

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MAY 2018



## What Next?

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### ANNOUNCING

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Fisher Archibald, B.A. (Hon.), M.A., M.Div., D.Min.

has accepted the call to be the Lead Minister

of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

### GOD'S CHOICE

Word has just come from The Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald that the Halifax-Lunenburg Presbytery has approved our call for him to join us as our new minister. Has it been worth the long wait? Is he really the person God has chosen for us? Why are those who have met him so excited about this man?

The following are some of the comments made by members of the Search Team at the recent Presbytery meeting held at St. Andrew's:

Cathy Millar explains, "From the very first interview I knew The Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald was the person God was calling to be Lead Minister at St. Andrew's . . . . And it was not just me --- I can honestly say that every one of us on the Search Team had the strong feeling about Tim from the very beginning."

Rhonda Wishart comments about the Team's first interview with Tim: "He spoke with such clarity, such passion and such wisdom and such deep spirituality that we were very excited . . . ."

Each member of the Search Team emphasized God's guidance throughout the search process: Sylvia Shaw affirms: "God was with us every step of the way, guiding us."

#### A Long and Winding Road

Cathy speaks of the "on again off again" process experienced by the Search Team:

"We sense this to be a true Gospel Call because each of us on the Search Team felt and witnessed God's constant

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presence and guidance throughout the search process – a gentle, patient, yet insistent nudging finally convinced us that this congregation needed to re-visit the ministry model; and the gentle but ever persistent nudging that was happening thousands of miles away on the East Coast, eventually allowing Tim and Joyce to open mind, heart and soul to God’s calling. From the initial loss and disappointment we felt when Tim explained that this was not the right fit for him at that time, when we thought the door was forever closed, to finding that all was not lost, that the door would eventually open up again in ways we never anticipated, and now here we are – at the very opposite end of the scale from disappointed ---- jubilant!!! God is good indeed!”

### **The Right Stuff**

Rhonda notes that, of the specific skills named by Session as key to the role of Lead Minister, “All of our 6 were in Tim’s top 10.” The skill sets identified by St. Andrew’s were: Leading Worship and Preaching; Administration/ Operations (provision of oversight and direction of staff and overseeing the accomplishment of ministry goals); Strategic Planning & Program Development; Leadership Development; Stewardship; and Communications.

After graduating with a Master of Divinity from Knox College, Tim was appointed by Canada Ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada as a Church Planter to Kings Church, New Minas in Nova Scotia’s Annapolis Valley. Tim especially enjoyed the challenge of building a community of faith --- from the ground up. During his studies for Doctor of Ministry at Acadia Divinity College, Tim pioneered a model for clarifying congregational vision --- based on the church’s ancient practice of prayerful discernment. One of his key roles in the national church has been as a church planting coach.

“Yes, Tim has the education, skills and experience that align perfectly with the position we were seeking to fill”, states Cathy. “But this Call is about so much more than that – because it is about the man himself. At his very core is a deep spirituality. Tim knows who he is and whose he is and in all that he does he leads from that knowledge --- it gives him the confidence to lead knowing God is with him always. Tim is an exceptional listener, a vital quality in a good leader. He is sincere, warm, open and engaging, full of compassion and grace, humility and conviction; he has a wonderful sense of humour, is well organized, and a great communicator. His personality and collaborative style make him well suited to the Lead Minister position at St. Andrew’s where we have 2 ministers already serving.”

“Tim is God’s answer to our prayers --- indeed, he is the right person at the right time in the right place. Thanks be to God!”

Further information about Rev. Tim’s family, educational background, skills and interests is available from the church office or at the welcome desk.

Members of the Search Team

## WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

The funeral has been over for a month or more, your grief is more real than ever and you're alone. You've received a cancer diagnosis and have some tough choices to make but have no one to talk with who cares. Your spouse is in a care facility, and other than visiting, you have no idea how to get on with your life and can't imagine your life being happy ever again. God never intended for us to go through these [and many other crises and difficulties] alone.

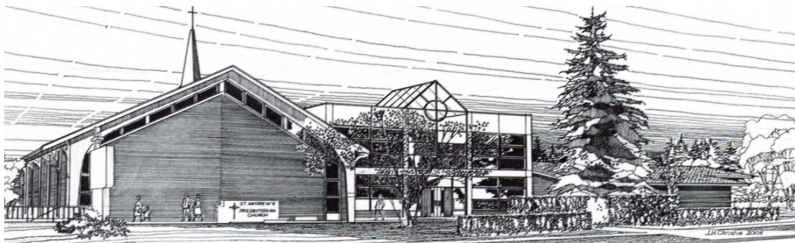
Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of caregiving training to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time. Stephen Ministers are available to provide a listening ear to those who may have experienced a crisis in their lives --- caring, encouraging, supporting and praying with them as they work towards rebuilding their lives to the glory of God. He or she is someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there's a need. In all parts of their service our Stephen Ministers will be undergirded by the deep knowledge of how God cherishes each of us. They will care for others from this same basic belief.

All communication between caregivers and care receivers is strictly confidential. Names of participants are never mentioned except in special circumstances, and only when permission has been given by the care receiver.

Our church's ministers cannot always provide continuing Christian support for individuals who may need it on a long-term basis. They can, however, along with trained Stephen Leaders, refer persons needing emotional and spiritual care to a Stephen Minister. Let us thank God for the ministry that has begun among us, and, let us look hopefully and thankfully to the future blessings that He shall certainly bring to others through our Stephen Ministers.\* The commissioning ceremony for Stephen Ministers will be held on Sunday, May 27 at St. Andrew's.

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, please talk with Judie Coleman (403-281-4605) or Rev. Jared (403-255-0001).

\*From Stephen Ministry sources





## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Rev. Jared Miller

There's an idea in psychology called Transference. It's the idea that we only exist in relationship with other people by virtue of the relationships that we had in our formative years. I might have a relationship with you, but it's influenced by how I perceive you. Are you like a brother to me or a mother? Do I relate to you as a grandparent, or as a child?

The idea of perceiving others contextually always sat funny with me because the implications were hard to contain. Are my biases then too a matter of transference? Do I secretly harbour a hostility to redheads because the kid who used to pick on me in Elementary school had red hair? Where does the line of infinite regress end?

And then I became a father.

When I held my daughter in my arms in the moments after her birth and looked into the deep dark blue of her eyes, I realized I had seen God too small. I'd always confessed the creeds or said the Lord's prayer with the assumption that they were statements of objective realities: God revealed as Father. But in becoming a father, I began to finally understand the truth that girds that reality.

The infinite capacity for love; the overwhelming passion to give this tiny human more than you are capable of delivering; the feeling of holding the very future in the palm of your hand – these are glimpses of the reality we confess every single time we say the words "I believe in God, the Father".

To say God is Father is not to ascribe God a gender. To do that would be antithetical to the very idea of God. To say that God is Father is to believe that God is for us. That God would move Heaven and Earth to bring us home, and that God sees us amid the clamour and chaos of the world around us. As over the years men (mostly) put pen to paper and wrote the words that would become Holy Scripture, they thought about God through their own perspective and described the God we have come to know as Father. Maybe if more women had been involved in the writing process, we'd pray the 'Our Mother'. I don't know. But what I do know is this: there is nothing within my power that I wouldn't do to show my little girl how special she is to me, and there is nothing I wouldn't do to keep her safe. And if that's true of a sinner like me, how much more can we take those truths to the bank when we talk about the God who made the entire Universe.

God is for us. God loves us. God is with us – because God is Father.

Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Miller", written in a cursive style.

Rev. Jared Miller

# AROUND AND ABOUT US

By Terry Zimmer

## RON AND ALISON HORWOOD



Ron and Alison Horwood were married 60 years ago on March 22, 1958 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Inglewood with the Reverend John MacLeod officiating. They were the last of the St. Andrew's congregation to marry in the old Inglewood church. Alison and Ron met when a friend of Ron's brought him to the young people's group.

Alison had attended Sunday School at St. Andrew's as a young child, later teaching Sunday School, leading C.G.I.T., typing the Sunday bulletin and singing in the choir. She continued these volunteer jobs when the church moved to its present location and was envelope secretary for some years. She also worked for the Calgary Board of Education as a library assistant at Kingsland School.

Ron worked for Calgary Transit for 35 years, starting as a bus driver and working up to supervisor, retiring in 1993. He served on the Session for many years and is presently active in the Heritage Seniors.

Alison and Ron have three children --- Don of Calgary, Brenda, who lives west of Crossfield, and Dr. Kathy Horwood of Port Moody, B.C. There are four grandchildren.

## OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

- ◆ Mark Rowe and family on the death of his younger brother, John Rowe, who passed away suddenly March 12 in Ohio.
- ◆ Joslyn and Ervin Hull. Joslyn's brother, Logan Turner of Antigua, St Thomas, passed on to be with the Lord on March 16, 2018. His home-going celebration will be held at Rising Sun First Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Joslyn and Ervin send their thanks to our church family for their prayers and support.
- ◆ We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent their good wishes and prayed for Denis' recovery after his recent surgery. Your kindness was truly appreciated. Many, many thanks. Lynne and Denis Holmes.
- ◆ Welcome to Andreas Michael Andronikou, son of Lorna and Michalis Andronikou and grandson of Randy and Barbara Kearnes, born February 20 in Niverville, Manitoba.
- ◆ Daughter Elyse Ann Miller was born April 18, 2018 to Rev. Jared and Beth Miller. Jared and Beth would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all of the congregation for their kind thoughts, generosity, support and prayers during this new stage in their lives.



## MAY BUDD



"May Budd passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 22, at the age of 90 years. Coming to Canada in 1954 after she and Ron were married in St. Monans, Scotland, they spent several years in and around Fort St. John, BC before setting up home in Calgary. May's gentle, caring nature and lovely welcoming smile brought her many friends as she enjoyed badminton and golf, a variety of crafts and quilting. Her favourite hobby, though, was calligraphy, which she loved to practise at every opportunity, and she was an avid reader. She found pleasure when teaching children in . . . Sunday school and, after some time as a volunteer teacher's aide, she joined the Board of Education staff assisting children with special needs. Her skill and kindness were appreciated by both children and parents."\*

Funeral Services were held at St. Andrew's on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

\*Courtesy of McInnis & Holloway

### A GRIEF, LOSS AND RECOVERY SPRING SESSION

**TUESDAY, MAY 8 AT 7:00 PM IN THE KARL ENGLISH LOUNGE**

Come and join us for this dessert and coffee evening. Small table groups will each be given a topic to discuss. Themes will include: Dealing With a Life-Threatening Disease; What To Say To Someone Who Has Lost A Loved One; How To Support A Bereaved Person in That First Year, and other appropriate topics. As well, participants are encouraged to bring ideas for future activities that would be helpful.



St Andrew's Bereavement Team

### AN EVENING OF DISCOVERY AND RECONCILIATION

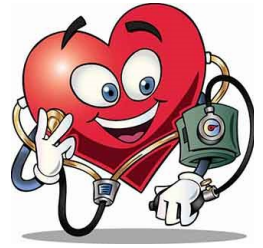
April 11, 2018, was an evening of discovery and reconciliation for 52 attendees. We opened with a prayer from Ernie Poundmaker, an Elder from the Blackfoot Nation. This was followed by a blanket exercise led by Cheryl from Kairos justice and reconciliation group. An emotional and moving sharing circle contributed to the healing process, and many tears were shed. Trian Knight from the Aboriginal Friendship Center led a traditional drumming circle. The event drew approximately a third from the community and two-thirds from St. Andrew's. A heartfelt thank you to all who made this event possible, and to those who attended. Your participation is what made it such a big success. Stay tuned for future events.

Brian Hawco  
Mission Team Member



**BE INFORMED AND SAVE A LIFE!  
ANNUAL SPRING HEALTH FAIR  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, TRINITY HALL**

The Nursing Health Ministry in conjunction with the Heritage Seniors will present the following topic: **“Demystifying the Automated External Defibrillator Machine and an Overview of Basic CPR”**. The demonstration will be given by a representative from Life Savers Canada, a first-aid training partner of the Canadian Red Cross and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This introduction to life-saving information will simplify the skills that are needed to react quickly in a medical, cardiac or respiratory emergency. Everyone is invited to attend. For further information contact Alice Williams (403-281-4247).



**FILL THE FREEZER - AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:**



Family Ministry and the CareShare Team are starting a new initiative - Fill the Freezer! We have a dedicated freezer in the Inner Hall where you may leave a frozen meal for someone who could benefit from the gift of a meal.

**Here's how it works:** You bring a meal or baked goods, labelled with your **name and contact number, what it is, cooking instructions, date made and all ingredients** to the Inner Hall at the church and place it in the freezer marked “Family Ministry/CareShare - Fill the Freezer”. Next - A member of the Ministerial, CareShare or Family Ministry Team will deliver your meal to a family in need. What a great way to show Christ's love to others. We hope to Fill the Freezer and help as many members of our greater church family as possible. Please help us accomplish this. **Questions?** Please contact Stephanie Werle—[swerle@telus.net](mailto:swerle@telus.net)

**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH ATTENDING CANADA YOUTH 2018 (CY2018)**

St. Andrew's has eight youth hoping to attend CY2018 this July at Brock University in St. Catherine's, ON. We, as a congregation, have always financially supported this event by paying 75% of the cost of the trip with the balance being covered by the individuals attending. The cost for each student is approximately \$1,450, and we are at 70 % of reaching our fundraising goal. Here's how you can help all our youth reach their goal:

**Cookie Sales**

Keep buying cookies that are available between services on **May 6** and **June 3**

**Fill the Bucket**

Want to rid yourself of loose change weighing down your purse, lying around the house or making holes in your pockets? Bring that change with you and drop it into a bucket that will be provided in the foyer every Sunday.

**Donate Your Bottles**

Hate going to the bottle depot and standing in line? We will have a truck in the church parking lot before and after both services on **Sundays May 27** and **June 10** where you can deposit your used bottles. The youth will organize and deliver the bottles to a recycling depot.

All money raised will be put towards the 2018 trip expenses, with any excess to be saved for CY2020. Thank you for your support.



**Intergenerational Service**  
**Sunday, May 14**  
**A service for ALL ages and stages**  
**at 9:30 and 11:15**

**COME SING WITH US IN ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR**



The choir is a caring and supportive community within the congregation of St. Andrew's. We currently comprise about 30 regular members, with others who join us when they can, often for special services like those at Easter and Christmas.

We meet for practices in Trinity Hall from 7:30 till 9:30 pm on Thursday evenings, except for the third Thursday of the month --- that's our night off, as the Praise Band plays on the following Sunday.

Cody is a gifted teacher, and his love of all things musical inspires us to sing pieces which may otherwise be outside of our repertoire. We always enjoy it when musicians from the community join us and share their love of music with us too.

Here are some reasons to come and join our choir: Research shows that people who participate regularly in a choir can enjoy a greater feeling of togetherness; can experience a more regulated heart rate, having a positive impact on their health; can experience a boost to their oxytocin level, which helps to control stress and anxiety; can enjoy an improved feeling of social well-being, and may even increase their life expectancy. What's not to like about all that?!

Not all of us read music, so it's not a prerequisite to singing with the choir. We just love to sing to the Lord and share one of the gifts which God has given to us.

For more information please speak to Cody or any of the choir members.

We hope to see you at choir practice very soon.

By Sylvia Shaw

**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL**

Elders worked diligently to contact all members and adherents of St. Andrew's in order to give everyone the opportunity to sign the documents in support of calling the Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald to St. Andrew's as Lead Minister. This month Presbytery was presented with our Call Documents – we give thanks that our percentage of members who signed was 86%. After the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod voted in favour, the call was sent to Dr. Archibald's Presbytery for approval.

Debby Dorcas, Clerk of Session



## HERITAGE 50+ SENIORS ANNUAL STRAWBERRY TEA



Saturday May 12, 2018

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

\$6.00 each

Enjoy our Art Display, Crafts, Books, Jewelry, Puzzles, Games and Bake Table



## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRESBYTERIANS GATHERING

I Witness: Speaking as a Mission with the Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks

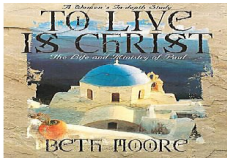
June 9, 2018 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Lunch: 12:00 pm      Program: 1:00 pm – 2 pm

Register by contacting the church at 403-255-0001 or [office@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:office@standrewscalgary.ca)

Cost \$20 (at the door)

This annual event fosters closer ties and relationships between the men and women of all the Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod. Come and be part of the group.



## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

### *To Live is Christ*

by Beth Moore

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, June 13 - August 22

Warm or cold, rain or shine, rainbows or moonshine, we will be studying God's Word this summer! This is our sixth year of watching videos, studying at home, and strengthening our community through great discussions.

***To Live is Christ*** is an 11-week study on the life of Paul, from his birth in Tarsus to his death in Rome.

For more information, please contact Nicola Cameron 403-251-9701

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### **Beth Moore is coming to Calgary**

Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23.

A group of 10 gets a discount of \$20 each ticket!

Seeing her on video is like watching firecrackers. Seeing her live is like eating firecrackers.

She teaches us that to love Jesus is like being a firecracker.

Contact Nicola Cameron if you'd like to join us.

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## INVITATION TO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 26, 8:30 AM IN TRINITY HALL



All St. Andrew's men and their guests and **all ladies** are invited to attend the next Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, May 26, in Trinity Hall starting at 8:30 a.m. Please join us and enjoy a delicious breakfast, warm fellowship, and an entertaining speaker. Our guest speaker is Candace Goudie from the Flames Foundation, which helps many non-profit organizations. Cost is only \$5.00 per person. Please preregister at the volunteer centre in the foyer and invite your guests to join us. Join us for an entertaining and informative morning.

## FAMILY CAMPING



Our church family is invited to join the Family Ministry Team for our third annual Family Camping Weekend. This is always an amazing weekend, and we hope you will join us this summer. Spots are limited, so sign up today!

**Date:** August 24 - 26, 2018 **Where:** Red Lodge Provincial Park

**RSVP:** Craig Murray ([murraycraigjohn@gmail.com](mailto:murraycraigjohn@gmail.com))

## PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!!!



Do you enjoy attending events in and around St. Andrews? If you do and can hold a camera or cell phone, we want you!

We are on a hunt for photographers, amateur to professional and anyone in between. Is it possible that you have a hidden talent in photography? We need photographs of happenings and events around our church for the website, NFTP, or to have on file for future use. For submission of photos or how to forward them (it's easy), please contact the church office (403-255-0001).

## Help Keep St. Andrew's Alive for Future Generations

Have you considered supporting our church in your will or estate plan? Get information on how you can leave a legacy that will benefit St. Andrew's for many years to come. Brochures are available at the welcome desk, or check out the "Planned Giving" information under the "Resources" tab on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website: [presbyterian.ca](http://presbyterian.ca).

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**NEXT DEADLINE: May 15, 2018**

\*The editorial team may edit your submission due to space limitations.

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