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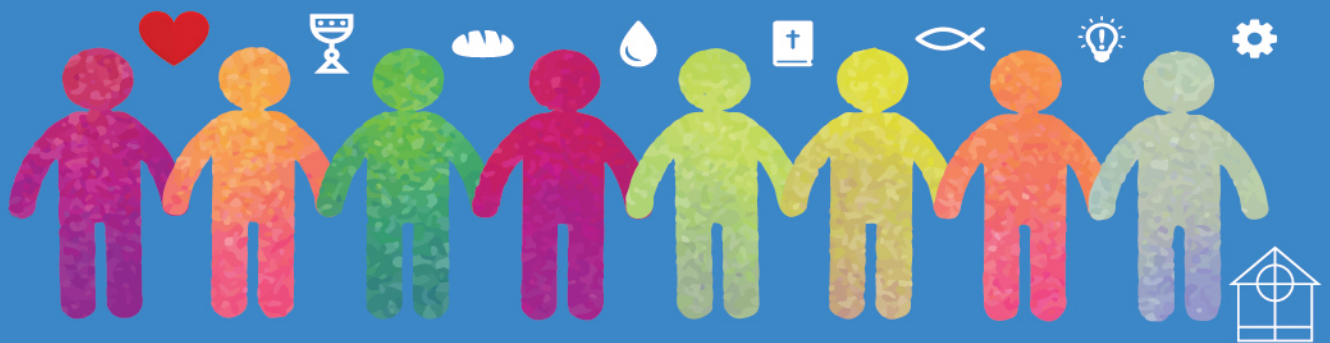
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REVISION & RENEWAL 2019

TOGETHER, DISCERNING GOD'S LEAD

Do any of you like getting to the bottom of a good mystery? Do any of you enjoy nothing better than doing a bit of detective work to get to the heart of the matter? If your answer is “yes,” then we especially need your skills during **ReVision and Renewal 2019: Together, Discerning God's Lead**.

During the fall we are seeking to renew our **Vision for Ministry** at St. Andrew's—that snapshot of what God intends to do through us for the good of this city and the world. For a church to become truly blessed with God's grace and bear abundant fruit, it must live and grow according to the unique purpose for which it was created. As American Presbyterian Pastor, Graham Standish says, “The more firmly grounded in its purpose a church is, the more it opens conduits of grace that allow God's blessings to flow.” When we move in the direction of God's will, ministry grows with ease and with joy—doors that first appeared locked unexplainably open.

Our collective detective work together this month is discovering what genuine St. Andrew's DNA looks like. Just like every human being is uniquely created—so God creates every congregation to be like no other. St. Andrew's is one of a kind. During **ReVision and Renewal 2019** we will explore the uniqueness of St. Andrew's. What do you love about St. Andrew's? What is the original DNA that has been part of this congregation from the beginning? What does St. Andrew's-ness look like? To carry out this detective work we need to reflect together on our congregation's unique history and story. What stories do we tend to tell about our life together? What are the lingering vignettes that capture our sense of who we are as a people? How do these stories influence how we respond to obstacles and problems? How do such stories influence how we approach new possibilities and projects? How can such stories be part of the future that God is envisioning for St. Andrew's and its ministry in the world?

Even if detective work is not your forte, I hope you'll plan to join us as we put all of this investigative work together at our congregational discernment events on **Oct. 20**—for our 11:15am congregation—and on **Oct. 27**—for our 9:30am. At these Sunday morning times, instead of meeting for worship in the sanctuary we will gather in small groups around tables in Trinity Hall for Worshipful Work. There will be singing and prayer, there will be Scripture and reflection, and there will be lots and lots of listening—to each other—and most importantly listening for God.

Christians believe that human beings have the capacity to hear, see, touch and sense God and God's leading. We call this prayerful discernment. Prayerful discernment is transformative, having the capacity to redirect lives and whole communities in the direction of God's will and vision. Prayerful discernment is a spiritual compass that shifts our focus from what we are doing to what God is already doing. The source of real vision always comes from God and our offering of our lives to God.

What is that breathtaking snapshot of the future that God has in store for us? I hope you'll come and help us find out!

Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald, Lead Minister

¹ Graham Standish, *Becoming a Blessed Church*, p.57.





GIVE Thanks

Thanksgiving By Jayne Martin

I am grateful to God for answering my prayers and helping my daughter, Amelia. She landed her dream job and found a decent condo to rent close to her work. Now I don't have to worry about her walking to work when it is -30. When Amelia first told me about her job opportunity, I said I was going to pray for her. I mentioned it to Jackie Moody and she too said she would pray for her. When Amelia got the job she said, "Please say thank you to the Big Guy for me!"

ReVision & Renewal 2019: Together, Discerning God's Lead



By Rhonda Wishart,
Chair, ReVision and Renewal Task Force

The month of October and the time of the congregation's opportunity for the most active participation in our ReVisioning process is upon us! It is our hope that the entire congregation will be engaged, working together as a church family, collectively determining God's plan for us. As we explore our unique identity and what makes St. Andrew's important to us, we will be listening together for God's purpose for us as a community of faith.

You can help St. Andrew's shape its new vision. All thoughts and ideas are encouraged and welcome as we try to find our common voice. Don't miss the 4-part Worship Series commencing October 6 and plan to attend one of the two Congregational Discernment Events on October 20 or 27.

4-week Worship Series for the Congregation

· This 4-week worship series, which will include 4 different Sunday sermons, will take place over a period of 5 weeks (sermon #3 will be repeated on Oct. 20 and 27 – giving members an opportunity to choose a discernment event on one of those Sundays and a regular service on the other).

· The topics for the worship series will focus on our being awake and alive to the presence of God in our midst, giving up on our own ego and pride to commit ourselves to God's way, growing closer to each other to be closer to God and moving closer to the world God wills.

· The schedule for the worship series and congregational discernment events are as follows:

- Oct. 6** Listening – Desiring God's Voice—
Galatians 5:16-25
- Oct. 13** Receptivity – Receiving God's Will—
John 15:1-17
- Oct. 20** Action – Doing God's Will—
Ephesians 4:1-16 (9:30 Worship Service;
11:15 Congregational Discernment Event.)

- Oct. 27** Action – Doing God's Will—
Ephesians 4:1-16 (11:15 Worship Service;
9:30 Congregational Discernment Event)
- Nov. 3** Community – Humbly Serving Others—
Micah 6:6-8

Congregational Discernment Event

· A coming together of members/adherents / youth of the congregation in small table groups. The event will include worship elements such as prayer, singing and scripture reading and will engage the attendees in answering questions as a group – the questions are designed to seek everyone's thoughts and opinions in an effort to help us find commonality and discern our vision together.

· Each member/adherent is asked to attend one of the two scheduled congregational discernment events (approximately an hour and a half long) – one to be held at 11:15 a.m. on **Sunday Oct. 20** (regular church service will only be available at 9:30 am on Oct. 20) and the other to be held at 9:30 a.m. on **Sunday Oct. 27** (regular church service will only be available 11:15 am on Oct. 27) These times have been set with the intention that if you normally take part in the 11:15 service, you would attend the worshipful work of the discernment event at 11:15 on **Oct. 20**, and if you normally take part in the 9:30 service, you would attend the discernment event at 9:30 on **Oct. 27**. However, people are certainly welcome to attend whichever event suits their schedules best.

The clear articulation of a refreshed vision and purpose for St. Andrew's vision will help solidify the community of St. Andrew's in a stronger place of purpose, presence and power.

This vision will equip the ReVision and Renewal Task Force as it carries on later in 2019 and into 2020 with its mandate of a review of our Leadership and Structure.





A ReVision And Renewal Reading List By Rev. Jared Miller



If you haven't heard, October is our month for ReVision and Renewal at St. Andrew's. Between congregational discernment events and a month-long worship series, the principles of Biblical discernment are going to be fully ingrained in the life of St. Andrew's. Session has asked the Ministers to put together a list of resources that we've found helpful in understanding the how and the why behind our process of ReVision.

Biblical Discernment Defined by Rev. Dr. Timothy Archibald (available through the office) – This snippet of Tim's doctoral thesis underscores the foundational approaches St. Andrew's is employing leading into this season of ReVision.

The Spirit Led Leader by Timothy C. Geoffrion (2005, Alban Institute) – Geoffrion explores nine leadership principles that will form the basis of St. Andrew's worship series through the month of October.

Divine Renovation by James Mallon (2014, Novalis) – Mallon offers a uniquely Canadian look at the nature of being a missional congregation in Canada today and some of the challenges of moving from an established (maintenance) church to a missional church.

Becoming a Blessed Church by N. Graham Standish (2016, Alban Institute) – Written from a Presbyterian perspective, Standish details the forgotten role of the Holy Spirit in the everyday life of the Church.

Humble Leadership by N. Graham Standish (2007, Rowan and Littlefield) – Here, Standish offers a way forward that moves us through this paradox by seeking to humbly follow God's plans rather than our own.

The Open Secret by Lesslie Newbigin (1995, Eerdmans) – A former missionary to India, Newbigin, he brought a missionary approach to western society.

Dynamic Adventure by Daniel Steigerwald (2017, Communitas) – More practical than theoretical, Steigerwald's experience spans three continents and plenty of practical wisdom from a variety of sources.

The Continuing Conversion of the Church by Darrell L. Guder (2000, Eerdmans) – A reminder that the Church is never a finished project, but God is always up to something!

Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese (2018, Chalice) – Based on a major, four-year study of evangelism, *Unbinding the Gospel* sparkles with life, practicality and spiritual depth. It is a book for anyone who wants to know the truth about the state of evangelism.

Discerning God's Will Together by Danny E. Morris and Charles M. Olsen (2012, Rowman and Littlefield) – A book for process people, the step-by-step approach can be used to help any size group learn a new way to make decisions; a way that is interactive, spiritual, and rooted in faith practices and community.

Hearing God by Dallas Willard (2012, IVP) – This book makes the case that the key to hearing from God is to focus not so much on individual actions and decisions as on building our personal relationship with our Creator.

Spiritual Moments
Grateful Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
by Val Hall

It was fall of 1990, and I had just started a new job. But I needed to ask my boss if I could have most of the day off, as my husband and I were in the process of divorce and mediation. The plan was for my husband to pick up the kids from school and join me downtown to meet with the mediator. I was stressed, scared and worried about the possibility of losing my kids, so I sat in the car and prayed before I left work. I turned on the car radio and tuned to my favourite country station; it was the request hour. The first caller requested a song I'd never heard -- Speak to the Sky, by Rick Springfield. As I listened to that song, I felt it was God speaking directly to me. It calmed me down and settled me. I drove downtown and into the parking lot I needed. Searching in my purse for money, I could only find one thin dime. I was mad at myself for not checking that I had money the night before. I didn't know quite what to do. As I began to pull out, a man drove up beside me and said, "Are you parking here? Here's my ticket, take it, you've got a good forty minutes left." I could barely believe it, but I thanked him and again felt thankful to God for this unexpected gift.

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things go wrong...
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talkin' to the air, to the air...
And the world will look
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The meeting with the mediator took place. Our son said, "I have to go with my dad because he can't be alone." Our daughter was able to come with me. Through the years I have come to have good relationships with both my son and my daughter, and now my grandchildren.

In the fall, seven years later, I was on my lunch break from another job; and I was having a very bad day! There was a Walmart across the street. I decided to walk off my angst, so I headed to the very back of the store at a fast pace. I found myself in the music department where there was a huge table of cassette tapes. I reached in and pulled one out. It was Speak to the Sky!! I bought it of course, and have played it many, many times. I'm thankful to God for all the blessings in my life.

"Speak to the sky whenever things go wrong and you know you're not talkin' to the air, to the air, and the world will look better from up there. Speak to the sky 'cause things can get ya down and you know when you're talkin' to the Lord, to the Lord, the world will look better than before."

"SPEAK TO THE SKY" IS A SONG WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY RICK SPRINGFIELD. THE SONG WAS ARRANGED BY DEL NEWMAN AND PRODUCED BY ROBIE PORTER.



THE HOUSE OF ANDREW By Rev. Jared Miller

In Damascus, where some of the worst fighting of the Syrian civil war has been, there is a small chapel, built over the traditional home of Andrew, the disciple of Jesus.

By some miracle, this chapel has been untouched by bombs and bullets, and reportedly, any time an army has attempted to fortify this house, they are dead by morning.

It has become a place of refuge for Syrian Christians looking for a place to feel close to God in the middle of a warzone.

The other night, I was working in my office after a team meeting. The cleaners were finishing up in the foyer, and suddenly I heard the doorbell ring. Thinking it was someone looking for a lunch who had seen the lights on, I grabbed a bagged lunch and answered the door. At the door was a young woman who introduced herself, in heavily accented broken English, as Ritta. Ritta told me that she and her family lived nearby and they had seen this church for some time. I asked if it would be alright if I brought her family some meals from the freezer; and made plans to visit them the following day. The next day, I brought the meals and was invited into their home. I met each member of the family, finishing with the mother who told me through the translation of her daughter, the story of the house of Andrew.

She told me how just before she left Syria, a nun at the house of Andrew had blessed her and her family, telling her that the house of Andrew would always take care of them. On Tuesday night, that nun came to her in a dream and told her to go find the house of Andrew. So she sent her eldest daughter to go ring the doorbell of a church at 9:40 on a Tuesday night.

Normally, the church is dark at that time of night. Normally, the doorbell would have gone unanswered. Normally. However, these are not normal times for the life of God's church.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



OCTOBER 26TH 8:30 AM
IN TRINITY HALL

\$5.00 / PERSON

(PRE-REGISTER AT THE SIGN-UP CENTRE)
FEATURED VIDEO: "AND WHEN THEY SHALL ASK"

Appreciation

for Service to
St. Andrew's

Our thanks are extended to the following people for the many years given to the different ministries of St. Andrew's:

- **Hugh McFadzean** as convener of Personnel for 3 years
- **Bob Shaw** as member of Personnel for 7 years
- **Joan Rowe** as a member of the Mission team since 2002, and as the convener since 2014
- **Mark Rowe** as a member of Stewardship & Planning since it was formed in 2014. He presented the Annual Congregational Meeting Budget for the last five years.
- **Tom McIntyre** and Mark have alternated as convenors.

Stepping into the Creek By Rev. Jared Miller



A long time ago, Theseus, the great Greek hero, set off on a voyage aboard his ship. Not far into the voyage, they came upon a terrible storm during which some of the boards were ruined. The boards were replaced, and they carried on. A little while later, after a battle at sea, the hull had a hole in it and was taking on water. It too had to be repaired. Then the mast and sail were broken, and then the rudder, and then, and then, and then. Well, by the time Theseus returned to Athens, there wasn't a single part of his ship that hadn't been replaced with something new. So, the question is: did Theseus return in the same ship he left in? If not, when did it stop being the same ship? By the same token, **what is St. Andrew's?**

I think if you asked a hundred people that question, you'd get a hundred different answers. What St. Andrew's is to anyone is a result of their experience of St. Andrew's. St. Andrew's is a place to belong, it's a place to worship, a house of prayer, a community gathering, a family of faith. It is every one of these. What is St. Andrew's to someone who has never experienced St. Andrew's? Is it more than a location that shows up on Google Maps? Is it the physical entity located at 703 Heritage Drive?

St. Andrew's is more than the collection of its parts. There is something intangible to the nature of this place; something we should want to share with those we love. The challenge is that today, a larger and larger portion of the population is either unchurched (meaning they don't really know anything about church), or de-churched (meaning they had a bad experience with church and decided they don't need it). Today, there are about 250,000 people who live south of Fish Creek Park. Half of whom will statistically never walk through the doors of St. Andrew's; and they will never get to experience what St. Andrew's is to them. They will never see what it is to you!

That's the passion that drives our ministry south of Fish Creek. TheCreek is not creating something new; we are working to re-contextualize St. Andrew's church to a community who has not yet had a chance to experience St. Andrew's. It's a shift from "Come and See" to "Go and Be."

So why did we choose to call this ministry TheCreek? I'll let Kim Maclachlan, a member of the SFC Discernment team, explain:

TheCreek brings thoughts of a cozy, homey place where people might gather, as we know communities have been built along waterways for centuries. Moving water brings new life, new beginnings and can cleanse us; and a creek speaks of gentle water where all can come, whether to sit, swim or wade. It's not a raging river. TheCreek is truly open to all, as you can access from both sides as well as at any point along the creek. It's accessible; it creates an 'us' that doesn't need a 'them'.



Alpha

By Rev. Christian Persaud

I suspect you've heard a lot about Alpha at St. Andrew's over the past few months... and now it's finally underway!

The planning team has been meeting for several months seeking to follow in the Alpha model of "creating a welcoming, friendly place where people can come and ask questions to explore the Christian faith." Throughout our meetings we were aiming (optimistically) for 50 people, with a blend of folks from St. Andrew's as well as the wider community. Much to my surprise and delight we had over 65 people at our first session on Wednesday, September 18! I don't think anyone was expecting that many people to show up!

It's hard to draw conclusions (or perhaps misleading to draw conclusions) based on just one event but several things stand out to me. First, there's a spiritual hunger. Many of the folks who gathered at the first Alpha session already belonged to a church, but it seems like many of them are looking for something beyond Sunday – something beyond a traditional worship service, which allows for more dialogue, more questioning, more exploring. Second, it's a helpful reminder to stay away from clichés like "but we've done that before" or "we've already tried that." Yes, St. Andrew's has had Alpha sessions in the past... but this one's different – the videos are revised, where we are in our lives is not the same as where we were ten years ago, and our community has changed. Last, but not least, the excitement and buzz around Alpha illustrates that God is at work in the lives of people. Whether people came for the food, for community, to explore or debate, to help cook or clean, more than 65 people came together on a Wednesday night to explore some fundamental, but deep, questions about the Christian faith. Eight tables with about seven to eight people each sat and discussed if there was more to life. Each week promises to explore more questions and possibilities.

Share life, faith
and Jesus.



Who will
you invite?

Alpha

So if you're still reading this and wondering if there's something you can do, the answer is yes! Please pray for those attending Alpha that the Spirit would continue to move in the hearts of those who gather. If you're able to help with baking cookies, or biscuits, for one of the Wednesday nights that would be appreciated too! And if you're wondering if it's too late to join the answer is no.

We would love to see you on a Wednesday night, but if you would rather start from the very beginning then stay tuned for a possible second run in early 2020.

Gratitude Journal

Side by Side

- The church cares for others and for its own. The Side by Side program is special and I know it benefits many people in many ways.
- Thankful for Wednesdays (Side by Side Group)
- Great times

From Others

- Welcoming environment. The friendliness & welcoming. Good Friends
- Familiar setting – been here on and off for 55 years
- Music and concerts over the years

A good music program is necessary for me – music helps me worship and I hope St. Andrew's continues with using both older, traditional music, as well as some newer songs (as long as they are not too tricky for the congregation to learn). All in all, I like St. Andrew's (and so did my mom, (now deceased)).

St. Andrew's Family Camping Weekend By Kim McLachlan



Camping with St. Andrew's families the last weekend of August has quickly become a key fixture in our summer schedule, as we all look forward to escaping the city and connecting with each other. Between the impromptu baseball game, afternoon hike, kids exploring the woods and nightly campfires, there was plenty to do but also plenty of time to unwind. There were families we've come to know well, and others whom I still had to ask their names. This was good as we strengthened and built relationships throughout the weekend. Such a relaxed setting makes it easy to get to know each other, whether you come for just a day or the whole weekend (And if you're new to camping as we were last year, there are plenty of others ready to lend you items you forgot to bring!).

When our former church sadly closed its doors, it was hard for us to imagine feeling at home in a new church community. Over the past several years, though, St. Andrew's has become just that. Spending a weekend together near the mountains reinforced this sense of a church home for us, through conversation and laughter over meals, on a hike or under a million stars toasting s'mores. This was underlined for me on Sunday morning when we sang, prayed and heard the Word outside together. When it was time for the Lord's Table, the servers had barely finished setting up when our 5-year-old, Adelaide, left her chair in the back row, went straight up front and looked up expectantly. House church nights (South of Fish Creek discerning team) earlier this year taught her how accessible the Table (and Grace) is, and she knew exactly what was happening and what she wanted to do. She is being raised in grace and liturgy.

Someone commented to me that she was thankful for the chance to get to know my girls over the weekend, more than she normally would on a Sunday morning in passing. I hope that I assured her that I was just as grateful to have so many people love my kids.



Our Children Respond to the Needs of Others

By Rhonda Wishart
Convenor, CE



You may all recall the baby chicks that graced the sanctuary during the children's story in June. Such excitement! A wonderful culmination to the month-long fund-raising campaign of our church school children to purchase baby chicks for families in need in developing countries. The children were encouraged to perform small acts of kindness for family members and friends for which they might be rewarded in small amounts which they would in turn donate to the "chicken jar". The children were delighted to take part and enjoyed watching the funds accumulate. Their acts of kindness were thoughtful and endearing and one of the children even donated half of the birthday money she received. The goal was \$400 for the purchase of 20 chicks but the children actually raised more than \$500 which was matched by a thoughtful anonymous donor. The outstanding result was the ability to purchase 54 baby chicks from World Vision! Thanks to all members of the congregation for their support whether through organization of the event, donations or encouragement!

Rev. Jan: Her Call, Her Service and Her Retirement By Barb English, Judie Coleman, and Debby Dorcas

Jan's Call:

Where does time go? It seems like yesterday, but it was actually September 17, 2006 when we heard the words:

We welcome Rev. Jan Hazlett today who comes to preach for the call to our Associate Minister's position. Jan brings a deep personal spirituality and a very strong pastoral presence. Jan is joined today by her husband John. Together they have three grown children.



The Search Committee was impressed by Jan's personable nature and her caring pastoral presence. They found her worship leadership and preaching to be meaningful and helpful, and her gifts and experience in ministry to match our needs exceedingly well. Consequently the Search Committee agreed unanimously to recommend Rev. Hazlett for consideration for the call. A congregational meeting was held the evening of September 17, 2006, and the congregation issued a call to Rev. Jan as Associate Minister. Jan's first day of work with us was December 1, 2006, when she was immediately immersed in the variety of activities and services of St. Andrew's at Christmas.

Jan's years of Service:

Jan was the Ministerial resource on the Christian Education Team for many years. She challenged, supported, and provided insight from her years of service as a lay person, as well as her education as an ordained Minister.

Jan was an educator in all her areas of ministry. Her years of leading Bible study in creative and challenging ways led to new insights and spiritual growth. She recommended books, lent books, and opened whole new areas of inquiry and thought, which encouraged deeper relationships with God. We will forever be grateful for her legacy in all areas of Christian education.

Jan was a mentor: leading, guiding and supporting the Pastoral Care teams, discerning needs and moving forward – especially with what came to be known as Side by Side. Her door was always open, even when she was the only minister on staff, because she cared deeply for the people of St. Andrew's. Her faithful hospital visits were appreciated and anticipated by those who particularly needed support. When there was any pastoral need, she was there, often knowing what was needed before she was asked.

Long vacancies during the searches for a minister added a significant extra burden to Jan's work load and responsibilities. Very long hours and extra stress took a health toll. Added to that was a devastating cancer diagnosis for her daughter, Rachel, who, of course, Jan supported with all her might. This led to the need for a three-month leave-of-absence in 2016, and a final leave in 2017 as Jan dealt with continuing health problems and mourned Rachel's death.

Jan's letter announcing her retirement plans:

In September, Session received a letter from Jan that was hard for her to write, and equally hard for us to hear. And yet... we know it is what Jan needs, and we support her fully in her decision.

From Jan:

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers! As far as the knee surgery is concerned I am healing well, gaining strength and mobility every day.

(Rev. Jan - Continued...)

Although this letter is difficult to write, I have no doubt that it is the right way forward at this time. I have come to a place in my long-term recovery where I am much better but am not well enough to return to ministry. I lack stamina and resilience and my rate of improvement has slowed. I have been granted long term disability benefits until my 65th birthday in April 2020. At that time I intend to officially retire from the position at St. Andrew's.

This is not the way I had hoped things would work out but it is time for me to focus on accepting my limitations and focus on living well within the constraints I now have. It has been a privilege to minister in your midst and to walk alongside this congregation in this walk of faith.

I know God will continue leading St. Andrew's to be a place of love and acceptance for all people, and in word and deed continuing to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

In Christ,
Jan Hazlett

How the congregation can continue to support Rev. Jan:

- Keep Jan and John in our prayers.
- Jan and John are part of our worshipping community, which allows us to offer the friendship, support and love that we all need.
- Presbytery has cited the congregation to appear at a special meeting being held on **October 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary at St. Andrew's. You can attend this meeting in support of Jan's ministry among us.
- In the **spring of 2020** we will hold a celebration of Jan's ministry and her retirement. Stay tuned for information on this event, and when the date is announced, come celebrate this milestone in Jan's life!

Stephen Ministry Information By Jayne Martin

Stephen Ministry

By now, most of you are aware that St. Andrew's is a Stephen Ministry congregation. That means that we have a team of trained Stephen Ministers available to meet with you for an hour once a week, for however long you need. This Ministry is built upon a strict foundation of confidentiality, and nothing you discuss with a Stephen Minister will ever be shared. They are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care needed when difficult challenges occur.

For example: Loss of a loved one, divorce or separation, a terminal or chronic illness, spiritual/job crisis, hospitalization, miscarriage or infertility, aging, loneliness, or any other of life's many challenges.

If you are thinking of becoming a **Stephen Minister**, we are planning a new Stephen Ministry training class in January. For further information please email pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca or speak to **Jayne Martin (403-471-7909)**. Please reach out if you feel that you or someone you know would benefit from meeting with a Stephen Minister. We are here to help.

Thank You

- **Barbara McFadyen** thanks everyone for the get well cards she recently received.
- **Carol Olton** thanks her St. Andrew's church family for all the cards and calls she received during the time of her sister's illness and eventual passing. Her sister lived in New Brunswick.
- **Carol Doyle** is thankful for all the support she receives. She particularly grateful to her elders who take special care of her.

Thank You!

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2019
10:00am – 2:00pm

If you have purchased Christmas Puddings at the Christmas Bazaar last year and still have your jars we would love to have them back to reduce costs. They can be left at the Welcome Desk or in the Kitchen. (500ml widemouth jars and screwed on rings.) Thankyou.

For more information please contact
Pam Livingstone at pamlivingstone@shaw.ca
or (403) 271-6468

Do you like books? We need your help!
We are looking for a Convenor for the bazaar Media Room to coordinate volunteers for the receipt of books and other media items, sorting and helping in the room at the bazaar.

For more information please contact **Sylvia Shaw** at sylvia.shaw@shaw.ca
or (403) 238-3369.

Baking for the Bazaar

Do you like to bake? We need a variety of baking for our bazaar. What can you bake? Lots of cookies for Christmas, muffins, cakes, loaves and squares and more!
Do you make preserves, jams and jellies; pickles and relishes? We are looking for donations!

For more information please contact **Jayne Martin** at iamjaynemartin@gmail.com or
(403) 471-7909

We are looking for Truck owners from 2:00pm to 3:30pm the day of the bazaar to help us take remaining books and "treasure" items to charity locations.

For more information please contact **Elaine Cantlon** at cantlont@shaw.ca
or (403) 640-1861.

We are looking for volunteers before and during the bazaar for setting up the venues Thursday and Friday, elevator assistance and door greeters (1 hour shift). If you can help contact **Elaine Cantlon**.



A few notes from ConnXions' Editor in Chief: Linda Haines

Help Wanted: Do you have a desire to be a reporter, a photographer, a videographer, a sound board operator or a social media contributor for St. Andrew's? We are looking for individuals who have an interest in Communications to serve on a new team. We are hoping this team will support our Communications Coordinator and be the eyes and the ears of the congregation as we coordinate our story among all types of media. Please contact Linda at news@standrewscalgary.ca

Have you seen the latest edition of PCC Fall edition of Presbyterian Connection? These newsletters are found on the cabinet on the left-hand side as you leave the Karl English Lounge. Check out page 31 for the article on our Aboriginal Sharing Day. Congratulations to our Mission Team who put this event together during May. Also, check out the picture on page 6. Who do you recognize?

Spreading our news: Have you signed up for the weekly announcements that come out by email on Wednesdays? If not, please visit the web site or drop an email to Micheal or Linda and we will see your name gets added.







Future Issues: Because of meetings taking place around the deadline date, if you have not completed your article, but want one included, could you please contact the Editor so that we know it is coming. We are always looking for ideas for new articles. If you have an idea, please contact someone on the ConnXions Team. **Deadline for November ConnXions: October 15**

Editing Articles: The Editorial Team has the right to choose which articles to include in the newsletter and they may also choose to edit a submission due to limited space.

Photo Release: We are particularly concerned that we identify those who do not wish to have their pictures used. Please complete the photo release form at the volunteer corner and notify news@standrewscalgary.ca by email.



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