\$ 218,923	\$ 186,478
Support staff remuneration	\$ 115,525	\$ 117,962
We Reach Out	\$ 75,807	\$ 80,083
Employee benefits	\$ 59,125	\$ 52,892
The work of St. Andrews	\$ 38,767	\$ 40,149
Search committee	\$ -	\$ 35,534
Office	\$ 16,574	\$ 23,765
Insurance	\$ 6,834	\$ 8,832
Professional fees	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Continuing education	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,382
Amortization	\$ -	\$ 42,670
	<u>\$ 669,574</u>	<u>\$ 757,472</u>
 Deficit for the year	 <u>\$ (3,312)</u>	 <u>\$ (41,106)</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Legacy Fund

Schedule 2

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenue		
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	<u>\$ 74,545</u>	<u>\$ 38,577</u>
	<u>\$ 74,545</u>	<u>\$ 38,577</u>
Transferred to General Fund	<u>\$ 10,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>\$ 64,045</u>	<u>\$ 38,577</u>
Balance of fund, beginning of year	\$ 581,943	\$ 543,366
Surplus for the year - above	<u>\$ 64,045</u>	<u>\$ 38,577</u>
Balance of fund, end of year	<u>\$ 645,988</u>	<u>\$ 581,943</u>

The Legacy Fund is invested in the Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Portfolio Fund (PCC). Because December 31 investment reports are not available until after the date of this report, the fund investment is recorded at cost based on September 30 balances and returns. As of September 30, the market value of Legacy Fund investment is \$642,836.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Memorial Fund

Schedule 3

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenues:		
Donations	\$ 3,400	\$ 164,334
Investment income	<u>\$ 3,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,377</u>
	<u>\$ 7,152</u>	<u>\$ 165,711</u>
Disbursed during year	\$ -	\$ 5,015
Transferred to General Fund	<u>\$ 42,774</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	<u>\$ 42,774</u>	<u>\$ 5,015</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>\$ (35,622)</u>	<u>\$ 160,696</u>
Balance of fund, beginning of year	\$ 186,058	\$ 25,362
Surplus (deficit) for the year - above	<u>\$ (35,622)</u>	<u>\$ 160,696</u>
Balance of fund, end of year	<u>\$ 150,436</u>	<u>\$ 186,058</u>
Bank account	\$ 8,315	\$ 7,454
PCC Fund investment at cost (Market value of \$99,111)	\$ 102,828	\$ -
Term deposit	<u>\$ 39,293</u>	<u>\$ 178,604</u>
	<u>\$ 150,436</u>	<u>\$ 186,058</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
South of Fish Creek Fund

Schedule 4

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenue:		
Investment income	\$ 43,946	\$ 10,430
Expenses during the year		
Ministerial remuneration	\$ 4,748	\$ -
Employment benefits	\$ 2,269	\$ -
Search team	\$ 3,230	\$ -
Relocation	\$ 3,278	\$ -
Office	\$ 181	\$ -
IT support	\$ 888	\$ -
Total expenses	<u>\$ 14,594</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>\$ 29,352</u>	<u>\$ 10,430</u>
Balance of fund, beginning of year	\$ 1,053,405	\$ 1,042,975
Surplus (deficit) for the year - above	<u>\$ 29,352</u>	<u>\$ 10,430</u>
Balance of fund, end of year	<u>\$ 1,082,757</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,405</u>
Investments at cost:		
PCC Fund (2015 Market value of \$402,409)	\$ 403,679	
Preferred shares - Qtrade Securities (2015 Market value of \$598,851)	<u>\$ 679,078</u>	
	<u>\$ 1,082,757</u>	

2015 investment income is allocated to this fund on proportional basis based on beginning of year balance.
The 2014 investment income was allocated at 1% of beginning of year balance.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2015

1. The 2015 presentation and format has been changed to separate the different funds administered by the Church. The 2014 comparative figures have also been changed to reflect this.
2. No amortization has been recorded in 2015. In 2014, amortization of \$42,670 was recorded.
3. The following are the other internally restricted funds:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Bequests received and not spent	53,415	54,115
Building fund	18,966	28,966
Reserve for major repairs	20,653	20,653
Mission fund	18,090	17,803
Youth conferences fund	9,078	7,413
Continuing education	<u>500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>\$ 120,702</u>	<u>\$ 130,450</u>

As of December 31, 2015, these funds were invested in preferred shares at Q-trade and had a market value of approximately \$106,409.

INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS - Description

The following is an explanation of the funds currently listed in our “Internally Restricted Members Equity”. This list may be found on pages 4-7 of the 2015 Financials. This explanation is provided for information, and is a very brief overview of each fund. It is not meant to be a complete description of each. The totals listed are as at December 31, 2015. Unless otherwise indicated, the funds are invested in our Q-trade account and Presbyterian Church in Canada consolidated Fund.

SOUTH OF FISH CREEK (pg 6) \$1,082,757

Funds came from the sale of Trinity Presbyterian Church building. Designated by Trinity members, Presbytery and Session that this money is to be used for ministry South of Fish Creek. Minister, space, and program expenses, are a few examples of potential expenses associated with this ministry. The principal and interest can be spent to fund this ministry.

LEGACY FUND (pg 4) \$645,988

Majority of the funds came from the sale of Trinity, but has had additions since its inception. This fund has a separate governing board of Trustees. The fund is designated to Mission, Worship, and Facility. Only the interest earned on this fund can be spent. Responsibility is each of the three teams, session and the Legacy Trustees. These funds are invested with The Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Fund.

MEMORIAL FUND (pg 5) \$150,436

The responsibility of session to decide how the money will be spent. Alex Grant is the Treasurer of this Fund. He and Jean Sadler are signors on the account. Donations are made to the fund in memory of friends or relatives. In general, the money is used for special items for the church (usually worship) or Church School. The funds are invested in the PCC Consolidated fund and Royal Bank term deposits.

The remaining funds are found on page 7

BEQUESTS \$53,415

Divided into the following 3 subsets:

SCHOLARSHIP FUND - \$5,220 Began in memory of Chuck Ogilvie, then had additions made in the name of Esther Speers and Isabel Dahl. Each year a scholarship of \$1,000 is given to a young person from our congregation who is going into post-secondary education. The Christian Education Team overseas this fund.

FAMILY MINISTRY - \$17,790 A donation to enable family ministry here at St. Andrew's. The funds have been used to pay for nursery care but can also be used for other programs to encourage young families. Christian Education Team oversees this fund. This donation came with the restriction that it be used for family ministry.

LAST BEQUESTS - \$30,404.96 Money left to the church mostly from wills. It was session's designation that this money not be used for ordinary expenses. Sometimes this money is designated by the donor or their family which supersedes session. Currently no such designations exist.

BUILDING FUND - \$18,966

This was money raised to retire the faith bonds. People donated to the faith bond debt and Stewardship & Planning (S&P) advertised that the excess would be invested in the Legacy Fund (Building portion). The balance, once confirmed will be turned over to the Legacy Trustees.

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS - \$20,653

Money set aside for future major repairs, so large items would not be such a shock to our budget. At the discretion of session, Board of Managers (previously), and Building Team (current).

MISSION FUNDS \$18,090

Raised for Participant mission (ie Mexico, Katrina). Excess is for future Participant Mission projects. Responsibility-Mission Team and session.

YOUTH CONFERENCES - \$9078

Money raised by the youth for conferences (ie CY 2014) There is a conference every 2 years, and the youth fundraise for expenses. Excess money is kept for future conferences. Responsibility-Christian Education, Youth Minister.

CONTINUING EDUCATION - \$500

Minister's education. We are required by PCC to provide \$1,000 per minister, per year for education. They can bank it for 5 years.

Outside of our operating budget, members donated benevolent givings to the following funds:

Presbyterian Word Service & Development	\$8553
Warrior Paint Project	\$2959
Coldest Night of the Year	\$2625
Veterans Food Bank	\$2144
Neighborlink	\$1754
Calgary Food Bank	<u>\$715</u>
Total Benevolent Givings	\$18,750

2016 Proposed Budgets

General Fund

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South Fish Creek (SFC)

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**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
South Fish Creek**

Proposed 2016 Budgets

		2016	2016	2015	2015
		Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual
Receipts		<i>General Fund</i>	<i>SFC</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>SFC</i>
Our Sharing					
	Church Support (PAR)	275,400	0	272,036	
	Church Support (Envelope)	270,300	0	279,724	
	South of Fish Creek Fund		102,511	6,508	
	Family Ministry	5,000	0		
		550,700	102,511	558,268	0
	Church School	800	0	563	
	Open Plate	11,250	0	11,813	
	Investment income (Note 2)	5,000	0	5,878	43,946
	Use of space	3,000	0	5,115	
	Memorial Fund	15,000	0	42,774	
	Legacy Fund	15,000	0	10,500	
	Reserve from prior years	10,325			
	Other donations (Note 3)	35,000	0	31,351	
		95,375	0	107,994	43,946
Total Receipts		646,075	102,511	666,262	43,946
Expenditures					
The Work of St. Andrew's					
Choir Music & Expenses					
	Music and registration	5,400	0	4,347	
	Guest Musicians and other	9,090	0	11,988	
		14,490	0	16,335	0
Congregational Teams					
	Missions	1,800	5,000	4,717	
	Pastoral Care/Bereavement	675	0	432	
	side x side	4,500	0	5,010	
	Christian Education	8,100	0	8,389	
	Communion & Districts	180	0	145	
	Welcome and Fellowship	1,575	0	1,383	
	Session	675	0	280	
	S & P	450	0		
	Leading With Care	360	0		
	Worship & Nurture	1,800	0	2,077	
		20,115	5,000	22,433	0
St. Andrew's People					
	Ministers 2 (+Youth position in 20	170,060	0	184,224	
	Minister - Family	28,343	56,687	2,362	4,748

“Our services are in both Korean and English and, as we become increasingly more multi-cultural, our vision is to include more languages. Unlike most churches, our growth has mainly been in the area of youth — truly a joy! One of our biggest accomplishments has been our Friday night youth group program. We would like to thank Canadian Ministries and Presbyterians across Canada for their continuing support and assistance. We would also like to thank Han-Ca East Presbytery for their ongoing spiritual and emotional support. We ask for your prayers as we continue to work together to do God’s work and build God’s kingdom.”

*— Rev. Wan Tae Oh and Rev. Dale Henry,
Antioch Community Church, Oakville, ON*



“A small but powerful program, Action Réfugiés Montréal’s Twinning Program pairs newly-arrived refugee women with women volunteers. The experience is designed to break isolation, create unique bonds of friendship and introduce both women to realities they might never have otherwise encountered.”

*— Paul Clarke, executive director,
Action Réfugiés Montréal,
Montreal, QC*

“One model of doing ministry is a regional ministry such as the one in the northeast region of New Brunswick. Within these congregations, there is a strong determination to maintain a Presbyterian witness in this region, hold to familiar Presbyterian traditions, while at the same time moving forward to become more relevant to the context in which they find themselves.”

— Rev. Glen Sampson, Knox, Campbellton and St. Luke’s, Bathurst, NB



“I have been homeless and have benefitted from the shelter program and also the residential transition program which helped me be stable. I also participated in life-skills training and programs. The staff work hard to make programs which help the people. I am so thankful they cared for me and stood by me during the tough times. Thank you to all of you who support the Kenora Fellowship Centre. You are helping to make a difference in people’s lives, like mine.”

— Donovan Muckle, Kenora Fellowship Centre, Kenora, ON

By the power at work within us

God can accomplish abundantly more than
all we can ask for or imagine. – Ephesians 3:20

Imagining the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is like ...

Jesus based several parables on these words. He declared the kingdom to be like a farmer's field, a tiny mustard seed and flour mixed with yeast. The extraordinary mysteries of the kingdom were revealed through stories about ordinary objects and activities. Those who heard the parables began to imagine the kingdom as a realm of truth, growth, faith and joy.

With six other Presbyterians, I experienced the kingdom of God in a powerful way during a mission awareness trip to India. It was a thrill to meet some of the people with whom we have formed partnerships through *Presbyterians Sharing* and Presbyterian World Service & Development and visit projects and ongoing ministries. I was particularly moved by the villages we visited. Streets of packed earth were lined by small mud-plastered or brick houses often roofed with sheets of rusted tin weighed down by logs and large stones. Wooden ox carts and simple cots made of knotted light rope looked like objects from long ago. Cattle and goats, tied to posts, calmly watched us pass. A hand-pumped well provided clean water for humans and animals alike. There was joy despite poverty. Food and water were generously offered to us from meager supplies.

Christians, who make up only 2-3% of India's population, often suffer persecution for their beliefs. Churches have been burned. Church leaders staging peaceful demonstrations on behalf of the rights of minorities have been publically beaten. Still, on several occasions we worshipped in churches crowded with fervent men, women and children. One day we joined dozens of delightful young people gathered for music, prayer and reflection on



current
social issues.

I remain profoundly
inspired by the courage of these
loyal disciples of Christ.

I was deeply impressed by the dedication of local Christian doctors and nurses who, with limited resources and equipment, serve an endless stream of impoverished patients. I fondly remember nurses who are being trained, in Christian schools we support, to care for others. I thank God we are able to walk with them in this healing ministry.

In communities being transformed by development projects, we heard good news stories of nourishing and sustainable kitchen gardens. Children proudly demonstrated proper hand-washing techniques that prevent disease. A goat, cradled in the arms of a little girl, would supply live-saving nourishment. Villagers proudly pooled resources to help each other establish small businesses. I thank God we are able to walk with them in these life-enhancing ministries.

The Kingdom of God is like brothers and sisters living in distant lands, united in Christ and walking side by side in faith, hope and love.

The Rev. Don Muir is Deputy Clerk of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's General Assembly Office.

The goal for gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* from congregations in 2016 is \$7,300,000



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