

StAC Xtra

The latest news at St. Andrew's

April/May/June 2021 Updates for the St. Andrew's family members without internet technology or visually challenged.



Winter/Spring 2021 gifts to the Memorial Fund

We are grateful for the generosity of those giving in loving memory of those we miss.



We have been advised of the deaths of the father of Mohan Jayaraj and of Helena McMillan's husband, Doug

Our condolences to Mohan, Usha and Abel on the death of Mohan's father in India due to Covid-19 and to Doug's wife Helena here in Calgary

Donations have been made in memory of:

Muriel Young

Oscar Schwab

Randy Schwab

Rita Elliott

Linda Haines

Malcolm Roberts

May 19, 2021 BREAKING NEWS



Message from Session

Regarding Rev. Jared's Resignation

We, the Session members of St. Andrew's, understand the congregation is saddened by the resignation of Rev. Jared. We are saddened too. The resignation was unexpected by Session, and was accepted with regret. Session wishes only good things for Rev. Jared and Beth, and we pray for their peace in this decision and in their career decisions to come.

Rev. Jared came to St. Andrew's in 2015 and has served us for the past five and a half years, first as Family Minister, then as the Associate Minister, Family Ministry and since last year as the Associate Minister, Together in Mission. During his tenure, Rev. Jared has brought passion, energy and enthusiasm to his ministry, along with a strong desire to reach and connect young families to Christ and to develop the ministry South of Fish Creek.

One of the key things that drew Rev. Jared to St. Andrew's was the opportunity to experience a peer ministry on a team of three ministers. Due to extenuating circumstances, a team ministry of three was short-lived and in fact, there was a period of nine months when Rev. Jared was the sole minister at St. Andrew's. In 2018, prior to the call of Dr. Tim, the ministry model at St. Andrew's changed to one of a tier ministry, with a Lead Minister at the head of the structure. While Rev. Jared has given his best effort to fitting into the new ministry model of an associate Minister reporting to a Lead Minister, he finds himself seeking what comes next. While acknowledging how much he loves the people of St. Andrew's and how blessed he feels to have been part of our ministry, Rev. Jared's discernment has now led him to seek a call in a different direction.

Rest assured that in cases of Presbyterian ministerial resignation, there is a requirement of a transitional allowance, which will in Jared's case, provide for him and his family until at least year-end.

Jared, we wish you God's continued blessing in the good things that God has in store for the future.

Peace,

St. Andrew's Session

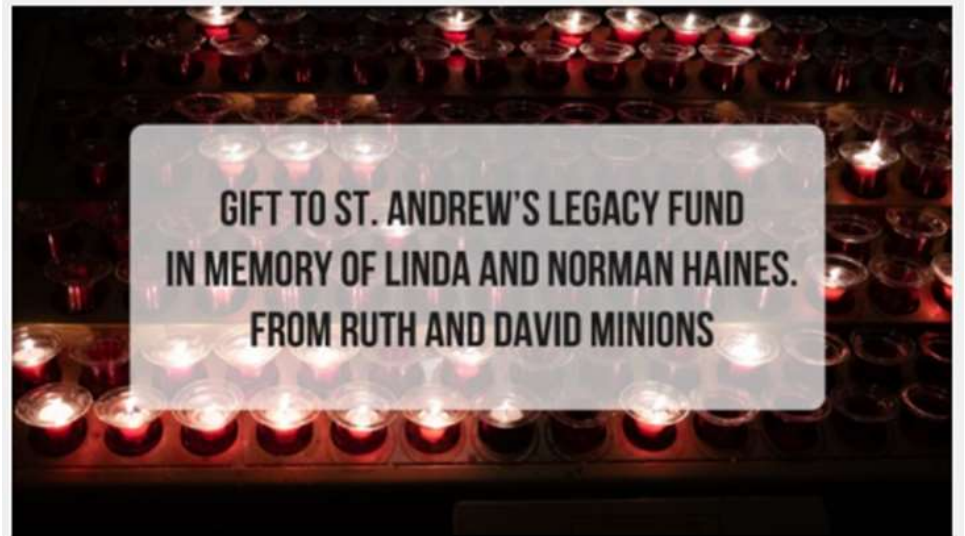
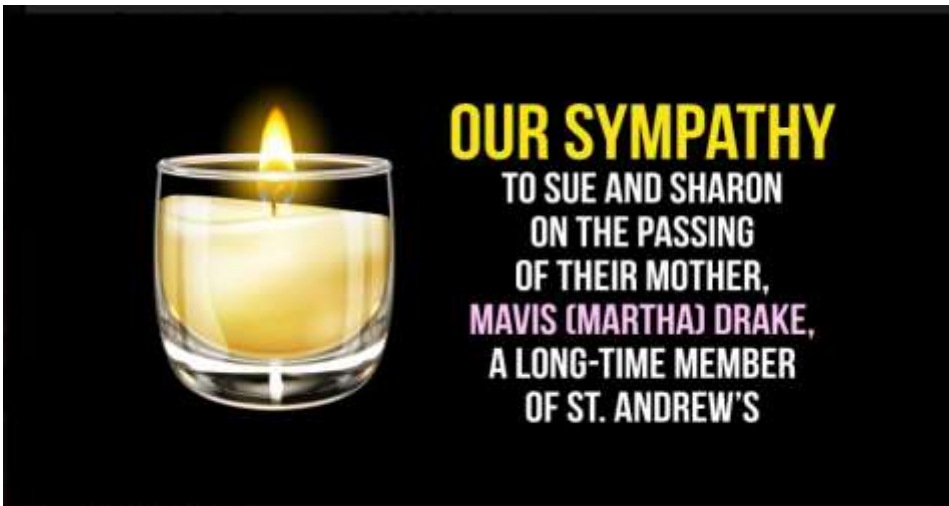




Joy Stones in June!

Check out the Front Walk Way at St. Andrew's

Covid Companions – Here are the winners!



Gratitude for the lives and work of our Elders, Linda and Norman Haines

has prompted their daughter and son-in-law to make a generous \$20,000 gift to our Legacy Fund



Questions you may have

about Rev. Jared's Resignation

Session appreciates that members of the congregation may have questions relating to the pending departure of Rev. Jared. We have anticipated a few of those questions and have done our best to provide you with answers as noted below. If you have additional questions relating to the departure of Rev. Jared and the ongoing ministry at St. Andrew's, please email the Clerk at clerk@standrewscalgary.ca and we will do our best to address your questions in future communications.

Session will be meeting, reflecting, and developing further interim plans in consultation with appropriate teams over the next few weeks and as this work continues, we will be in a position to answer more questions and provide more fulsome answers to those questions. We thank you for your patience, hopefulness and prayers as we travel this journey of faith together.

What will happen to theCreek Ministry?

Rev. Jared, Dr. Tim and a few other members of Session will consult with theCreek Team later this week to share and address immediate concerns and brainstorm ideas for moving forward with the work of theCreek. Session and theCreek Team will work collaboratively to put an interim plan in place until such time as more permanent leadership can be discerned and arranged. Session is grateful for the commitment and dedication of theCreek Team whose presence will go a long way to ensure the stability and growth of this valuable ministry.

Will there be an interim Associate Minister, Together in Mission?

We do not have a response at this time, but it will certainly be one of the matters to be considered and discussed by Session in the coming weeks.

Will the Search continue for the Associate Minister, Growth and Care? Will this position description change?

This search will continue. St. Andrew's has been without a Minister, Growth & Care for several years now and the Search Team is well underway in its search. While we recognize some uncertainty in the replacement of the current position of Associate Minister, Together in Mission, having an Associate Minister, Growth & Care in place will go a long way to growing and strengthening our current ministry and our building for the future. There is no current plan to change the position description as we are in early days of being without an Associate Minister, Together in Mission and there is no imminent candidate for the Associate Minister, Growth & Care position. Any candidates will be made aware of the Associate Minister, Together in Mission vacancy and its implications.

Was Rev. Jared's resignation a result of the Presbytery decision to proceed with a Review of Ministry at St. Andrew's?

We cannot speak directly for Rev. Jared, but we can clarify that he was not asked to resign. And we understand from Rev. Jared's explanation to us, that he believes his ministry gifts are more suited to working in an environment where he is not an Associate Minister. Rev. Jared also advised that he and Beth together discerned that the timing was right for Rev. Jared to seek a calling elsewhere, including the part time pursuit of a doctorate in ministry.

Will the Review of Ministry by Presbytery continue?

It is our expectation that this process of at least four months will no longer proceed, however this will be determined by the Presbytery when Rev. Jared's resignation is considered by Presbytery on May 28, 2021.

Will Rev. Jared receive any compensation?

Yes. In cases of Presbyterian ministerial resignation, there is a requirement of a transitional allowance roughly equivalent to one month of salary per year of service. In Rev. Jared's case, this will provide him with monthly income until at least year-end.



Ways that you can contribute to Rev. Jan's "purse"

- Send a cheque to: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary, AB T2V 2W4
- Call the church office: 403-255-0001 to arrange for a personal drop-off.

Please note: Such contributions are not eligible for a charitable tax receipt. If you have any questions, please contact Debby Dorcas or Dolly Forcade in the Church Office.

The Rev Jan Hazlett is moving to Ontario

Dear Congregation,

In April of 2020 the Rev. Jan Hazlett retired from her Ministry at St. Andrew's and her work in the wider church. There were plans to host a Retirement party for her on April 25th, but the worldwide pandemic put those plans on indefinite hold. We held a mini celebration during worship in November 2020, still with plans to invite the congregation to a celebration in the spring, even if we had to hold it outdoors. However, now here we are – still in quarantine.

And now as of this date Rev. Jan and her husband John have made a decision to move to Ontario. Since the death of their daughter Rachel and with their other two children living in Ontario, as well as their much loved 4 young grandsons, and with their numerous sisters and brothers there as well, it is understandable. Also, with the pandemic that prevents them from meeting with friends, hugging folks, just being face to face with people and unable to attend their church, the scales have been tipped towards Ontario.

This has been a very difficult decision for Jan and John as they had planned to retire here. They love Calgary, their friends, their church, the mountains, Fish Creek and all that Alberta has to offer. They have purchased a home in Port Elgin very close to their son Ben and his family, within driving distance of their daughter Kristen and her family, and closer to their extended family. They get occupancy of this home no later than midAugust. And their home here is for sale.

So now, before Rev. Jan leaves Alberta, we would like to honour her dedication to the people of St. A during her 12 years with us. We cannot hold a party so we are asking each of you to send a card to Rev. Jan and John. You can address it to St. Andrew's at 703 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary T2V 2W4. Please include something you remember or liked about Jan. And/OR include your favourite hymn or worship song so we can send them on their way with a song in their hearts. We are also providing an opportunity to contribute to a 'purse' for Rev. Jan. This is a long standing practice when a staff member leaves or retires, where the congregation is given an opportunity to show their appreciation and love with a monetary gift. (We do understand that this is a second purse being collected in a very short space of time. With Jared's unexpected resignation and then Jan's unexpected move we apologize but we had no way of knowing that two departures would fall on the heels of one another). If you are willing and able to contribute to Jan's 'purse' please e-transfer your money to treasurer@standrewscalgary.ca starting June 10, 2021. We are asking this be done after June 10 so as to separate Jan's 'purse' from Jared's.

The Team that was formed to organize a Retirement party for Jan has worked hard and we had wonderful plans for this celebration. But, beyond our control, Covid has had us adapting and re-organizing on the fly. Know that this party would have been open to all and full of great fun. Regardless, we wish to send Rev. Jan and John off with love in our hearts and prayers for their health and future happiness.



Our Vision in Song

A Musical Offering "premiered" on Sunday, May 23, 2021



Summer Gardeners

"A house without a garden or orchard is unfurnished and incomplete."
(Bronson Alcott) Thanks to Lee and Rob Goss, and Bob Fuenning for the beautiful furnishing of our house of God.



Our prayers and best wishes for the wonderful couple!

Shona Murray and Carl Vandrascio were joyfully joined in marriage on May 29, 2021.



LIMITED IN PERSON WORSHIP COMMENCES JUNE 20, 2021

- Please find a friend who can register you on the internet.
- or call the church office: 403-255-0001 to arrange for someone to register you if you wish to attend a 9:30 service.

Please note: Attendance will be limited to 50 people or 30 cohorts, whichever first occurs. Registration for Sunday must take place before noon on Friday. Masks and other health measures compliance will be required.