



St. Andrew's

Summer 2015 Newsletter

Minister's Message

At the time of my writing this I have been the minister here at St. Andrew's for ten months. It has been a wonderful ten months. In many ways I am not sure where the time has gone! Yet, I can look back at the past year and chart out many of the things we have achieved together.

We have engaged in Bible study, welcomed new members and celebrated the sacraments. The Session has been engaged in a process of discernment to determine how God is calling us as a community of faith in Cobourg. We have established a partnership with SONG, maintained our historic ties with the AA, Guiding Movement and VON. Finally, we worked together on creating a new congregational photo directory which should be ready in the fall.

While many things have remained the same the truth is that over the past ten months there has been a significant amount of change at St. Andrew's. In this time you have welcomed a new minister, a new custodian and a new office administrator. Richard Melfo and Mary McPhee have joined myself and Carolyn Hyma and though I am very biased I do believe that at St. Andrew's we are blessed with a wonderful ministry team. I believe that God has not only called me to be here as your minister, but God has also brought the four of us together to work with the community of faith here at St. Andrew's.

I look forward to continuing to meet with you, learn with you and laugh with you. May the grace, love and fellowship of God be with you.

- Rev. Ellis

Parish Register

Baptisms

Wyatt Earl Raymond Neutel – March 29th

Avery Rose Purnwasie Mcaulay – April 19th

Rhett and Isla Carrol – June 21st

New members by Transfer

Pear Durant

Bert and Jean Coull

Trevor Gillman

Barbara Montgomery

Linda Montgomery

Kate Ellis

New Members by Profession of Faith

Jordan and Katie Hoogendam

Saskia deLang-Lenters and Rob Lenters

Gordon Montgomery

Session Report:

This year the Session has continued to do visioning and planning for the future of St. Andrew's. We appreciated the congregation's input at the Annual Meeting in February. We hope to make some decision and present our mission and vision to the congregation and after consulting with you it put into action some of the ideas. We appreciate your patience but we want to do this well and for it to be appropriate for our church in the community and the world today.

The five branches of Session are also visioning as to how they can better fulfill their mandate in relation to our mission and how to put them into action.

Our church is encouraged by the great outlook and faith formation we are experiencing through worship, fellowship and service. We have many new friends attending worship, involved in Bible Study and other activities. We have a lot of exciting things happening. It is really great to see so many young families and children at worship and church school - it certainly is a "lively place"! This is a great addition and challenge as we consider how to best meet the needs of our congregation now and in the future.

We have members who have transferred from other churches and several baptisms this year.

Members by transfer: Pear Durant, Bert and Jean Coull, Trevor Gillman, Barbara Montgomery, Linda Montgomery and Kate Ellis

In June by profession of faith: Jordan & Katie Hoogendam, Saskia deLang-Lenters, Rob Lenters and Gordon Montgomery

Infant Baptisms: Wyatt Neutel, Avery Rose Purnwasie Mcaulay, Rhett and Isla Carrol.

We are honouring Dorothy Allen with the dedication of 10 new hymnbooks. She was an active member of the choir for many years and our choir members are increasing. We are truly thankful for the faithfulness of all in supporting St. Andrew's and volunteering in a variety of ways. We honour you and thank God for you. We pray that the work of God's kingdom will continue in our midst. Joy Randall, Clerk

“Leading With Care Policy” at St. Andrew’s June 2015

St. Andrew’s continues to comply with the practices mandated by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After a review from Presbytery, we replaced some of the frosted glass in the doors where children’s programming was taking place. On all other aspects of health and safety we were deemed to meet the standard.

We have taken the initiative to continue physical improvements. For instance, the light bulbs in the Nursery have been changed to ones without any mercury content; the doorknobs in the washrooms

have been replaced and exit directions in rooms have been posted in permanent plastic holders.

Plans will be worked out for our annual evacuation drill.

We want to thank our custodian and the Finance and Operations branch for quietly assuming these responsibilities on behalf of all the users of our building.

Submitted by Ruth Kerr and Joy Randall

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

A couple of years ago, the WMS magazine, “Glad Tidings”, published a list of suggestions in an article entitled, *Do Not Turn Them Away*. The purpose was to make congregations more welcoming to children and families.

Our Church community can be proud to say that we have already integrated these principles into our ministry at St. Andrew’s.

1. Talk to children, smile at them, learn their names.
2. Be willing to sit close to a family with young children.
3. Volunteer to assist with children’s ministry.
4. Advocate for families.
5. Supply child-friendly foods.

It is exciting to see more babies and young children in our midst. The Nursery is a welcoming centre under the leadership of Mary Jones and parents.

Older children participate downstairs with Ruth Kerr in a variety of activities based on the same Bible message as the adults in Worship. The assistance supplied by the youth is most appreciated.

The children and youth also contribute to the ministry of St. Andrew’s by their offerings and decisions as they support our Church community and mission projects.

Because of our growing numbers and wide-age span, we envision preparing a new space which might accommodate ages three to five, with the over kindergarten-aged children following a more structured program. Parents can help us make the decision about which area, from Nursery to two possible classes, is suitable for their children’s needs.

Let’s all continue to work together to ensure that our children comprehend and experience the Gospel of Jesus.

Submitted by Ruth Kerr and Mary Jones

Finance and Operation Report

Heating System Rejuvenation Report

In April the Finance and Operations Committee presented an appeal for fund raising to deal with deficiencies in our boiler room. We need to do three things:

- Install a second main circulation pump
- Install a new electronic controller for the boilers
- Repair or replace three boilers that are not running well.

It is customary in large heating systems like ours to have two pumps connected in parallel so if one fails the other one can be started up quickly by the custodian. When the piping is being rearranged we have an opportunity to install a simple chemical feed system that will deactivate the oxygen and protect the boilers and church piping systems from rust in the future.

Presently our five boilers are started and stopped by an antiquated pneumatic control system that can only be serviced by one expert in Peterborough.

We would like to replace it with a new electronic controller that can be serviced by a local contractor.

Three of our boilers produce a mixture of steam and hot water causing overheating inside the boilers. Under this condition we cannot expect them to run reliably for a long time. Over the next few months we must continue investigating the problems with guidance from the manufacturer and by hiring a service contractor. At this time we must also perform some routine servicing that is overdue.

We know our cost for installing the second main circulation pump, and the new boiler control and the chemical flush is \$13,000. The cost to deal with the boiler overheating problem is not yet known. We are ready to continue with the work this summer.

Prepared by Bryan Armstrong

MISSION AND OUTREACH Branch:

NeighbourLink:

Their annual meeting was held in May at the Salvation Army Community Church with many of the executive and representatives from the churches attending. Mrs. Janette Johnston is St. Andrew's representative to Neighbor Link. They are thankful for the dedicated volunteers that serve our community through the Soup Kitchen each Thursday. Mary Thomson and Janette are volunteers for the phone weekly. Neighbor Link praised St. Andrew's for all the donations we make. There still is a great need for toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, etc. and other items. Please leave them in the basket in the Narthex on the fourth Sunday (or when you remember). There is also need for food vouchers for Neighbor Link to give out when needed. Thanks for sharing in this outreach to our community.

Soup Kitchen has closed for the summer and will resume in September. It has been a busy season and our clients appreciate the great meals, time of sharing and fellowship at St. Andrew's. Many volunteers help weekly and bring special baked things so others can enjoy their meals. The clients showed their appreciation at Valentines' Day and the closing day with flowers and special cards. They appreciate our caring!

Fare Share: Please remember to bring your food items especially on the second Sunday of the month – but it can be anytime you remember.

Currently Fare Share is in need of:
Canned or boxed soup
Baby food - 8 mos and up

Diapers - size 5 and 6
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Side Kicks
Personal care products-

toothpaste etc.
Jello (an easy treat)
Drink boxes

Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports the mission and ministries we do together in Canada and around the world. Presbyterians are sharing in a wide range of ministries from encouraging and equipping congregational renewal and development, to supporting inner city, native, refuge, urban, remote and chaplaincy ministries in Canada and sending mission personnel to work with international partners. "Together we make mission & ministry happen!"

Our goal for 2015 is \$13,639.00. As of the end of May our offering has reached \$ 6,649. Please continue to remember this part on your envelop and pray for the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Dave Jones.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

PWS&D is the development and relief agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Through a recent visioning and strategic planning process, it has reaffirmed our commitment to serving those in need, developed strategies to better address emerging global issues and looked for new ways to strengthen our international programs.

The renewed plan forms the basis of our future direction outlining vision, mission, theological foundation, guiding values and the following program priorities:

Livelihoods

Families are empowered through education, skills training and small business development. When one person becomes self-reliant, they are able to shape their own future and lift up others.

Food Security

Communities are learning innovative and sustainable agriculture practices to to increase crop yields, improve nutrition and build resilience to environmental changes.

Health

By ensuring mothers and children receive medical care, caring for people affected by HIV and AIDS, and providing basic access to water and sanitation, families and communities are growing healthier.

Human Rights

Injustices are combated through a shared commitment to human rights. PWS&D promotes and protects the rights of women, children, workers, subsistence farmers, persons with disabilities, and refugees.

Emergency Relief

In the aftermath of conflict and disaster, immediate and long-term relief ensures vulnerable people and refugees have access to food, shelter and medical attention, and are able to recover from loss and trauma.

Together, we will work towards lasting solutions to global poverty and build a future of peace, equality and will-being for all creation - abundant life.

Appreciation is extended to all members who contributed to the Nepal Appeal. Donations in the amount of \$2,020.00 from thirteen donors in our congregation were collected, which has now been remitted to PWS&D to qualify for matching Federal funds.

Thank-you for your prayers and generosity.

For additional information please contact the undersigned.

Bryan Baxter
PWS&D Representative

June 01, 2015

Pastoral Care Branch Joy Randall

The Pastoral Care Branch continues “to care of our community of faith through our hospital, Nursing Homes, home visits and prayer.”

Our Pastoral Care Team is Joy Randall (convener) Marg Johns, Valerie Baines, Pauline Green, Carol Van Goch, Ruth Kerr, Douglas Carruthers, John McDougall and John Vickers.

If you would like a visit from the minister, an elder or a member of the Pastoral Care Team please contact the church office or Joy Randall. If you just want to talk to someone by phone please call one of us. If you have a need or a prayer request please contact and we will keep you in our prayers.

Rev. Neil Ellis and Joy Randall attend the Golden Plough and Cobourg Retirement Residence regularly to lead worship. We also hope to return to the Legion Village and some others locations in the near future.

Marg Johns for many years has faithfully sent cards on behalf of St. Andrew’s celebrating happy occasions as well as get well and sympathy cards.

Members often help to send meals to the homes of our members when needed.

Please hold the Pastoral Care Branch in your prayers.

Submitted by Joy Randall

Legacy Gift from David & Esther Patterson

The Session would like to thank David Patterson for the gift which has been given in his and Esther’s name. David has made a gift of stock through the Planned Giving Office of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the amount of \$200,000. This gift is a true blessing to the ministry in which St. Andrew’s is engage. It also represents David and Esther’s desire to see St. Andrew’s continue to be a place where God’s word is spoken and God’s mission is carried out.

If you would like information about how you can make a gift to the St. Andrew’s please speak with Rev. Ellis.

The trustees continue to invest the assets of the trust fund in a safe and prudent manner. The interest earned is transferred to the managers on a semi annual basis to assist with the operation of our church.

We ask that you consider St. Andrew's Trust Fund with a memorial donation or a donation through your estate. By doing this you are ensuring the financial longevity of your church. Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Sample cheque below shows how to make your cheque payable.

Please feel free to speak to any one of the Trustees if you require any further information.

Joan Kemp, Chairperson

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Marce L. Wood WMS Auxiliary

The Marce L. Wood WMS Auxiliary continues to meet the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. This year we have studied from Glad Tidings on Social Justice, Human Trafficking, Refugees and The Plight of the Roma people (Ukraine & Hungary).

Cecilia Morris, our president, Ruth Kerr and Joy Randall, President of CNOB Synodical attended the annual meeting in St. Andrew's Scarborough in April. The guest speaker was Rev. Kristine O'Brien, and the theme was "Abundant Living - Abundance for all".

Joy also attended the WMS Council at Crieff Hills in early May where many important decisions were made for the work of the WMS in the future.

Mission Awareness Sunday was held on Mother's Day. Along with the service prepared for us on "Recipro Care" led by Joy Randall we remembered some of our mothers who were faithful members of our WMS groups through the ages. Nellie Shaver spoke about her mother, Mrs. James Burt. We appreciate the generous offering for the WMS as it helps with the ongoing work of the WMS both nationally and internationally. Along with our regular monthly offering we are able to forward \$1000.00 to the WMS Presbyterial to help meet the objective for 2015.

Choir News and the Top 10

Summer is here! It is the time to take a break from our regular routine. For me it is a time of preparing for the fall with a clean slate. It's a time of recharging the batteries by attending workshops and connecting with my musical peers for inspiration and sharing.

The choir is growing! This year we were happy to welcome new members to our choir. The St. Andrews Choir boasts of something special that most choirs do not have. Thanks to Marian, Nancy and Taryn, we have 3 generations of singers from one family!

As we welcome new members we also have to say goodbye to another. It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye to Jenny Taylor. Jenny and Paul will be moving to the Orangeville area this summer. We will not only miss her beautiful singing voice but also her sense of humor and pleasant personality at choir practices. We wish Jenny and Paul all the best!

I would like to encourage all of you singers at St. Andrews to think about becoming a part of our choir in the fall. If you need some good reasons as to why you should do this.....

Here are the top 10 reasons why you should join the St. Andrew's Choir:

10. You are running out of clean clothes and the robe saves on laundry.

9. You are always sure to get a good seat in church on Sunday.

8. The collection plate is never passed to the choir.

7. For years you have wanted to know who sits at the back of the church but were afraid to turn around and look.

6. You've been known to nod off during the sermon and don't want the minister to catch you.

5. Singing in the choir is heart healthy and soul healthy. There are no fitness membership fees and it's a lot easier on the knees than jogging.

4. You are bound to make new friends.

3. It is a great way to relax.

2. When the pastor is preaching to the choir – he's preaching to you!

1. It's the best way to start the week – on a high note!

Have a great summer!

Carolyn

Women's Association

Welcome from the Women's Association. We hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the spring weather.

Our Spring Coffee Party on April 25th netted \$1103.55, thanks to the help we always receive from you.

Our Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday November 21st. We would like to see more handiwork such as baby items, knitted mitts and aprons or whatever your specialty is. The Treasure table will need small items, puzzles, jewellery, etc. When canning please keep a jar or two for the Bake Table.

On June 10th we had the Luncheon for the local Seniors Club. A good time was had by all!

The ladies will be helping at the Waterfront Festival in July.

The W.A. collects used stamps, Campbell soup labels and coins. Please keep collecting for these worthwhile causes. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Parlour at 7:30pm and **new members are always welcome.**

Memoriam to Late Dorothy Allen

She was a loving member of our church, always helping people, giving food for all our events and giving rides to people. She belonged and worked with many outside groups in the community and a special member of the Hospital Auxiliary.

The W.A. is donating \$200 in Dorothy's memory to this event on behalf of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer Service Awards were presented on May 19th.

Four members from St. Andrew's Church received awards:

Roberta Armstrong	10 Years
Jennie Herniak	40 Years
Marg Johns	40 Years
Elizabeth Parker	45 Years

Congratulations to all!!!!

Excerpt from the Northumberland News

The Northumberland Hills Hospital Biggest Coffee Morning will celebrate and honour the lives of two local women and who made a significant difference in their communities.

The ninth annual fundraiser for the hospital was held on June 10 in memory of the Late Elaine Elliott, who built a quiet, yet powerful legacy of community involvement and support in Northumberland County; and Dorothy Allen, a Cobourg resident and outstanding volunteer, whose social influence touched many organizations.

In addition to working alongside her husband, Clay, to start and build Horizon Plastics, Ms. Elliot was a significant contributor of her time to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary, Probus and Bridge Clubs, as well as founder of the Cobourg Inner Wheel.

The recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club of Cobourg for her commitment to community support, Ms Dorothy Allen was also the recipient of a Town of Cobourg Mayor's Award of Distinction and a YMCA Peace Medal. A devoted and committed community builder and tireless volunteer, Ms. Allen supported organizations such as the YMCA, Kiwanis Club, Lawn Bowling Club, Probus Club of Cobourg, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary.

Coffee Morning Fast Facts:

- Any business, organization or individual can organize a coffee morning. Hosts provide coffee, cake or any other creative party idea and guests made a donation to the NHH Foundation.
- The annual coffee morning has raised more than \$375,600 for hospital medical equipment since it began in 2007.
- Funding for medical equipment must come from donations as funds from the government cover operating costs only.
- Participation in the event helps ensure that doctors, nurses and staff have access to up-to-date medical equipment, to continue to provide the highest quality health-care services possible in the community.

“Young at Heart” began a few years ago and it is a time of fellowship, sharing, caring and fun on Fridays from 10-12 from Sept - May. Occasionally we have a topic of interest and invite guests to attend. We have supported the Alzheimer’s Support Group Coffee Time this year and have learned a lot about this subject. We have also learned about other health topics or concerns for seniors in today’s society. We have pot luck lunches several times a year. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Bible Study: Theology of Atonement

In weeks after Easter a group of just under twenty individuals have been gathering on Wednesday morning to study the Theology of Atonement. This is a central theology in Christian faith as it considers what exactly happened on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We confess that we are saved from our sin through Christ’s death on the cross. What our study did was ask the question, how does Jesus’ death save us?

During the study we considered several questions:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did he die?
- Why does it matter?
- What is sin?
- What role do I, or does humanity, play in atonement theories?

The study considered historic and modern positions on atonement, such as Ransom Theory, Satisfaction Theory, Moral Influence, Christus Victor, Penal Substitutionary Atonement, Feminist Positions and several other modern theories. Each week the study began by listening to a hymn and asking how that hymn spoke about the atonement.

Thank you to all who participated in this study. Each individual brought their own perspective and questions, enriching the discussion. It was a lot of reading, but I hope well worthwhile.

In the fall we begin a five week study on Philip Yancey’s book *Vanishing Grace*. I hope to see you there.

Rev. Ellis

What is Rev. Ellis Reading?

I am currently reading two books on leadership. The first is *Choosing Change: How to motivate churches to face the future* by Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts. Coutts is a Presbyterian minister who now works as a congregational consultant in Southern Alberta. This book came recommended as a good book to read during the first year of ministry.

The second book is *A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix* by the late Edwin H. Friedman. This book was not finished before Friedman passed away, but his family understood the importance of his work and with the assistance of his editor ‘put the pieces together’ to finish it.

After these books are finished I will turn to *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* by the late Marcus Borg. This book has been sitting on my shelf unread for too long. Following this I will be reading *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey in preparation for the Fall Bible Study.

If there is a subject area about the church or faith that you are interested in, please ask. If I have a book that will be helpful I will gladly lend it out. If not, I will try to point you in the direction of a good read.

Understanding Maturity

To be young is to study in schools we did not build.
To be mature is to build schools in which we will not study.

To be young is to swim in pools we did not dig.
To be mature is to dig pools in which we will not swim.

To be young is to sit under trees, which we did not plant.
To be mature is to plant trees under which we will not sit.

To be young is to dance to music we did not write.
To be mature is to write music to which we will not dance.

To be young is to worship in churches we did not build.
To be mature is to build churches in which we may not worship.

SONG Concert

This past year St. Andrew's formalized a relationship with SONG (Sounds of the Next Generation). St. Andrew's is the official venue for this children's choir. SONG works with children at Terry Fox P.S. in Cobourg and Beatrice Strong P.S. in Port Hope. The program offers the children the opportunity to join the SONG choir or violin group.

On May 31 SONG held a concert at St. Andrew's entitled *Like a Singing Bird*. The concert was well attended with over 300 family, friends and members of St. Andrew's in attendance. The music was a true blessing to all in attendance.

Partnering with SONG is one of the ways that St. Andrew's continues to be a vital place in the life of Cobourg. Our sanctuary became a place of refuge and peace where family could gather and celebrate together through music.

A special thank you to the Women's Association for hosting a reception for the children and their families after the concert.

My wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she asked our six-year-old daughter, "would you like to say the blessing?"

She replied, "I wouldn't know what to say."

"Just say what you've heard me say," Mommy said.

So the little one bowed her head and prayed, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



A word from the office

Wow...can you believe I have been here 4 months already. It feels like just yesterday that I was welcomed into this congregation. In that time we have accomplished a great deal including starting a new photo directory which meant many people got harassing phone calls from me and the photo directory team. The directory should be complete in late August/early September.

It has been a busy 4 months. We have had Easter, (with 3 services), an Irish dinner, chili contest, concerts, the photo directory with all of the photography days, baptisms, pot lucks, soup kitchens (my favourite day of the week), and senior lunches. St. Andrew's is so busy; I have yet to be bored.

Thank you to all that have come by to visit me in the office and made me feel welcome. I may not remember all your names yet (but soon I will have the new photo directory as a cheat sheet).

Just as a reminder.....the office will not be staffed over July and August but phone messages will be checked periodically.

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer and I will see you all in the fall.

Regards
Mary McPhee

Church Signs:

Free trip to Heaven. Details inside!

Try our Sundays. They are better than Dairy Queen.

Running low on Faith? Stop in for a fill up.

June 21 - Congregational BBQ after the service

Church School Awards

July 1 - 4 - Waterfront Festival fundraiser

July 8 - Aug 26 - Wednesdays at the Beach, 1 - 4 pm weather permitting

September 8 - WA meeting

September 18 - Young at Heart resumes

September 22 - Session

September 28 - WMS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

JULY

AUGUST

July 5 Rev. Neil Ellis

August 2

Joy Randall

July 12 Rev. Dr. Ian Clark

August 9

Rev. Neil Ellis

July 19 Rev. Dr. Rob Kennedy

August 16

Rev. Neil Ellis

July 26 Rev. Dr. Rob Kennedy

August 23

Rev. Neil Ellis

August 30

Rev. Neil Ellis