



Serve one another
with whatever gift
each of you has received.

— 1 Peter 4:10



2016 Annual Report

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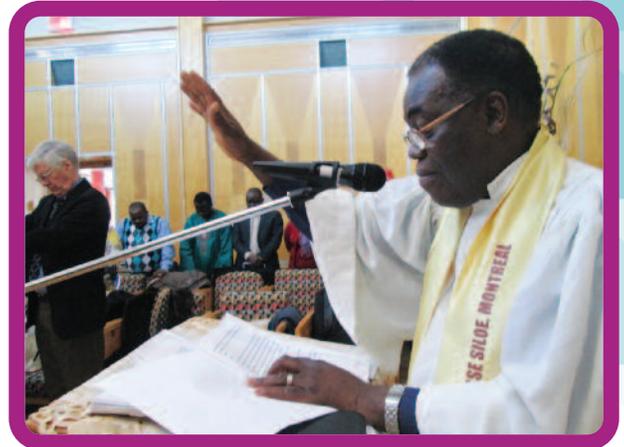


Presbyterians from across Canada joined together at the 2016 General Assembly and explored what it means to be stewards of the mysteries of God. Together we discussed important issues and planned for the future. We passed the Presbyterians Sharing budget and dreamed of building God's kingdom. We committed to sharing in a wide range of ministries — encouraging and equipping congregations, supporting inner city, native, refugee, urban and remote ministries, accompanying international partners — and so much more! As stewards, we are called to work together as one church, made up of and reaching out to many peoples.

Together, we are making mission and ministry happen!

"We are very thankful for your continued support of the Ekwendeni Hospital Grace Fund. It goes a long way in assisting the rural population whose average income is less than a dollar a day. The Grace Fund helps to waive debts of needy patients, and is the strongest sign of God's grace."

– Patrick Tembo, Ekwendeni CCAP Mission Hospital, Malawi



"We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the progress of our community. From 2010 to 2015, our numbers have increased from 20 members to 152! This progress is neither the result of my strength, nor of any human strength. I just see the strong and powerful hands of God over Siloé's growth."

– Rev. Eloi Agbanou, La Communauté chrétienne Siloé, Montreal, QC



"ARISE Ministry is where hope lives! What a profoundly, awe-inspiring experience to see hope take hold in someone's life. Please pray for ARISE as we continue to plant, tend and care for the seeds of hope growing in the lives of individuals involved in the sex trade."

– Rev. Deb Rapport, ARISE Ministry, Toronto, ON

"Working together in service for others has strengthened our faith as we support each other and the wider community. There is great power in prayer. We thank God for all who have encouraged us in our journey of faith."

– St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, NB



St. Andrew's Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and to share in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to be a faithful, enthusiastic and caring Christian community which seeks to involve all of its people in its ministry; and through Christ-centered worship, education and programmes, to meet the needs of people with the love of God, in Jesus Christ.

A Vision for St. Andrew's

"St. Andrew's is a vital growing Church, embracing change and discovery as it seeks opportunities to serve God." (Adopted 1995)

A Vision for Mission for St. Andrew's

"The Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning" – Emil Brunner

St. Andrew's is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity. Consequently, we promote mission involvement in some way for everyone. Our involvement in mission is life-giving to us, giving vitality to our congregation, as we invest our lives in the lives of others for their sake. As we serve others in mission, we know that we are serving God.

Mission for us is our response to Christ's call to love our neighbor. We "walk the talk"; desiring to make a difference in our world and working to effect change where there is need. We apply ourselves in a way that is relevant to the need we see and by being generous in our response. Being motivated by our hope in Christ, part of our intention is to impart hope to those we help. Our mission work is visible to the wider community. They will appreciate what we are doing and why we are doing it. In this way our mission work will be a witness to Christ.

Values

As we seek to accomplish our goals, we express these values:

- **Education:** We intentionally work to nurture the faith of our St. Andrew's participants to strengthen their discipleship through every involvement in mission. We help them grow in their awareness of the issues behind the need and help them to understand the situation from a faith perspective.
- **Justice:** We address both the need (through acts of compassion) and also the causes of the need (through concern for justice).
- **Diversity:** We have a balance of mission involvements, such as local and global hands-on and advocacy, by fundraising and direct involvement, etc.
- **Meaningfulness:** We recognize and respect the gifts, strengths and passions of individuals desiring to be involved in mission, and connect them to projects that will be most meaningful to them. It is our desire that a person's mission involvement be enthusiastic.
- **Inclusivity:** We plan mission involvement in such a way to include the involvement of youth and whole families.
- **Partnerships:** When appropriate and possible, St. Andrew's acts in partnership with others.
- **Process:** The process of doing mission is as important as what we do in mission. We seek to create and strengthen relationships, foster team building among participants, be respectful of the culture of those we are helping, ensure that long-term support will continue after our involvement is ended, and that our contributions enhance the abilities of those we help and not replace them.

110TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –2017

February 26, 2017

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Officers and Leaders (2016)

The Session:

Moderators: Rev. Janice Hazlett, Rev. Jared Miller
Rev. Kevin Lee (Jan – May)

Clerk: Jim Hope-Ross (Interim) (Jan – July)
Debby Dorcas (Aug – Dec)

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

*Resigned in 2016

Elders Emeritus

Elders within the congregation not in Session in 2016

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

District Visitors who are not Session Members

Shirley Allen	Wilfred Kangong	Kathleen Tomie
Eleanor Art	Barbara Kearnes	Derek Wilkinson *
Marianne Attridge	Dan Mullan	Arlene Young
Frank Breisch	Elly de Nooij	Terry Zimmer
Joan Davies	Mary Anne Quesnel	
Norah Finlay	Evelyn Reimer	
Maureen Flack	Jean Simpson (new)	
Lesley Hubler	Anita Szott *	

*Resigned in 2016

Church Staff

Office Manager	Rhonda Mullan
Administrative Assistant/Treasurer	Dolly Forcade
Custodian	Oscar Salguero
Nursery Caregivers	Jasdeep Mand (Jan – Oct)
	Ashley Hochstein (Jan - Oct)
	Deepali Gupta (Nov – Dec)
Director of Music/Organist	Cody Obst
Side by Side Coordinator	Alice Post

Volunteer Staff

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

Congregational Statistics

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
FAMILIES		
Number of families associated	414	409
THE MEMBERSHIP		
Communicant Membership January 01	511	513
Added to the Roll		
by Profession of Faith	7	0
by Certificate of Transfer	11	0
by Resolution of Session	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
	23	1
Removed from the Roll		
by Death	14	5
by Certificate of Transfer	1	0
by Resolution of Session	2	0
own request(new category)	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
	21	14
Communicant Membership December 31	513	500
<u>BAPTISMS</u>		
Children	9	3
Adult	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	9	3
<u>MARRIAGES</u>		
Members	1	2
Adherents	0	1
Other	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	3	4
<u>FUNERALS</u>		
Members	10	3
Adherent	4	3
Other	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
	17	7

In Memoriam

The following members and adherents of our congregation were called to higher service during 2016:

Roy Edward Arrell	Raymond (Nigel) Kennedy
Scott Beatt	Eleanor Kinsman
Chris Groundwater	Robert Merchant
Margaret (Marjorie) Gray	Keith B. Munnoch
Sandra Hope-Ross	Ken Silk
Frederick (Grant) Huber	Valerie Woodhead
William (Bill) Inman	

The Memorial Fund

In 2016, Memorial donations were received in memory of the following people:

Grace Allen	Fred Post
Roy Arrell	Malcolm Roberts
Alan Cowx	May & Jimmie Shaw
Ruth Grant	Flora & Harry Taylor
Grant Huber	Jason Tritter
Bob Merchant	Muriel Young
David Macdonald	Charlotte Weston
Margaret Pleskie	Jared Weston
Audrey Post	John Wilgus

The Memorial Fund exists to provide an opportunity for people to make monetary gifts to the Church in memory of friends or relatives without having to specify how the money is to be used.

The Session is responsible for deciding how the money will be spent. In general, the money is used for special items for the church or church school. Gifts are deposited in a separate account.

Donations to this fund may be made by contacting the church office, the Ministers, the Elders, or the local funeral homes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alex Grant*

Ministers' Messages to the Congregation

From Rev. Jan Hazlett's Desk

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth
Worship the Lord with gladness, Come into his presence with singing
Know that the lord is God, it is he that made us, not we ourselves
Enter his gates with thanksgiving And his courts with praise
Give thanks to God and bless God's name
For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100*

Celebrate God's faithfulness! Celebrate together; be joyful together, because God is with us! We at St. Andrew's have a lot to celebrate. Over this past year we have seen evidence of God moving in our midst in worship and work, in faith and faithfulness, in God's provision as we encounter challenges and, in God's grace, as we continue to reach out in ministry and mission. This year has also been one of transitions and changes. This annual report bears witness to God's faithfulness to us and to our response as we walk in faith as individuals and as a congregation.

The financial statements bear witness to the faithfulness of the congregation as we as a group continued to offer back to God a portion of what we have received. This year has been a difficult one with the financial downturn, yet by God's grace we were able to cover the costs and end the year in good shape.

This year has again been one of transitions for St. Andrew's. As the year started, Rev. Jared Miller began his first full year with us. But we then had to say good bye to Rev. Kevin Lee in May, so he could be reunited with his family in the Toronto area. With a new vacancy, this has meant that Rev. Jared and I have both had to take on extra duties and had less time for the ministries to which we have been called. We have been grateful for all the support we have received, but also for the many, who have stepped in and offered to take on more responsibility in already busy lives.

This Advent, I was grateful for the celebration of my tenth anniversary of ministry in this congregation, and happy to share in the celebration of Cody Obst's tenth anniversary with us as well.

Due to the vacancy, we also began a new search to find and call a Minister of Vision and Direction to complete our ministerial team. The report of the Search Team's Co-Conveners, Cathy Millar and Loran McVittie provides an update on the work conducted so far. We are grateful for the Presbytery representatives, The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris and The Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw who have been leading the search process and acting as advisors during the vacancy as we prepare this vacancy to be filled.

The written reports and the financial reports in these pages are a testimony to God's love in action. Throughout the vacancy we have stepped out in faith, carried out ministry as we have been called and accepted new challenges. As God continues to lead us in this new year, we continue to "run the race before us" in faith. Even with the downturn, we continue to show our sense of call to be a missional congregation as we continue to reach out beyond our walls into the community.

It is with profound gratitude for the support of this faithful community that I continue in ministry here as Minister of Congregational Care. This year has been extraordinarily challenging for my family and me due to illness. We have been grateful both for the support we have received as we walk a difficult journey and for the opportunity to walk in faith alongside this congregation. I look forward to seeing where God is leading us, praying that we will continue our history of faithful response to God's grace.

*In Christ's service, Jan
(Rev. Jan Hazlett)*

From Rev. Jared Miller's Desk

A year ago, I sat in my office trying to figure out what to say in an Annual Report when I'd only been here for a few weeks. I thought this year would be easier.

I'd start off by saying how glad Beth and I are to be here, how much we love this city and the community that we've found; how much we've loved getting to know so many of you here at this church.

But I guess that an Annual Report should be longer than a tweet.

My work this year found me split between two fronts: Family Ministry at St. Andrew's and beginning the process of moving into the neighbourhood South of Fish Creek.

If I'm honest, I felt a bit overwhelmed. There was so much to do, and not enough hours in a week. It never ceases to amaze me however, with the ways God mitigates the circumstances in life.

If you're reading this, it's no surprise that this year has seen a few bumpy patches, and I can truly say that I've been blessed to walk them with you. As I lived into God's reality that I found myself in, the vision that I had as I discerned the call here started to come into focus.

Two words in particular crystalized for me: Intentionality and Authenticity. 2016 was a year of exploring what those meant.

Family Ministry at St. Andrew's

We started 2016 with a brand new Family Ministry Team for which I am extremely grateful, and from the moment the Team hit the ground, they were not only running, but sprinting full steam. I could talk about all the things that they've done, but they have their own report in a couple of pages.

What I want to talk about is this: What is the state of Family Ministry here at St. Andrew's? Family Ministry is, as I mentioned last year, difficult to pin down. So this year we did some defining. What we mean when we talk about Family Ministry is broken down into five groups: children, youth, college, early career, and parents of children. We measure everything along the metric of family engagement and three core questions:

What is their impression?

How connected are they?

How deep are we able to go with them?

God is at work in the families of St. Andrew's and I am deeply encouraged that family engagement is up from this point last year. We're seeing families more active in worship, more engaged in mission and more intentional in community. Keep your eyes open in 2017 for the launch of "613 Church" – St. Andrew's new Saturday evening worship experience; more mission projects and more chances to simply *be*.

South of Fish Creek

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.

South of Fish Creek feels a little bit like a dog that chases cars and then catches one. It alternates between feeling like I've bit off more than I can chew and boundless excitement at the possibilities ahead. So, one of my major projects this year was breaking all of it down into manageable "bites". I presented, and Session accepted, a five-year plan. Last year (2016-Phase I) was about culture, getting to know the city, the church, and all of you. This year, (2017-Phase II) is about research – taking a deeper dive into the demographics and makeup of the communities South of Fish Creek. Next year, (2018-Phase III) is experimentation: a year of putting the research into practice in a number of different ways, and 2019 (Phase IV) is about investing; asking how we support what is working.

All told, 2016 was a busy year and it was a banner year. Here's to 2017 bringing more busyness and more banners.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jared Miller*

Minutes of the 109th Annual Congregational Meeting St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta

Held on Sunday, February 26, 2016

ATTENDANCE AND CONSTITUTION:

One hundred and twenty-three (123) members and adherents of St. Andrew's gathered in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 12:23 p.m. for the 109th Annual Congregational Meeting.

The Rev. Kevin Lee served as Moderator of the meeting and welcomed the congregation to the meeting and declared the meeting properly constituted for the conduct of business. He thanked the ladies of the Evening Guild for preparation and service of the soup luncheon that preceded the meeting. The Rev. Lee then opened the meeting with prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY, ADOPTION OF AGENDA, APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AND ADOPTION OF REPORTS:

MOVED by Cathy Miller, seconded by Steve MacDonnell: THAT Jim Hope-Ross be appointed Secretary for the meeting. CARRIED

MOVED by Derek Wilkinson, seconded by Bob Shaw: THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

MOVED by Judie Coleman, seconded by Gail Prevost: THAT the Minutes of the 108th Annual Congregational Meeting held on March 8, 2015 be approved as presented. CARRIED (These minutes appear at pages 14 to 16 of the 2015 Annual Report.)

MOVED by Cathy Miller, seconded by Sheri Coutts: THAT the Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting of October 18, 2015, as corrected to cure the typographical error in the word "Recommendation" with respect to the third recommendation in the minutes by adding a

“d” after the first “n”, be approved as presented. CARRIED (These minutes appear at pages 16 to 19 of the 2015 Annual Report.)

MOVED by Sylvia Shaw, seconded by Marlene LaMontagne: THAT all reports without recommendations be received for information and accepted as presented. CARRIED (The reports appear in pages 20 to 56 of the 2015 Annual Report.)

It was noted that the bag lunch program by which St. Andrew’s provides a simple and nutritious lunch to persons who come to the church in need was omitted from the report on the mission efforts of the church, and that Ron Horwood, who recently retired from Session, had been in charge of the lunch program.

MOVED by Pat Tritter, seconded by Bill Judd: That Ron Horwood’s service in this program be acknowledged with gratitude. CARRIED

Audrey Cole has taken over responsibility to continue this bag lunch program.

IN MEMORIAM:

The Secretary read the names of those members and adherents who were called to higher service in 2015. (See page 9 of the 2015 Annual Report.) The Moderator offered a prayer in honour of those who had passed on and we recognized them with a moment of silence in memoriam.

LEGACY FUND PRESENTATION:

John Cuthbertson gave a brief history of the creation of the Legacy Fund Committee and the decision to proceed by way of “A Resolution Respecting the Legacy Fund and Planned Giving Program” in order to manage and steward the Legacy Fund. (Copies of the Resolution were made available to the meeting.) John introduced the current members of the Legacy Fund Committee. He presented a summary of the Legacy Fund annual report. (See the report at page 49 and the Fund’s balance sheet at page 4 of Schedule 2 of the Annual Report.)

Recommendation 1:

MOVED by John Cuthbertson, seconded by Derek Wilkinson: THAT the Legacy Fund Resolution, as presented, be accepted. CARRIED

Recommendation 2:

MOVED by Elaine Cantlon, seconded by Derek Wilkinson: THAT John McPhee, past Clerk of Session at Trinity Presbyterian and a continuing member of the amalgamated congregation at St. Andrew’s, sign the Resolution on behalf of the congregation. CARRIED

MOVED by Mark Rowe, seconded by Frank Breisch: THAT the Legacy Fund Committee be thanked for their dedicated and successful efforts in bringing the Legacy Fund Resolution to reality. CARRIED

ADOPTION OF REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2015:

David Townsend presented the Financial Statements of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church for the year 2015. (The Financial Statements and Notes thereto are at pages 1 to 9 of the first Appendix to the 2015 Annual Report.)

David advised that Philip Gaiser CPA, CMA had reviewed the 2015 financial statements and accounting records for the church and was satisfied that the financial records are in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for not-for-profit organizations. Copies of Mr. Gaiser's report were made available to the meeting.

Recommendation:

MOVED by David Townsend, seconded by Dolly Forcade: THAT the reviewed Financial Statements of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, for the year ended December 31, 2015 be accepted. CARRIED

THE 2016 BUDGETS

Mark Rowe explained that for 2016 and for each subsequent year two budgets would be prepared and presented for approval. One would be for the St. Andrew's General Fund and the other would be for the South of Fish Creek Fund. Mark reviewed both budgets. (See pages 1 and 2 of the second Appendix to the 2015 Annual Report.)

Recommendation 1:

MOVED by Mark Rowe, seconded by Elaine Cantlon: THAT the proposed budget for St. Andrew's General Fund for 2016 as presented, be adopted. CARRIED

Recommendation 2:

MOVED by Mark Rowe, seconded by Elaine Cantlon: THAT the proposed budget for the South of Fish Creek Fund for 2016 as presented, be adopted. CARRIED

UPDATE: STUDY AND REPORT ON THE STUDY GUIDE BODY MIND AND SOUL:

The Moderator provided an update on The Presbyterian Church in Canada's initiative with respect to thinking together about human sexuality and sexual orientation in The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the position of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod and the position of St. Andrew's within those discussions.

The focus continues to be on the precepts and learnings available from the Study Guide Body Mind and Soul. A series of three workshops were held in the Presbytery and plans for study groups within the congregation are under way. In response to a request from the General Assembly, St. Andrew's Session discussed the topic at its last Session meeting and the Rev. Jan Hazlett prepared and submitted a summary to the General Assembly on our behalf. Copies of that submission are available to the congregation upon request. The Presbyterian Church in Canada's current position is printed at page 53 of the Study Guide. The current exercise is to place that policy under review. Any change would be only after a thorough, prayerful process of discernment.

CONCLUSION

MOVED by Derek Wilkinson, seconded by John Cuthbertson, THAT the meeting conclude at 2:42 p.m. CARRIED

The Moderator closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Jim Hope-Ross
Secretary
Interim Clerk of Session

Session Highlights

Members of the Session of St. Andrew's are elected to the office of Ruling Elder and are ordained for life. The Session is fully accountable for actions of all teams and groups in our congregation. Although at St. Andrew's Elders are elected for life, they are able to withdraw from Session if necessary. Upon resignation from Session, they become "Elders Emeritus" and may only return to Session through re-election.

Over the past year we have had 38 Session members, but with the resignation of Mr. Ron Horwood and our Interim Clerk, Mr. Jim Hope-Ross, our number was reduced to 36. In addition to attending meetings, our Session members contribute their spiritual gifts in ministry here, either through participation on our Session Teams or being a District Visitor.

Session work is accomplished through active standing teams whose membership includes both elders and lay persons. This year, teams of Session included Christian Education, Family Ministry, Leading with Care, Mission, Pastoral Care, Personnel, Stewardship and Planning, Welcome and Fellowship, and Worship Team. In addition, during the year a "Search Team" was struck to fill the vacant position of Minister of Vision and Direction. Also, the Communion and Districts Team was divided into two, with the Communion Team reporting through the Worship Team and District Visitation reduced to a point person, who is part of the Pastoral Care Team. In preparation for the calling of a new minister, Session also struck a "Ministry Resource and Accountability Team".

Some Session highlights from the past year:

- in January, St. Andrew's hosted one of three Presbytery sponsored evenings to consider "Body, Mind and Soul: Thinking Together About Human Sexuality and Sexual Orientation in The Presbyterian Church in Canada", with all three of our ministers providing leadership,
- in March, Rev. Kevin Lee informed Session of his decision to resign from his ministry position and return to Toronto,
- The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris and the Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw were named as our Presbytery Representatives,
- ministry position descriptions for all three ministerial positions were refined to more clearly identify accountabilities for the peer model of ministry, as well as providing more detail and clarity,
- Session received the resignation of Jim Hope-Ross from Session and from his position of Interim Clerk,
- Debby Dorcas accepted the nomination as Clerk of Session,
- mandates of Session Teams have been updated and revised over the fall,
- in August approval was given to commence recruitment for the position of Minister, Vision and Direction, and
- The "Congregational Profile" was approved for circulation in October.

Please continue to welcome your Elder/District Visitor when they contact you. Also please pass on your pastoral needs to the church office or ministers so we might better minister to you.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett, and
Debby Dorcas (Clerk of Session)*

Session Teams

Christian Education Team

The Christian Education (CE) Team is charged with the task of providing guidance and active support to life-long Christian Education within the congregation. Within the Team's responsibility is the operation of the Nursery, all levels of Church School, Youth events and programming, Adult Education including Alpha & Adult Bible Study, Summer Church School, Vacation Bible School and the child, youth and adult libraries. CE oversees special interest groups such as Coffee & Conversation groups as well as certain special events including ADVENTure, the annual Spring Fun Day, the presentation of gifts to graduating Grade 6 and 12 youth and annual teacher/leader recognition.

The 2016 team was chaired by Rhonda Wishart and included team members Inge Murray, Debby Dorcas, Audrey Cole, Stephanie Werle, Mary Jane Curran, Kevin MacFarlane and the Rev. Jan Hazlett as *ex officio* member. Stephanie Heerschop also joined us as a member for a part of the year and the Rev. Jared Miller provided leadership in regards to the youth on an as needed basis.

In terms of Church School, for the first half of 2016, programming was available at both the 9:30 and 11:15 services for children from age 3 to grade 5 in a multi-aged grouping. The *Young Children at Worship* curriculum was used for both. In the second term of 2016, having experienced a significant growth of young children at the 9:30 service; the children were divided into two classes – one for ages 3-6 (Kingdom Kids) and the other for ages 7-10 (Faith Finders), and we were delighted to successfully recruit new leaders to assist with the teaching. Both classes used the age appropriate Christian Reformed curriculum, "Dwell". At 11:15, the multi-aged group of 3-10 year olds (Worship Wonders) used the Young Children at Worship curriculum. Inge Murray blessed St. Andrew's with another year as the Coordinator of the Elementary Church School. Inge was also Resource Coordinator for the first half of 2016, purchasing the necessary church school supplies and this position was assumed by Usha Mohan in the latter half of 2016. The Church School operates with the able assistance of three Church School Scheduling Coordinators, Inge Murray, Mary Jane Curran and Lorna Kearnes.

Junior and Senior High Church School was held at the 9:30 service for the first half of 2016, utilizing the *Faith in Motion* curriculum for young people from grades 6-12. The CE Team is grateful for the leadership of Mary Jane Curran, who was Coordinator of the Junior & Senior High program. As a result of very few young people of this age attending church school in the first half of 2016, church school was not offered for the second half. Those young people who were interested in assisting with the elementary church school commencing in September 2016, were given roles as assistants in the younger classes. The CE Team is grateful for the leadership of all church leaders and helpers, including the teen helpers, who share their gifts in ministry and devote their time and energy to the young people of St. Andrew's. A list of the 2016 church school leaders can be found at the end of this section.

Summer Church School was offered at the 9:30 service from mid-June through to early September 2016, led by the CE Team members with assistance from members of the congregation using the curriculum *One Room Church School*.

In terms of Youth Ministry, the Rev. Jared Miller assumed a role in leadership and youth leaders Carl Murray and Shona Murray continued to assist in leading and engaging our young people through 2016. In early 2016, St. Andrew's connected group of teens and friends who continued to meet at the church on Friday nights, and also joined the city-wide group of Presbyterian

youth on regular occasions. While less structured in the fall of 2016, the youth continued to meet for special activities and events, with Carolyn Jerrard and Shelby Cole adding their strength to the leadership team.

This was a Canada Youth year. Carl and Shona Murray organized the travel arrangements for 38 youth of from the Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod and surrounding areas on behalf of the PYMC. Nine youth from St. Andrew's attended as well as three adult leaders – the Rev. Jared Miller and Carl and Shona Murray, who supported St Andrew's youth.

In terms of the nursery, Stephanie Heerschop assumed the role of Nursery Coordinator from Stephanie Werle in early 2016. Stephanie Heerschop provided able supervision and guidance in this role but had to resign in the fall of 2016. The position has not yet been filled. Jasdeep Mand and Ashley Hochstein shared the position of nursery staff until September of 2016 when they resigned due to the start of busy nursing careers. Deepali Gupta was hired in October of 2016 and continues as the nursery staff person. The transition to Deepali has been seamless. The CE Team is grateful for the volunteers who assist the nursery caregivers in providing care to our little ones when it is busy, particularly at the 9:30 service. A Newsletter "Splash" for families of nursery aged children was continued as an additional way of connecting families to St. Andrew's.

The CE Team is blessed by the presence of Sylvia Shaw who continued in the role of Adult Library Coordinator in 2016, purchasing and cataloguing current and relevant reading material for the benefit of the congregation.

We were also grateful for the leadership of Bill Judd (9:30 service) and Stewart Hall (11:15 service) in the Adult Bible Study programs offered at both services.

The CE Team manages to stay on track in terms of budget, largely due to the oversight and direction of Debby Dorcas, Team Treasurer.

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

CE also organized the annual Spring Fun Day in April 2016, welcoming a petting zoo from Butterfield Acres.

The festive informal family celebration of ADVENTure took place in late November with a musical led by Debby Dorcas at both services, which involved many of the church school children. The morning was completed with cookie decorating and holiday beverages for families between the services.

The St. Andrew's Youth Scholarship, administered by the CE Team, was awarded to two students in 2016 – Lana Fuenning who pursued studies at University of Victoria, and Rita Zoura who pursued studies at University of Calgary.

CE's mission funds for 2016 were directed in the name of the church school children to purchase Christmas gifts for teenage children to be distributed by the Salvation Army, and also to maintain the relationship with the church school's foster child through the Christian Children's Fund of Canada.

The CE Team and their family members tackled the job of freshening up the CE space in the spring of 2016, painting the hallway and two of the classrooms for a fresher look.

The Christian Education Team can only accomplish the work it is called to do by the continuing response of members of the congregation to serve in teaching and leadership roles. We are very appreciative of all who assist in the work of Christian Education at St. Andrew's.

Church School Leaders 2016

Lucy Aburto (September – December)
Deanne Barrett (September – December)
Maxine Boehm (September – December)
Anna & Jason Braun (January – December)
Nicola Cameron (January – December)
Mary Jane Curran (January – December)
Jill & Colin Gayford (September – December)
Desireé Henrichsen (January – December)
Carolyn Jerrard (January – December)
Yvonne Kangong (January – December)
Lorna Kearnes (January – December)
Usha Mohan (January – December)
Inge Murray (January – December)
Christine Pepper (January – December)
Stephanie & Brent Werle (January – December)
Rhonda Wishart (January – December)

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Wishart, Convenor*

Communion & Districts Team

In 2016, the Communion and Districts Team (“the Team”) continued its practice for the delivery of the sacrament of Communion to the people of St. Andrew's.

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

Inge Murray oversees the allocation of the Visitor Districts and she, together with Joan Smith, records the names on the roll of those who took Communion at the four formal Communion services of the year. Dolly Forcade undertakes this important responsibility after the other first-of-the-month Communion by Intinction services.

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

The March Communion is held in conjunction with the Lord's Last Supper and the celebration of Easter. It was decided by Session on November 15, 2016 that the “Grand Entry” format, by which the Elders process the elements into the sanctuary to the Communion Table and remove them in the same manner at the conclusion of the service be discontinued in favour of the traditional practice conducted in June, October and December. The Elders serve the bread to the congregation in the pews and all partake together. The wine (grape juice) is served and taken in the same manner.

In June, the table is set with the elements in the traditional manner. The Elders come forward and take their places in the loft behind the pulpit. The service of the elements and the partaking of them are outlined above. At the conclusion of the service the Elders depart and the elements remain on the table.

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

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

Gluten-free elements are available at all Communion services. At services employing the intinction method, gluten-free crackers, cubed bread and small cups of juice are carried to those who require it and also to those who are unable to come forward or who prefer to remain seated. At the four formal Communion services, gluten-free crackers are available. The Team also prepares the elements and sets the table for Communion, when requested by the Sudanese Community of Faith.

The Team is especially grateful to all of those Elders who so generously participate in serving Communion and in helping with the clean up after the Communion services. The Team would like to acknowledge and thank Jim Hope-Ross for his faithful service and leadership as Convener in this role in the past.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christine Pepper*

Family Ministry Team

The Family Ministry Team was formed early in 2016 under the lead of the Rev. Jared Miller. Members of the team include Stephanie Werle as Convenor, Craig Murray, Bart Stolee and Carolyn Jerrard (focus on Youth Ministry).

Family Ministry Team Mandate

The purpose of the Family Team Ministry is to nourish a rich and family friendly worship environment, while developing programs that connect faith to life at home and the church, and with the world beyond the boundaries of Sunday morning services.

The Family Ministry Team is responsible for:

1. recognizing that families are under-represented in both church membership and church life and serve an advocacy function in that respect;
2. informing Session what the current and ever-changing needs of families are, and what the church can do to be effective in ministering to families,
3. arranging programming that connects the church with families who are not currently part of our faith family, with an eye toward the area South of Fish Creek,
4. oversight of youth and children ministry activities that do not take place within the current parameters of the Christian Education Team,
5. other responsibilities as Session directs, and
6. to prepare a brief review of yearly activities for the Annual Report.

The membership of this Team is to consist of:

- i) Minister responsible for Family Ministry (ex officio),
- ii) One active ruling Elder with an interest in Family Ministry,
- iii) Three to four parents of young children, balanced between mother(s) and father(s).

This year we spent time getting to know our young families and young adult members. We have worked on building community among our members through various social events aimed at men, women, young adults, couples, families and intergenerational opportunities such as:

- Men's Night Out - regular night of playing pool, whiskey tasting,
- Ladies' Night Out - coffee night, walking at the Glenmore Reservoir, Paint Night with Liza Fuenning, Shakespeare in the Park, book discussion with Anna Braun
- Adults Only Night - Fire Pit Party, adult only night at Telus Spark
- Family Events - sledding at Park 96, picnic at Lake Sundance, camping at Kinbrook Island,
- Mission - Salvation Army Toy Warehouse volunteer opportunity for families to build toy hampers.

In 2017, we will be expanding our focus to offer more opportunities for faith building and mission work, along with continuing to offer social events to build friendships among members. In January, we will be moving into Phase II of our South Fish Creek work. Our goal is to see a great intergenerational community at St. Andrew's and beyond, that is vibrant and filled with young people seeking God and living out His Word.

*Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Werle, Convenor*

Impact Team

The Impact Team has the mandate to work with The City of Calgary and the YMCA to deal with the church parking on the YMCA property. The current team members are Tom McIntyre, Ed Braun, David Platt, and Mark Rowe.

St. Andrew's sold the property immediately east of the parking lot to the YMCA in the early 1960s. As part of the agreement, St. Andrew's was permitted to continue to use the YMCA parking.

In 2010, the YMCA closed its Heritage Drive building and ownership of the YMCA building reverted back to The City of Calgary. The YMCA has retained ownership of the land between the building and the St. Andrew's property. At this time, the YMCA and The City have opened the parking lot for St. Andrew's (and others) to use.

There have been several proposals for the developing the YMCA property by the City and the YMCA. These have been modified and adjusted to reflect the current economic situation. Ultimately, St. Andrew's would like to secure permanent parking access to at least the western part of the property. Currently, the Impact Team is not aware of any property development proposals that appear to be moving forward. However, if developments occur, the Impact Team will act on them.

*Respectively submitted,
Mark Rowe, Convenor*

Leading with Care Team

As a congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the National Church provides us with a policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults, called “Leading with Care”.

We are required to have a team to ensure implementation of this policy. The Team oversees the provision of a safe environment for all persons, including children, youth, vulnerable adults, including anyone using our building and those who minister to and with them in all areas of ministry and mission including worship, service, study, fellowship, special events and interest groups.

Over the past year, the Team has continued to make sure the physical building is checked for needed repairs and upgrades to ensure a safe environment. Also we continue to maintain the list of police information checks and ensure they are current. If you have been asked for a new Police Information Check, please get them done! There is a new process for applying on line, so contact the office for the latest information to help us maintain safe ministry and mission.

This Team also helps to facilitate the required fire drill during worship every second year. That is something we can look forward to in 2017.

At present, we are down to 2 people on this team: Dolly Forcade and I, so we are looking for two people who might help with the work of this team. There are few meetings, communication often being via email, so if you could help with this, please speak with either Dolly or myself, so we can continue providing safe and meaningful ministry and mission in 2017.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Mission Team

The Mission Team meets once per month on the fourth Tuesday night except July and December. Current members of the team are: Joan Rowe (Convener), Rev. Jared Miller (Resource Minister), Bill Judd, Loran McVittie, Brent Harding, Beth Miller, Carolyn Jerrard, Judie Coleman, Kathy Slimmon, Kerrie Slimmon, Carol Doyle, and Brian Hawco. We thank Annette Shaw for her contributions to the team over many years.

Our focus continues to be providing missional linkages for our congregation to local community, national, and international projects. This year, we have re-examined our mandate and the serve projects which we support and present to the congregation. We determined that projects should include a balance of: local and global; hands-on and advocacy; fundraising and direct involvement; and attempt to involve people of all ages. We have been reading the book “Radical Together”, and discussing what it means to be a ‘missional church’.

This year we have provided opportunities to support:

- * Coldest Night of the Year Walk in support of relieving Calgary homelessness. There were 14 participants and \$1,125 was raised.
- * Mission Trips outside of Calgary:

YWAM-Mexico: The eight-member group led by Rev. Jan Hazlett were among 60 people from Calgary (including students from Norway and a group from Tsuu T'sina Reserve) who went to Mexico and built six homes in one week. YWAM partnered with a group of Rotary clubs in Calgary in selecting the families to receive the homes and design the structures.

Amore-Mexico: Rev. Jared Miller led a group of five from St. Andrew's on a build. Along with 28 people from other churches, two more homes were built. Returning volunteers told of their new relationships with each other and the families they got to know. Money cannot buy a volunteer's enthusiasm or the relationships that are made.

* Little Dresses and Little Britches for Africa. This project helps support a non-profit Christian organization providing relief to children in Africa and beyond. A second work bee to make individual kits was held on April 23rd. Altogether, 625 dresses and 36 pairs of shorts have been sewn by members and friends of the congregation. Many dresses were distributed through Disaster Aid Canada and went primarily to the Ukraine and Philippines this year. A shipment was also sent to Haiti through a member of the congregation, and the remaining dresses and shorts will go to Cameroon in 2017.

* Calgary Food Bank. Times of greatest need are April-September, so four weeks of a 'Mission Madness Food Bank Drive' in May netted a record amount of \$1737.10 and 1880 lbs (nearly a ton) of food.

* Healing and Reconciliation: Researching viable activities in the area.

* Veteran's Food Bank (November): The Remembrance Day collections lasted four weeks, netting six grocery carts of food and \$3056 in donations.

* Claire Building/CUPS/A Place to Call Home. Our support is multi-faceted ranging from site projects, family events for the residents, and distribution of furniture and household items. Bill Judd continues to lead by his presence in and around the building for coffee times, Wednesday morning breakfasts, and Thursday community suppers. He also attends the KAIROS working groups in support of ending homelessness. Highlights of this year included assisting residents to build a raised garden with the produce going toward their community suppers; a popular plant container activity for children and parents; a Christmas party and dinner; and donations for Christmas presents for families.

* Food Grains/Presbyterian World Service: Plans are in discussion for a May 2017 initiative in support of the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

* Neighbourlink Calgary No Crib for A Bed (ICU2): This project is to help infants from birth to age 2, born into low-income households to get the best possible start in life. This year a van load of baby essentials and \$670.00 in donations were forwarded. Thank you to Women's Missionary Society (Mission Matters) for their gift of \$450, as they closed their books.

* Mitten Tree: This year, a portion of the story from the 'Mitten Tree' was presented to the congregation with the children helping in decorating the tree and sorting donated items. The generous contributions to the tree this year were delivered to the Drop-in Centre, Mustard Seed, Women's Shelter and the Louis Dean School. Over 275 items (hats, mitts, scarves, socks, underwear and other articles) were collected.

* Inn from the Cold. Overnight community stays were discontinued in June, and a commemorative plaque was received for St. Andrew's service over the years. The mandate of Inn from the Cold was changed at the city level in 2016 to a focus on apartment living.

We thank the entire congregation for their participation with time, talents and financial support. St. Andrew's is growing as a 'missional church'. We hope you continue to follow us for updates on serve projects through the website, bulletin boards, bulletin inserts and News from the Pews.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe, Convener*

Pastoral Care Team

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

We should never hesitate to ask God for help and, when we do, we need to accept that often God sends people to help. Scripture assures us that God will always meet our needs. As well, we are encouraged to be God's hands and feet on earth in caring for one another. We need to remember that a caring relationship is a two-way street. Just as we are often so willing to help, we should also be open to receive from those willing to help us. When we struggle to make it on our own, God guides the people in our lives to help us. All we have to do is ask.

Sometimes after surgery, a loss, or any situation where we find we cannot manage on our own, it can be difficult to ask for help. From a young age we are encouraged to be self-sufficient, not to impose on others. However, through the many Pastoral Care teams at St. Andrew's, we want to reach out to those who need help. Not to overwhelm them but to support, to calm, and to love them.

A bright yellow pamphlet describing the various ministries can be found in the Pastoral Care rack in the Karl English Lounge, at the Welcome Desk or ask for copies from the office. This information is also on our website. <http://www.standrewscalgary.ca/congregational-teams/pastoral-care-team>

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

Special thanks to our coordinators: Alice Williams (Bereavement Team & Nursing Health Ministry), Inge Murray (District Visitors), Barb English (Home Bound), Alice Post (Side by Side), Joan Rowe & Jean Spotowski (CareShare), Rev. Jan Hazlett (Prayer Shawls) and Judie Coleman (Prayer Chain & Hospital Visitation).

As you can see, Pastoral Care is made up of many teams. Each has a specific task and yet they often overlap. As you read the individual reports under "Pastoral Care" elsewhere in this document, please be open to ways that you might offer care to others. Truly this is a ministry of the church of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ by serving each other.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Bereavement Team

The team, as part of the Pastoral Care Ministry, continued to provide comfort to members of the congregation who have lost loved ones. Ongoing support was offered through cards, telephone calls and home visits.

We hosted the annual Celebration of Life Service, on Monday November 28, 2016. This year, our guest speaker was Reverend Bob Mutlow, Minister at McDougal United Church. The team wishes to thank Reverend Jan Hazlett, soloist Lloyd Allen and all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Williams, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's CareShare Ministry

CareShare is one aspect of the Pastoral Care Team Ministry. It is coordinated by Jean Spotowski and Joan Rowe. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who support the CareShare program by volunteering to offer meals and transport.

Volunteers on our telephone registry are asked to offer support to people in the congregation during a time of difficulty. Usually our contribution is to make contact after the referral of a minister. Most often, we provide a simple meal or arrange volunteer transportation to medical appointments. Many thanks to those who organized the Christmas Cookie Plates, contributed baking, and to the members of St. Andrew's who delivered the plates to shut-ins and others.

To streamline communications in supporting congregational members, we have chosen an online calendar hub that collects all information about needs within the church in one place. It will be accessed by the coordinators and the specific volunteers through the St. Andrew's website when a need arises. We have selected 'Meal Train' to use in organizing and matching our resources with our needs. Session voted to approve the cost through the Pastoral Care budget on April 19. The cost for the Meal Train service is \$15 USD/month (\$180 USD/year) for unlimited trains and multiple organizers.

This is a work in progress as the coordinators will be asking for volunteers interested in this online notification to register for CareShare Meal Train early in 2017. Watch for future updates and requests for volunteers who would like to either begin volunteering or to continue to volunteer through the CareShare Ministry.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe, Co-coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Home Bound Ministry

Our congregation is aging. Unsurprisingly, the number of people on the homebound list is growing every year. These are our members and adherents who can rarely, if ever, get to worship on Sunday mornings, and who miss the interaction and association with the rest of the congregation. Some grieve the loss; some are lonely or isolated. The homebound visitors provide a connection to St. Andrew's, and convey care and encouragement, and assurance that people are not forgotten.

Visitors are encouraged to visit at least 4 times a year. Often they deliver the Christmas cookie plates, and provide extra cheer at what can be a difficult time. In any case they provide a bright spot in someone's day. We owe these faithful visitors our thanks, prayers and support. This quiet one-on-one ministry is important, as we try to be church in the community.

As the homebound list grows, so does the need for visitors. Volunteers are welcomed, and if you are approached to be part of this ministry, the hope is that you will be ready to say yes. You could make someone's day; and perhaps, your own.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara English*

Pastoral Care's Hospital Visitors & Hospice Palliative Volunteers

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

St. Andrew's hospital visitors are part of the spiritual care organization of the Calgary hospitals. Consequently our visitors are required to complete the training program approved by the hospital, be admitted into their volunteer care program, and comply with the regulations pertaining to this program. The cost of this training is covered by St. Andrew's.

Our volunteers visit anyone who has registered themselves as Presbyterian and especially visit those from St. Andrew's. The ministers also visit those who are in any of the Calgary hospitals. This year we had three lay hospital visitors. Arlene Young and Linda Burton-Chalmers visited at Rockyview General Hospital and Dan Mullan visited at the South Health Campus and Foothills Medical Centre. We would like to extend a special note of thanks to Dan as he retired as a hospital visitor at the end of 2016. We are very grateful for his many years as a faithful volunteer.

David Platt is a regular visitor at Chinook Hospice through the Hospice Palliative Volunteer Education Program. Dan Mullan volunteers for "No One Dies Alone" at the South Health Campus. This program is designed to provide compassionate companion volunteers to patients who are actively dying and either don't have friends or family available or whose friends and family require some respite.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Nursing Health Ministry

The Nursing Health Ministry comes under the umbrella of the Pastoral Care Ministry, and as such provides health and wellness information and support to the congregation.

This year on Monday May 2, 2016, we continued our partnership with St. Andrew's Heritage Seniors group, to present a spring information session on seniors scams and identity fraud. Our guest speaker was Constable Carter Duchesney, from the Calgary Police Services' Crime Prevention Unit. This presentation generated such a positive response that we arranged to have a fall follow up session on cyberbullying on Monday October 3, 2016.

On Sunday November 20, in partnership with Alberta Health Services, we provided updated "Finding Balance" information and key messages as part of their 2016 Fall Prevention Campaign.

During this year, the team has provided ongoing inspection and maintenance for the automated external defibrillator and for all of the first aid kits.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Williams, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Prayer Ministry

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

- Would you like to be a member of our Prayer Ministry? 'Membership' signifies that you have a desire to pray for others and that you are open and responsive to the Holy Spirit.
- What is Prayer Ministry? It is the way we make contact with God. It is simple communication with God. Through prayer, we let God know our needs. More importantly, prayer is listening to God. It serves as a way to hear the voice of God in our lives. The Bible teaches that we are to pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- What is meant by the word 'ministry'? The word 'ministry' means service. Christian servants are people who put themselves at God's disposal for the benefit of others. Ministry has significance to God when it is done in faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:3).
- Why do we pray for others? The community at St. Andrew's prays for others because we are commanded by the Word of God to do so and because we believe we are encouraged to seek God's blessings. These blessings are available to us through prayer ministry, which serves as a channel for God's work of healing, encouragement, and restoration.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Prayer Chain Ministry

Sometimes we have trouble praying. The problem is not in the actual act of prayer but in the fear that we aren't praying correctly. We can receive so much advice on different ways to pray that we are afraid of not making ourselves understood. The words we use are not all that important;

we simply need to pray. God knows what is happening in our lives and the lives of others. The Holy Spirit will help us to pray, giving voice to all we are trying to say. The Spirit intercedes, making our prayers clear to God. (Romans 8:26)

The Prayer Chain's ministry is to seek God in all situations. We pray for God's guidance, support and peace; for healing for those who are ill - physically, mentally or emotionally. We offer praise for blessings in people's lives and for answers to our prayers. A simple prayer asking God to heal, comfort, protect or support someone is adequate. God knows the details of the need.

We ask you to consider becoming a member of the Prayer Chain. Prayers are offered up in the privacy of your own home and at a time that is convenient to you. All prayer requests are confidential. This past year many dedicated women and men received prayer requests, updates and praise reports either electronically or by telephone. St. Andrew's website has a Prayer Request link if someone visiting our web page is in need of prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl ministry begun in 2008 continues to be a blessing. Prayer shawls are knit by women attached to this congregation. As they are knit, the women pray for the person who will receive the shawl and for all who have received shawls. The shawls are kept in the office and given out to those who are experiencing difficult times, such as times of bereavement or illness. They are also given out to those who are experiencing major changes and facing struggles in life.

When the shawls are given, they are accompanied by a card that includes a verse from Psalm 139 and the following message:

“This shawl was made just for you
To bring comfort
To know you are loved
To share in your joy.
This shawl is to wrap you up
When you're cold
When you're hurting
When you need to snuggle.
As you wear this shawl, may you feel the warm embrace of our Triune God.
Knitted or crocheted with blessings, love and prayers by Women of St. Andrew's.”

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Pastoral Care's Side by Side Ministry

The Side by Side ministry provides social connection, encouragement, spiritual nourishment and opportunities for respite time to families living with dementia. In 2016, the number of participants typically ranged between seven and nine. Overall, ten families living with dementia have taken part in this fellowship in 2016.

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

The Side by Side ministry is greatly blessed with dedicated volunteers who regularly share generously of their gifts of time, talent, compassion, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, kindness, patience, laughter, smiles, and togetherness. Each Wednesday, all of these gifts together create a tapestry of care that connects us in God's grace and enables us to reach out and share God's love with the families who join us.

Many, many thanks to each person who has contributed to Side by Side this year, whether through volunteering on Wednesdays, baking, contributing financially, or praying for this ministry. Each contribution is vital and is part of the work God is doing through this ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness! Please keep Side by Side in your prayers as we continue to reach out to our local community and as we work to encourage new Side by Side programs.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post, Coordinator*

Personnel Team

The Personnel Team is comprised of at least three members of St. Andrew's appointed by Session including an Elder Convener, a member from the Stewardship and Planning Team, and a member from the congregation. Members serve staggered three year terms in order to maintain continuity; although some members choose to stay active on the Team for a longer period. The Minister, Vision and Direction, provides leadership to the Team and each member is required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

The Team is mandated to be responsible for the following:

- assisting the Minister, Vision and Direction in ensuring that adequate position descriptions, outlining roles and responsibilities are prepared and maintained for all non-clergy staff;
- being available to hear and address work-related issues from any of the paid non-clergy staff of the church;
- ensuring that a system for performance review is established and that reviews for non-clergy and contracted workers are conducted annually;
- acting in an advisory capacity regarding salaries and benefits;
- being responsible for recruitment of non-clergy staff;
- creating and managing documentation outlining St. Andrew's Guidelines and Practices for employment;
- being aware of all current policies, laws and guidelines relating to employment from The Presbyterian Church in Canada or other levels of government or their agencies.

The Team was saddened by the departure of Rev. Kevin Lee in May, and welcomed Rev. Jan Hazlett, who has been providing support and leadership to the Team since the fall. Our sincere thanks are extended to Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch, Rev. Fiona Wilkinson and Rev. Ken Borden for their support and able assistance to our ministers, Rev. Jan Hazlett and Rev. Jared Miller during the period of the search for a new Minister, Vision and Direction. It is our prayer that Rev. Ken Borden will soon be restored to full health. Our Presbytery representatives, Rev. Dr. Jean Morris

and Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw also continued in their support of our ministers and we are sincerely grateful to them.

During the year there were a number of changes in our nursery staff. Both Ashley Hochstein and Jasdeep Mand graduated and secured full-time work. Deepali Gupta joined us in November and is able to work each Sunday, thereby providing continuity in the care of our little ones. During the interim period, volunteers assisted in providing care and we are grateful to them for their willingness to serve in this important role.

Steve MacDonnell stepped down from the Team after serving many years, during which time he convened for four years. Craig Murray also left the team after many years of service, moving on to the Family Ministry Team. We are grateful to both Steve and Craig for their many years of willing service. Current team members are Bob Shaw, Sylvia Shaw and Hugh McFadzean who we welcomed in the late fall. We would be pleased to add another member to the team. If you have an interest and/or experience in human resources we would be delighted to hear from you. Please speak to either Rev. Jan Hazlett, or any of the team members.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Shaw, Interim Convener*

Search Team

The Search Team for the position of Minister, Vision and Direction was constituted in the summer of 2016. The first meeting was held August 31, 2016. Members of the team include: Loran McVittie - Chair, Cathy Millar - Vice Chair, Shelby Cole, Bob Fuenning, Yvonne Kangong, Hugh McFadzean, Paul Rowe, Sylvia Shaw, Jennifer Stolee, Marlyn Townsend, Rhonda Wishart and John Young. The Reverend Dr. Jean Morris and The Reverend Dianne Ollerenshaw are working with us as the Presbytery representatives.

The Congregational Profile was updated and we began to advertise the position in October. We have received a number of applications and since the beginning of January we have been conducting interviews. At this point in time we do not yet have a recommendation to take to Session, and we ask for your prayers of support as the process continues.

*Respectfully submitted,
Loran McVittie - Chair
Cathy Millar - Vice Chair*

Stewardship and Planning Team

Under the leadership of Tom McIntyre, the Stewardship and Planning Team (S&P) of Session functions with five integrated sub-groups, each with diverse responsibilities:

The Stewardship Group

Under the leadership of Elaine Cantlon, also Vice-Convenor of the S&P Team.

Group Members included Margaret Bates, Kevin MacFarlane, Cathy Millar, Rob Pollard and Tim Rowe.

The Stewardship Group is responsible for the proactive stewardship of St Andrew's financial position as well as the coordination of any intended funding appeals planned by other church groups.

During the year, the group presented a regular "*Stewardship Minute*" theme to the congregation that provided brief information of our church life funded by offerings. Topics included *Side by Side, Care and Concern (Pastoral Care), Christian Education, Presbyterian Sharing, Music and PAR*. It is intended to continue the presentations in 2017.

In addition, the group ensures that a monthly status of *offerings versus budgeted expense* is published in church bulletins and News from the Pews.

In conjunction with the Legacy Team, the group also developed a "*Leaving a Legacy*" booklet for the guidance of anyone considering leaving a bequest to the church.

The group is also actively involved in leading the "*Spring for the Shingles*" congregational appeal, intended to obtain funds to replace the leaking sanctuary roof.

The Planning Group

Under the leadership of Mark Rowe.

Group Members include Shani Bosman, Ian Denness and James Jerrard.

The Planning Group is responsible for the development and upkeep of long term church plans, as well as providing guidelines for the annual operating budget prepared by the Finance Group. They also consider project proposals and funding considerations submitted from other church teams, and provide recommendations to the submitting group and Session of suggested priorities. During the year, the group reviewed a proposed chancel upgrade, audio visual improvement and preliminary Trinity Hall proposals.

During the year, the group completed the annual updating of five year financial plans for St. Andrew's and South Fish Creek ministries for the period 2017 to 2021.

The group is also active in evaluating the influence of external issues or submissions received from the national church or Presbytery that may have local impact.

The Finance Group

Under the leadership of Dave Townsend, who works closely with Treasurer Dolly Forcade, and Convenor, Tom McIntyre.

The Finance Group is responsible for managing the church finances and for providing regular reports to Session.

In addition, the group prepares and submits the annual operating budgets for St. Andrew's and South Fish Creek ministries to Session and the congregation for approval.

During the year, the group also arranged for an independent review of the church finances and presented a December 31, 2015 Financial Report to the congregation.

The Investment Group

Under the earlier leadership of Jim Hope-Ross, but the position is presently vacant.

Group members include Stephen Henrichsen.

The group is responsible for the administration of various investment portfolios held within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Qtrade Financial Group and Mawer Investment Management Ltd.

During the year, the group and a selected task force evaluated the feasibility of placing the church investments with a local management company to gain greater financial flexibility and provide local consultation ability. After consideration of several local reputable companies, a recommendation was provided to Session and approval received to engage Mawer Investment Management Ltd.

At year-end, investment transfers were still in progress as opportunity permitted and will continue into Q1 of 2017 until completion. Separate sub-accounts within the Mawer portfolio account ensure that any identified segregation requirements are being preserved.

Use of a single fund manager will also considerably reduce office administration of the former three accounts, and provide an advantage of daily reporting ability with flexible withdrawal capability. It also affords an opportunity to minimize the amount of cash held in hand.

Included as a separate sub-account within the Mawer portfolio are the Memorial Fund assets, which continue to be ably administered by Alex Grant.

The Facilities Group

Under the leadership of Errol Bosman.

Group members included Sylvia Shaw, Bob Shaw, Sean Pepper, Alfred MacRae and Herb Spencer. The group also enjoyed support from many other volunteers.

The group is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the church facilities. Projects undertaken during the year included air conditioning of the Karl English Lounge, replacement of the northwest vestibule window and doors, as well as the relocation and replacement of new fire-rated entrance doors to the Inner Hall.

The group also performed multiple maintenance tasks around the church including restoration of the recent water-damaged Christian Education Classroom.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom McIntyre, Convenor*

Welcome and Fellowship Team

The mandate of the Welcome and Fellowship Team is to provide a welcoming environment for visitors to our congregation, and to provide opportunities throughout the year for increased fellowship within our church family. Our Team had a busy year in 2016, as we organized or assisted with many events. On January 27th, 2016, we assisted with the Presbytery's "Body, Mind, and Soul" meeting at St. Andrew's, by providing refreshments.

We organized the congregational "Fabulous 50's to Swingin' 70's" Potluck Supper on Saturday, February 27th. After a delicious shared dinner and dessert, persons attending enjoyed a music

trivia contest, live music presented by the NOTEables Choir, a sing-a-long, and a twist and swing dance demonstration. Persons wore 1950's, 60's, and 70's costumes. A good time was had by all.

As has become our practice, the Welcome and Fellowship Team erected three crosses on the front lawn on March 19th, prior to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and then changed the shrouds during Holy week. An egg hunt was organized for Easter Sunday March 27th in Trinity Hall between the two worship services. Over 35 elementary grade and younger children made short-work of locating all the hidden treats.

On May 15th, we held a "Pizza Social" lunch in order to help welcome newcomers into our congregation. Those attending learned about St. Andrew's rich history, the organization of our congregation, and gained insight from a few shared testimonies. The lunch ended with a question and answer and fellowship time.

St. Andrew's annual "Stampede Breakfast" was held on July 10th between the morning's worship services. Thank you to the many people in the congregation who generously gave their time to prepare, serve, and to ensure that all went smoothly. Several neighbours and passers-by also attended. Donations from the community were received from Canada Safeway, Calgary Co-op, and Cal-B-Que Catering. Pancakes were cooked outside and from all reports received; all cowpokes who attended enjoyed the chow. A \$207 profit from the breakfast was donated to Calgary Interfaith Food Bank.

Welcome and Fellowship organized "Welcome Back Sunday" on Sunday, September 11th, in order to welcome back the congregation from a relaxing summer. The Team prepared and served hot dogs and ice cream sundaes in the Karl English Lounge in between worship services.

A team of volunteers set up the nativity and angels on November 26th, prior to the start of Advent, and we hope that it prompted a number of passing Calgarians to reflect on this special time of the year. Thanks to all who assisted with set-up.

In 2016, the Welcome and Fellowship Team continued to promote the opportunity for members of our church family to volunteer regularly as coffee hosts after each Sunday's worship service. It's a great way to get to know other members of our church family and to give back to the congregation! So, if you haven't already done so, please register at the Sign-up Centre to host coffee on an upcoming Sunday! It is easy and you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

It is also our hope to coordinate production of an updated congregational photo directory in 2017.

Thank you to Val Hall, Annika Koch, Brenda Pudwell, Ida du Toit, and Marlyn Townsend for their dedication, great enthusiasm and active participation during the past year. We also wish to thank Rev. Jan for her guidance and suggestions.

We hope that in 2017 all members of our St. Andrew's family will continue to extend a warm welcome to visitors to our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Don Koch, Convenor*

Worship Team

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

This year the Team assisted with the planning and facilitation of services for Remembrance Day and Christmas Eve, and a Sunday Solace service of reflection, meditation and prayer.

Holy Smoke Cafés were offered four times, in January, March, September and November. A new monthly Saturday evening service (the fourth Saturday) will replace Holy Smoke Café starting in January 2017.

We have formed a "Praise Group" that will help with singing on the third Sunday of each month.

"During the Welcome Back event in September informal feedback about worship practices was received from a variety of individuals, which indicated appreciation for our music program and a desire for more congregational participation in worship. If you have ideas that you would like to be explored for Worship, please feel free to contact one of the team members.

Thank you to our dedicated and committed team members - Debby Dorcas, Lauren Cole, Shelby Cole, Bob Fuenning, Caroline Bain, Derek Wilkinson, Clem McLachlan, Rev. Jan Hazlett, Rev. Jared Miller and Cody Obst.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Judd, Convenor*

Youth and Children's Ministries

Alpha

As I'm writing this, Youth Alpha is taking off with our young people on Monday nights.

If you've never been part of an Alpha program, you're missing out. Alpha is a discovery based tool to explore faith, whether someone has no experience with God or decades. The program challenges its participants to think about all aspects of faith in meaningful and creative ways. What started as fuzzy VHS tapes of Nicky Gumbel speaking to a crowd in a church basement somewhere in London, has grown into an international ministry, covering a range of topics.

There is Alpha for adults, for those expecting children, for those with older children, for those who are getting married and those who have been married for some time.

The most recent addition to the Alpha family is Youth Alpha – produced out of Vancouver. I look forward to being able to share some stories about how it went with you at this time next year.

We would love to see Alpha play an expanded role in the years to come, used both for its outreach potential as well as its clear and focused approach to understanding the Christian faith.

Moving forward, Family Ministry will orbit two key questions: Is it authentic, and is it intentional.

Alpha ticks both of these boxes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jared Miller*

Cradle Roll Report

In the year 2016 we had three new members on our register.

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

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

(See Christian Education Team report for information regarding Youth and Children's Ministries.)

Adult Ministries and Groups

Coffee and Conversation (a mid-week Bible study)

Over the year our coffee and conversation group has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings. The group has a core of about a dozen people, with other semi-regulars who come when they are able. We have had a few men drop in, but we remain mostly women. We begin our morning, gathering at 9:30 for tea/coffee and goodies that we take turns providing. At 10 a.m. we begin our Bible Study and discussion of faith led by Rev. Jan or our guest leader. Over this year we have read and discussed books of Revelation and Amos, and done a topical study through Advent. Together we ask questions and explore ways to understand scripture, encounter different interpretations, and consider how we might better live as followers of Christ. We close with prayer for each other, our community and global concerns. The group is always open to new participants.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Flowers/Flower Calendar

What is the story behind the flowers in the church?

Flowers are used to symbolize many occasions in the Church. Most often, they are used to cheer our lives during difficult times. Sometimes, they are used to say thank you to people or to celebrate occasions such as special anniversaries and birthdays.

How are the flowers used in the church?

During each Sunday service, the flowers are placed at the front of the sanctuary. In addition, the Sunday bulletin will identify the name(s) of those who purchased the flowers and for what occasion, if desired.

How do I participate?

In the Karl English Lounge, there is a “Flower Calendar”. Print your name beside the appropriate date when you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary. Below the calendar is a form to fill out to indicate your wishes regarding whether you will take the flowers home, or if you would like them given to someone else. Leave the completed form in the office.

How much do the flowers cost?

The flowers are purchased at a cost of \$35.00 per arrangement. Cheques are made payable to “St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church” with “flowers” on the memo line. If you wish to purchase the flowers from another florist and deliver them yourself, please notify the church office.

May I just make a donation?

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

May I take the flowers home after the service?

Yes, just advise the church office of your intentions.

What happens to the flowers if I don’t take them home?

The flowers will be delivered to the individuals who are ill, shut-in, or just need some cheer in their lives.

Who makes this all happen?

First and foremost, the individuals who purchase the flowers. The office does the ordering, and the flowers are picked up at the florist and delivered to the church by Olive Schwab. Church Elders or District Visitors deliver the flowers after the 11:15 a.m. service, when required.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Mullan, Office Manager*

Heritage Seniors

As a club for adults/senior’s 50 years of age plus, we continue to try to improve the quality of life of our members by providing opportunities for physical, mental, social and spiritual activities.

One of our major worries is the stainability of our club. Membership has dropped every year for the last eight years. So at some point, we will have major decisions to make. Please help us be in a position to make the right choice. As members pass on, move to care facilities or out of town to be with family members, etc., it leaves us in a negative position in that we are not getting new members at the same rate. Even if you are still working, come help us be of value to you and your age group by offering suggestions, help in computer skills, organization, being part of our executive, etc. We need you!

On September 1, 2016, we hosted our second annual “Open House”, during which we set up demonstrations and encouraged people to participate in mini activities for our various groups, such as carpet bowling, floor curling, yoga stretch, bridge, painting, “Music Makers”, etc. Many

of our leaders were there to answer questions and encourage members to participate in these various activities. Our returning members had an opportunity to renew their membership, have a good visit/coffee with others, and were able to see demonstrations of other activities that they may not have been aware of. We placed a sign board on the lawn at the church, and found this was a good marketing tool as we were able to attract several new members. We encourage any and all members of St. Andrew's to join us as they transition into retirement.

As a result of a member's motion at our Annual General Meeting in June, we have introduced a reduced membership fee of \$10.00 (half price) for anyone who joins our club after March 1 of each year. This is to encourage the summer bridge players, entice recently retired adults, and perhaps be attractive to those who may be unemployed or working part time, to come out and enjoy activities with others. A few years ago we reduced the age for membership to 50 years young so that younger, transitioning adults could participate. Think about it, one of the pillars of retirement is to stay involved! Our line dancing group enjoyed the benefit of this reduced age for membership. Speaking of line dancing, we hope our instructor will be ready to teach again in the spring! So stay tuned to the bulletin board and we will let you know the details when she resumes teaching.

We are very proud of our means to be able to donate to society and pay back for all we have enjoyed in life. In 2016, we donated as follows:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian - \$2,500 donation,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian - \$500.00 (cups, paper),
St. Andrew's Presbyterian - \$500.00 (snow clearing),
Side by Side - \$500.00 donation,
Roof Fund - \$250.00 donation,
Red Cross Fort McMurray Relief Fund - \$500 donation, and
British Columbia and Alberta Guide Dogs - \$100.00 donation.

Thanks to donations from our members, we again donated Christmas gifts to Claire House, Acadia Place and Woods Christian Homes for the children at these homes.

We continue to host a catered lunch each month. The various speakers, musicians, and entertainment following our monthly luncheons provide cultural and entertainment value to all those who participate. We would like to encourage all members and any interested guests to come to these luncheons on the first Monday of each month. We need your support as the numbers each month vary depending on weather, road conditions, illness, etc.

Our Strawberry Tea was a success again this year. This is our major fundraiser and it allows us to continue to be a vital part of the church and community. We managed a profit of \$3,080.99. The '*baking bee*' provided a great help at the bake table, and contributed to the final numbers. This tea is labor intensive and as our members age, we increasingly realize that the help we get from the church members is absolutely invaluable. We, therefore, extend a hearty thank you to those church members who helped us with it this year.

Some activities will need more attendance to remain viable. You need no musical talent or experience to enjoy the "Music Makers", as they will supply an instrument and all that you need. Music is good for the soul and you feel enlightened by participating. They also reach out into the community to share their music with others by going to seniors care facilities and care homes.

The “Book Club” is very different from most book clubs – no pressure to read a book list, just come and tell us what you are reading. Share the enjoyment of reading and encourage others to keep reading.

We also held another cleaning bee in July that allows us to start in September with clean cupboards and an organized inventory. Thanks to all who came out to help – much appreciated!

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

- ✓ St. Peter’s Players – Into the Woods – February,
- ✓ Heritage Park’s Winterfest Follies – March,
- ✓ Co-sponsored a Wellness Clinic - May,
- ✓ Year End Picnic (July) – traditional hot dog and bocce ball tournament,
- ✓ Monday yoga has become a viable activity with a very good instructor,
- ✓ Driver training update - AMA sponsored – October, and
- ✓ Co-sponsored a free Seniors housing information sessions and forum – October
- ✓ Quality Bus Tours:
 - In the spring, we had a great mystery tour to the museum and lunch in Sundre, and
 - In November, we went to Rosebud Theatre for lunch and a ‘behind the scenes’ look at the production of the “Wizard of Oz”. We learned that we want the whole play, not just a rehearsal.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Kozbial, President*

Ladies Afternoon Guild

*Executive Members
President Audrey Cole
Vice-President Rita Elliott
Treasurer Sylvia Shaw
Secretary Kathy Slimmon*

Membership consists of fifteen plus amazing ladies, who contribute their time and talents in a myriad of ways.

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

We have had a busy year here at St. Andrew’s. Our group assisted in the organization of the annual Christmas Bazaar, which took place on November 5th. This event is St. Andrew’s largest event and was a wonderful day of sharing and fellowship with over \$14,000.00 raised to further the work of St. Andrew’s. A very heartfelt thank you goes out to the congregation who helped to make this event happen. Our group, in tandem with the Ladies Evening Guild, has also hosted a number of events throughout the past year including funerals, Presbytery events and the

congregational meeting. Our members welcome the opportunity to share the joy of celebration or lend comfort to members of our congregation on these occasions.

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

In 2017, we would like to continue our efforts to meet the needs of all the members in our congregation and the wider community. Thank you again to all who have worked with us as we strive to continue our mission of service. We invite you all to join us.

*Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Cole, President*

Summary of Ladies Afternoon Guild Donations 2016

Camp Kannawin	\$ 1000.00
Canada Youth 2016	\$600.00
St. Andrew's Scholarship Fund (In memory of Isabel Dahl and Jess Ogilvie)	\$1,000.00
The Henry Wise Wood High School Student Assistance Fund	\$500.00
Dr. E. P. Scarlett High School Student Assistance Fund	\$500.00
Centennial High School Student Assistance Fund	\$500.00
Lord Beaverbrook High School Student Assistance Fund	\$500.00
Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre	\$500.00
Ronald McDonald House Calgary (monthly dinners provided)	\$ 1500.00
Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWSD)	\$600.00
The Doorway	\$ 500.00
Donation of 2015 Bazaar funds to capital projects (kitchen ventilation)	\$5000.00
Donation of 2015 Bazaar funds to General Fund	\$5000.00

We were also blessed with very generous donations of Air Miles to trade for kitchen appliances. Thank you so much to Margaret Bates for the three new Mixmasters, and to George Knowles for ten new stainless steel serving trays, two immersion blenders and two food processors. They will be put to good use and are much appreciated.

*Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Cole, President*

Ladies Evening Guild

The Ladies Evening Guild (LEG) has six to ten regular attendees who meet every third Monday evening of the month, at 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Ladies Evening Guild enjoys faith, fellowship and fun together, and work as a team to actively support St. Andrew's and the community in fundraising endeavors, and at special events.

The LEG supported St. Andrew's by:

- hosting a soup lunch before the Annual Congregational Meeting. Funds raised at this event were donated to support the 2016 Mexico Mission trip,
- donating money to the Family Ministry Team to support a special request,
- providing dinners to the youth group for their murder mystery evening, and for their end of year wind-up party,
- hosting a dinner for the young adults associated with Canada Youth International before their CY 2016 trip,
- providing assistance to the Ladies Afternoon Guild (LAG) at funerals as needed,

- providing necessary assistance for the running of the summer Bible study. This year they worked through the video series: “The Book of James” by Beth Moore,
- working together with the LAG to make the Annual Yuletide Bazaar a great success. Many hands helped at the work bees, provided donations of baking, and offered time to serve on the day. The LEG is grateful for the generous help that made this event a great success.

All ladies from the congregation were invited to attend the annual wind up dinner. The evening offered great fellowship and fun.

*Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray*

Library – Adult, Teen & Children’s

A list of all books contained in our church library can be found on St. Andrew’s website. There are two ways to access the list:

1. on the website; Search the word “library”
2. on the website; click on “Our Teams”, click on “Christian Education Team” and you will see a heading on the left hand side entitled “Overview”, under which you’ll find the link to the Church Library.

Either way, you’ll get to a PDF version of the list which you can download and search.

The physical locations of the books have not changed: adult fiction and non-fiction is shelved in the Karl English Lounge, youth books can be found in the Youth Lounge on the second floor, children’s books are shelved in the basement hallway (turn left at the bottom of the main stairway) and Bibles and all other books can be found shelved in the Inner Hall. All library materials can be signed out initially for a three week period which can be then be renewed.

Where do the new books come from? The Christian Education Team has a small budget which can be accessed to cover the cost of new books. Some books are donated, either during the year or at the time of the Christmas Bazaar. From time to time, we have a credit at Better Books and Bibles on 16 Avenue NW, which we can use to purchase used books. Some leftover books from the bazaar are donated there hence the credit, and any books which they do not want are donated to Christian Salvage Mission (www.csmcanada.org), a non-profit organization which sends Christian books overseas to pastors, churches and bible students.

Many thanks to all who donated material to the library during 2016. In an effort to keep our library current, books which are less than five years old will be considered for inclusion.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Shaw, Librarian*

Men’s Fellowship

The men’s breakfast numbers have decreased this year. The McDougall group join us at a meeting each year in January, and we visit them in April.

A number of donations were given to Habitat for Humanity, C.U.P.S. and the Calgary Food Bank. Other funds went to speakers, and the rest of the surplus funds were distributed to St. Andrew’s roof repair fund.

The committee goes to great lengths to supply interesting speakers. We do need more members for our six teams who cook and set up just once year. Each team should consist of five to six men. Please contact Craig Murray, Bob Shaw or Don Koch who will place you on a team.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Shaw*

News from the Pews

News from the Pews (NFTP) is intended to be a monthly publication which contains information on up-coming events, as well as coverage of past events held by groups associated with St. Andrew's. Included also are some regular features, such as "Around and About Us", which keeps us all up to date on our congregational neighbours and friends. NFTP is produced in February, March, April, May and our summer issue in June. We take July and August off, and are back to provide you with all the news in our September issue. Continuing with October, and November, we do our best to have a December/January edition available at the first of December.

News from the Pews has gone through many changes during 2016. Until May of last year, Rev. Kevin Lee led the group and did the layout/setup of the publication. Rev. Jared Miller was kind enough to fill in this spot for the June edition. When we reconvened in September of 2016, Rev. Jan Hazlett picked up the torch, taking over our ministerial leadership position. Members of the Editorial Team were then Judie Coleman, Norah Finlay, Brent Harding, Rev. Jan Hazlett, Rhonda Mullan (staff) and Terry Zimmer (editor).

The Team welcomed Linda Haines to the group in September. Linda now looks after all the layout of the publication, as well as its format and graphics. We are all very grateful that she joined us, and she has done a magnificent job of learning all about the computer programs required for her to produce the final product you see each month.

However, last fall we also lost a member, and regrettably accepted the resignation of Brent Harding. We all wish to thank Brent for his many, many years of work on NFTP in a variety of capacities.

Changes were also made to the way in which NFTP is distributed. We had been emailing NFTP to a listing of members, plus printing and mailing several hundred copies each month. During this economic downturn, it became apparent that it was time to reduce our own costs. The changes seem to be well accepted, and we appreciate that! Now, we email each edition to as many of you as possible. The benefit to that is not only the saving of paper, postage and man-hours, but the email copy is completely in colour – providing a fresh new look to the entire publication. If you are not already receiving a copy of NFTP by email and would like to, please contact the office.

Each month, we print a number of copies and leave them out in the Narthex for people to take home, when they are interested. We realize that some in our congregation are not able to pick up their own copy, due to any number of circumstances out of their control. That is why we still maintain a mail-out listing to our homebound members. If you know of someone who is homebound, who would still like a copy of NFTP to keep 'in the loop', then please advise me, Rhonda Mullan in the office. I can add the name to our list and mail out their copy. Our goal is that everyone has the opportunity to read our publication.

Our overall theme this year is “Forward, Together”. Each and every month, we do our best to bring you interesting stories, congregational news, and upcoming activities, and to showcase all the different ways our congregation is moving forward, together.

If you have any ideas for stories you would like to see, or something you would like more information on, then please let us know. Anyone on the Editorial Team will be glad to bring your idea forward to our next meeting.

Better yet, if YOU want to write a piece for the publication – please feel free to do so. You can email your entry to: newsletter@standrewscalgary.ca, or to office@standrewscalgary.ca, or place it in the locked box underneath the bulletin board in the Karl English Lounge, and we shall collect it later. Please remember that due to space limitations, your article may be altered slightly. We will notify you if this should be the case.

So let us know your thoughts on News from the Pews – what you might like to see, read, etc. Your comments are always welcomed!

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Mullan, Office Manager*

Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) – Mission Matters!

The Women’s Missionary Society/Mission Matters celebrated the group’s retirement with a pot luck lunch and a review of accomplishments over the past three decades.

Learning about churches, their mission efforts and needs around the world, has been the focus of the group. Study programs were enhanced with international guest speakers and relevant “field trips” to places like the Glenbow Museum or a residence for women fleeing abuse.

The group’s financial contributions to mission came from offerings only, since traditionally WMS groups have not done fundraising. Extra money was collected for bigger and smaller projects when needs were identified. Bigger ones included \$2000 to restore the sight of 186 patients in India; smaller ones ranged from school supplies for Guatemala to a Grade 4 cooking class. Offerings and projects totalled around \$105,000 – enough to make a difference.

Knitters in the group and in the congregation turned out products that provided direct support to hundreds. Everything from baby vests to scarves and mitts were distributed to those in need, and about 135 comfort dolls and teddy bears were sent to Haiti.

Over the years, the members of WMS have been conscientious in educating themselves about mission, in acting when needs were presented, and in giving financially as generously as possible. The long tradition of keeping mission in the forefront of personal and congregational faith and life has been followed, and will continue to be followed in support for ongoing mission initiatives.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barb English*

Other Ministries

Chinook Care Centre Hymn Sing Ministry

Since the late 1990's, St. Andrew's, in partnership with St. James Anglican Church in northwest Calgary, have been ministering to residents at Intercare's Chinook Care Centre through regular Sunday afternoon hymn sings. These weekly hymn sings provide an informal time of worship when residents of the care centre can connect with the words of faith expressed in familiar and comforting songs.

Currently there are five teams who each lead on one Sunday of the month. Each team includes people with different talents. Some play piano, some sing, some read a scripture passage and/or share a reflection, and some help to bring people to and from their rooms (recreation therapy staff does not work on the weekends).

If you would like to share in this ministry, please contact Alice Post. By joining one of our teams for one hour on one Sunday afternoon a month, you can provide spiritual nurturing through caring companionship and musical inspiration!

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post*

Legacy Fund Annual Report

The fourth quarter results for 2016 are not yet available - these will be presented to Session and the congregation when received. In the meantime, the fund values for the following periods are presented:

12 months ended September 30 2015	\$657,224.
12 months ended September 30 2016	\$678,311.

It is expected that year end determination of fund growth for 2016 will be available by mid-March, 2017.

Disbursements in 2016

\$43,500 toward Mission as per pledge of funds requested in 5-year plan (endorsed by Session to support St. Andrew's Ministry for 2016 to 2020),
\$43,500 towards Worship and Ministry as per same request for 5-year plan, and
\$11,500 towards roof repair/shingles fund (post September 30 2016).

The committee members and their remaining terms as of December 31, 2016, are as follows:

John Cuthbertson	1.5 years,
Elaine Cantlon	1 year,
Merle Crawford	1 year,
Mary-Anne Quesnel	2.5 years,
Margaret Bates	2.5 years,
Ed Braun	2.5 years, and
David Platt	2.5 years.

The committee would like to extend a special note of thanks to Robert Cameron and Colin Pinkerton for their past service, and to Elaine Cantlon, for her leadership since 2015.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ed Braun and David Platt
Co-convenors*

Social Media Team - Facebook

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian – Calgary Facebook page can be found at tiny.cc/StA-FB, or by clicking on the Facebook logo at the top of the newly updated St. Andrew's website (standrewscalgary.ca).

Like and follow the page to see us in your newsfeed! The team posts information about upcoming events and gatherings, links to interesting articles, inspiration from Scripture, and pictures and videos taken at various St. Andrew's events!

Invite your friends to St. Andrew's by sharing postings of upcoming events and worship services! Feel free to contact anyone on the team with any questions or contributions: Rev. Jared Miller, Judie Coleman, Rhonda Mullan, and Alice Post.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post*

Sound Board

The Sound Board Team continues to serve St. Andrew's in this unique way, and at the same never missing any part of the service! We are always in search of new volunteers, so please feel free to talk to any one of the operators to learn more and find out how you too could serve in this meaningful way while worshipping. My thanks to the group who keeps us all "tuned in" each Sunday.

*Respectfully submitted,
Craig Murray*

The Tech Team

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

In 2016, we migrated the church email service provider from Nucleus to a business Gmail account, setup a personal computer to provide an audio visual capability in the Narthex and provided as needed PC support for office staff and the ministers.

We also assisted with trouble shooting and minor updates to the Church's audio visual infrastructure in the Sanctuary.

We will continue to deal with issues in the existing technology infrastructure, as they arise.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Hazlett*

Music Ministry

Angels in the Infield

Angels in the Infield is a choir for children ages 3 all the way to 9 years of age at St. Andrew's. The purpose of this choir is to build the children's confidence in leading, to serve as God called us to do, and to have fun.

The Angels in the Infield performed twice during the fall of 2016. Elizabeth Kangong was called away for a work term, so Nicola Cameron reprised her role as Choir Leader. There is great enthusiasm among the children and parents for a family choir. During one practice, which we now hold in the Sanctuary with Cody accompanying, we had 17 participants. This is a bright reflection of our growing Family Ministry. For the performances we had an average of 10 singers.

We have an email distribution list to keep families informed of practices and performances. If you would like to join the choir, please email hisrachnorgat@gmail.com

We expect to perform twice more before June 2017 and twice again in the fall. Come and join the fun!

Music is a powerful ministry here at St. Andrew's and we are excited to have the opportunities to lead worship in choirs in every season of our lives.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nicola Cameron, Choir Leader*

Sounds of Joy, Musical Friends

2016 ♪ Intergenerational Musicals ♪

2016 Intergenerational services celebrated a theme of LIGHT.

May (Youth Sunday)



Thanks to our Church School children, who taught us a new version of 'This Little Light of Mine'

*The light that shines is the light of love, Hides the darkness from above.
Shines on me and it shines on you, Shows what the power of love can do ~
I'm gonna let it shine!*

Thanks as well to Alice Post, Shelby Cole, Lauren Cole, Lynn Judd, and Bill Judd for sharing their gifts of music with us.

In **November** (ADVENTure) we presented a musical, **Star of Wonder**.

- Our Church School children joined us for ‘Look up *with* This Little Light of Mine’, and indeed – they shone for us in worship as lights and examples of God’s love for us!
- Our youth led us, as the ‘stars’ they are, on a journey to find and discover the baby Jesus.
- Our young adults helped us see that ‘God Chooses Who He Uses, and He Uses EVERYONE’!
- Our adults brought smiles to us as a ‘Big Band of Shepherds’, and ‘Wee Three Kings’

As stars that shine their light in the darkest skies, we hope our service of ‘Star of Wonder’ brought light into your lives this Advent/Christmas season.



*Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life,
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let your light shine on us.*

Special thanks to:

- Our **little ones** who brought smiles to our faces and joy to our hearts as they shared a song – precious gifts from God they are, and SO darned cute!!!
- Our **dedicated youth** who participated in the service (musical participants, Advent readers, Scripture readers): Our ‘Stars of Wonder’: **Sarah Braun, Riley Gayford, Lilwen Henrichsen, Arielle Kangong, and Sydney Thompson**. Our readers: **Solomon Kangong, Abel Mohan, and Calysta Payne**.
- Our **dedicated young adults** who shared their beautiful voices in song: **Lauren Cole, Shelby Cole, and Shona Murray**.
- Our **young at heart adults** who give of their time and talents – no words could express how much it means to us that you join us so that we can share our musicals with the congregation. We couldn’t do it without you!
- Our special thanks for their giftedness in liturgical dance: **Desiree and Lilwen Henrichsen**.
- **Audrey Cole** who is ever present to support us on the ‘sound board’, not only for the worship service on Sunday, but at all our practices – you go above and beyond, Audrey!

On a personal note, I’d like to thank each of those involved in all our choirs for enriching my life and the worship of St. Andrew’s. Blessed am I! Blessed is St. Andrew’s!!

*Respectfully submitted,
Debby Dorcas*

Director of Music

2016 was a year with some wonderful highlights and a couple of mountain-top experiences for music in worship at St. Andrew’s! Yet the counter balance to this was that there were also some setbacks for us, as we get used to the new reality of decreased money available for our music projects. We will also keep searching for more singers and instrumentalists to keep our music programs vital and illuminating in worship.

The biggest event of the year, and a real highlight for me in my ten years as Music Director at St. Andrew's, was our music fundraiser called "Missa Gaia: Earth Mass." This concert featured our St. Andrew's Choir, the Calgary Multicultural Choir, soprano saxophonist Gerry Herbert with a ten-piece orchestra, and the Sylvie Moquin dance troupe of six contemporary dancers! The work, written by jazz musician Paul Winter and performed every year at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, combines traditional sacred texts with the songs of animals in an environmental liturgy that resonates deeply with us today and reminds us that God's beauty is all around us! It was truly a spectacular event with video and dance to complement the music. It was amazing to see the choir work so hard to sing such a dramatic and inspirational work that really allowed each participant to shine! We took the program out to the larger Calgary community with a concert hosted by the Multicultural Choir at River Park Church on May 28th (with a capacity audience of 500) and then brought it back to St. Andrew's on June 12th (with an audience of 220.) The choir dreams of being able to go to New York to sing the Earth Mass at the Cathedral!

Part of the reason for doing a large concert, instead of incorporating the Earth Mass into Sunday morning worship was to use the event as a fundraiser. 2016 saw the third year in a row of cuts to the music budget as the entire church trims down its costs in order to stay viable. As this happened, it was agreed that we would do more of our own fundraising to be able to keep the level of programming we have become accustomed to at St. Andrew's. (Our church is known throughout Calgary as a very musical place!) Like many new things, we failed on our first attempt, taking in only \$2,209 when we had hoped to draw between \$6,000 - \$10,000 from the event! Needless to say we lost about \$2,500 on the concert however, the loss was absorbed into the budgeted music amount and less money was spent on music for the remainder of the year.

The large deficit was for two reasons. The first was that we thought taking donations would be more beneficial than charging a ticket price as we did advertise as a fundraiser and were hoping for some large donations. These donations did not materialize, perhaps due to the current financial climate or perhaps due to a lack of awareness in what we were trying to do. In the future, we would definitely charge an admission and then take donations on top of that to reach our goal. Unfortunately, people saw the concert as a freewill event and not as a fundraiser... The average donation was well under \$10 per person for a concert that if held in a concert hall, would have easily fetched over \$40 per ticket! The second reason for the loss was a lack of education. Even though it was mentioned from the pulpit, people were not made aware that this fundraiser would be used to fund future music at St. Andrew's. I think if people had known this they would have given more. Another option for those that are already at their giving limit is to help bring new people to the concert instead of a financial donation.

The second mountain-top experience came later in the year. Our Music Sunday on December 11th was spectacular, featuring almost every musical group we have in our church! With music by the full choir, Altius Brass Quintet, the Men's Quartet, and the little Angels in the Infield we were really able to raise the roof in praise on this Sunday. A highlight for me was the arrangement of "Joy to the World" by Steven Strite and all of the congregational carols! (Not able to join us that day were the ADVENTure singers who had just sung their wonderful musical two weeks prior.)

Throughout the year there were many solos, anthems, duets, ensembles, and the reinstatement of a praise band to our weekly worship once a month. As always, a main theme at St. Andrew's is how we strive to achieve a balance in our worship. We have a blended service with something for everyone and everything done well! Featured throughout the year from our own congregation were Brian Hawco, whistler; Bill & Lynn Judd; the Men's Quartet; an expanded

Good Friday choir; John Hazlett; Ken Borden; Alex Grant; a women's choir; a men's choir; Angels in the Infield; St. Andrew's praise band; ADVENTure singers; Sounds of Joy; and others! And featured guests were: Colleen Athparia; David Holoboff; Aidan Dugan, oboe; Maria Medlow, violin; Jose Cuzzani, cello; and Altius Brass Quintet. Over the course of a year at St. Andrew's well over 100 congregants are involved in the Music Ministry in some way. This is a large portion of our congregation who actively take part in music in our church! And even if you are not directly involved, we all participate every Sunday morning! Praise be to God for the gift of music in our lives!

Before closing this report for 2016, there is one more music program to take note of that was forced to discontinue this year. Lori Teneycke and the Handbell Choir have had to take a hiatus due to a lack of funds to keep the program going. The handbells that we had were on loan for a year and we now need money to purchase a set. At the beginning of 2016, it was decided that this was not the right time to do a separate appeal which meant we had to disband the program. I had hoped our music fundraiser in June would go part of the way in raising the \$15,000+ to buy a set of bells. You may recall the glorious sounds we had in 2015 thanks to the dedicated and knowledgeable leadership of Lori. We are so fortunate to have someone like her in our congregation, and I would like to be able to put her talents to use again, but we need the handbells! Hopefully by the end of 2017, we will be able to revive this wonderful ministry.

So, you can see that 2016 was a year of highs and lows as we maneuver many changes in our church and work to move forward together. If you have any ideas about how we can move forward please feel free to come and talk to me about it. And if you personally value the music here, please support it in any way you can, and make it known. It has been a very trying and taxing year and I am hoping we will be able to find a way to keep the programs and initiatives of the Music Program alive even as we all face difficult financial times. Thank you for your support!

*Blessings,
Cody Obst, Director of Music*

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Financial Statements for 2016 are currently being reviewed by Mr. Phil Gaiser.

His letter to the Congregation will be forwarded when completed

Attachment "A"
2016 Financials

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2016

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 119,977	\$ 31,724
Investments at cost (2016 Market value of \$27,223)	27,468	102,802
Government remittances recoverable	3,627	5,275
Prepaid expenses	10,893	8,739
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	161,965	148,540
Restricted		
Legacy Fund - Schedule 2	607,740	645,988
Memorial Fund - Schedule 3	144,765	150,436
South of Fish Creek Fund - Schedule 4	997,608	1,082,757
Other internally restricted funds - Note 2	246,135	120,702
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	1,996,248	1,999,883
Capital		
Land	27,000	27,000
Building	1,683,322	1,683,322
Furniture and fixtures	180,074	180,074
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Total cost	1,890,396	1,890,396
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Accumulated amortization	(889,410)	(889,410)
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	1,000,986	1,000,986
Other		
Cash surrender value of life insurance	27,600	25,810
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	27,600	25,810
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	\$ 3,186,799	\$ 3,175,219

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 34,978	\$ 31,839
Sudanese fund	32,891	30,054
	<u>67,869</u>	<u>61,893</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Balance per Statement	<u>3,118,930</u>	<u>3,113,326</u>
	<u>3,118,930</u>	<u>3,113,326</u>
	<u>\$ 3,186,799</u>	<u>\$ 3,175,219</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Statement of Members' Equity
for the year ending December 31, 2016

Statement 2

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Balance beginning of year	<u>\$3,113,326</u>	<u>\$ 3,058,611</u>
Fund surpluses (deficits) for the year		
General Fund - Schedule 1	\$ 9,239	\$ (3,312)
Legacy Fund - Schedule 2	\$ (38,248)	\$ 64,045
Memorial Fund - Schedule 3	\$ (5,671)	\$ (35,622)
South of Fish Creek Fund - Schedule 4	\$ (85,149)	\$ 29,352
Other restricted funds	<u>\$ 125,433</u>	<u>\$ 252</u>
	<u>\$ 5,604</u>	<u>\$ 54,715</u>
Balance end of year	<u>\$3,118,930</u>	<u>\$ 3,113,326</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
General Fund

Schedule 1

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue:		
PAR	\$ 269,006	\$ 272,036
Envelopes and other	\$ 250,305	\$ 279,724
Transfer from Legacy Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,500
Transfer from Memorial Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 42,774
Search and relocation expenses recovered from SFC Fund	\$ -	\$ 6,508
Other donations	\$ 13,548	\$ 31,351
Investment income	\$ 2,583	\$ 5,878
Other church support	\$ 9,867	\$ 12,376
Use of space	\$ 3,529	\$ 5,115
	<u>\$ 578,838</u>	<u>\$ 666,262</u>
 Expenses during the year		
Maintenance and operations	\$ 79,384	\$ 136,019
Ministerial remuneration	\$ 182,464	\$ 220,923
Support staff remuneration	\$ 112,291	\$ 115,525
We Reach Out	\$ 83,772	\$ 75,807
Employee benefits	\$ 53,766	\$ 59,125
The work of St. Andrews	\$ 35,348	\$ 38,767
Search committee	\$ 2,592	\$ -
Office	\$ 12,907	\$ 16,574
Insurance	\$ 7,075	\$ 6,834
	<u>\$ 569,599</u>	<u>\$ 669,574</u>
 Surplus (deficit) for the year	 <u>\$ 9,239</u>	 <u>\$ (3,312)</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Legacy Fund

Schedule 2

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue		
Contributions	\$ 18,228	\$ -
Investment income	<u>\$ 30,524</u>	<u>\$ 74,545</u>
	<u>\$ 48,752</u>	<u>\$ 74,545</u>
Transferred to General Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,500
Transferred to Mission and Worship Fund	<u>\$ 72,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	<u>\$ 87,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,500</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>\$ (38,248)</u>	<u>\$ 64,045</u>
Balance of fund, beginning of year	\$ 645,988	\$ 581,943
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>\$ (38,248)</u>	<u>\$ 64,045</u>
Balance of fund, end of year	<u>\$ 607,740</u>	<u>\$ 645,988</u>

The Legacy Fund is invested in the Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Portfolio Fund (PCC). Because December 31 investment reports are not available until after the date of this report, the fund investment is recorded at cost based on September 30 balances and returns. As of September 30, the market value of Legacy Fund investment is \$632,990.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Memorial Fund

Schedule 3

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenues:		
Donations	\$ 3,742	\$ 3,400
Investment income	<u>\$ 5,587</u>	<u>\$ 3,752</u>
	<u>\$ 9,329</u>	<u>\$ 7,152</u>
Transferred to General Fund	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 42,774</u>
	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 42,774</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>\$ (5,671)</u>	<u>\$ (35,622)</u>
Balance of fund, beginning of year	\$ 150,436	\$ 186,058
Surplus (deficit) for the year - above	<u>\$ (5,671)</u>	<u>\$ (35,622)</u>
Balance of fund, end of year	<u>\$ 144,765</u>	<u>\$ 150,436</u>
Bank account	\$ 7,056	\$ 8,315
PCC Fund investment at cost (Market value of \$ 20,429)	\$ 19,614	\$ 102,828
Mawer Balanced Fund (Market value of \$105,051)	\$ 106,555	\$ -
Term deposit	<u>\$ 11,540</u>	<u>\$ 39,293</u>
	<u>\$ 144,765</u>	<u>\$ 150,436</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
South of Fish Creek Fund

Schedule 4

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue:		
Investment income	\$ 15,734	\$ 43,946
	<u>\$ 15,734</u>	<u>\$ 43,946</u>
Expenses during the year		
Ministerial remuneration	\$ 56,687	\$ 4,748
Employment benefits	\$ 15,781	\$ 2,269
Support staff	\$ 13,865	\$ -
Family ministry team	\$ 4,410	\$ -
Search team	\$ -	\$ 3,230
Relocation	\$ -	\$ 3,278
Presbytery and synod dues	\$ 6,878	\$ -
Office	\$ 1,600	\$ 181
IT support	\$ 1,662	\$ 888
Total expenses	<u>\$ 100,883</u>	<u>\$ 14,594</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>\$ (85,149)</u>	<u>\$ 29,352</u>
Balance of fund, beginning of year	\$ 1,082,757	\$ 1,053,405
Surplus (deficit) for the year - above	<u>\$ (85,149)</u>	<u>\$ 29,352</u>
Balance of fund, end of year	<u>\$ 997,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,757</u>
Investments at cost:		
PCC Fund (2016 Market value of \$46,863)	\$ 44,994	\$ 403,679
Mawer Balanced fund (2016 Market value of \$847,094)	\$ 851,532	\$ -
Preferred shares - Qtrade Securities (2016 Market value of \$101,182)	<u>\$ 101,082</u>	<u>\$ 679,078</u>
	<u>\$ 997,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,757</u>

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016

1. Some 2015 comparative figures have been changed to conform to the 2016 presentation and format.

2. The following are the other internally restricted funds:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Bequests received and not spent	\$ 77,651	\$ 53,415
Building fund	-	18,966
Reserve for major repairs	82,084	20,653
Participant mission	12,866	18,090
Mission and worship from Legacy	72,000	-
Youth conferences fund	1,034	9,078
Continuing education	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	\$ <u>246,135</u>	\$ <u>120,702</u>

As of December 31, 2016, these funds were invested as follows:

PCC Fund (2016 Market value of \$6,212)	\$ 5,964	
Preferred shares (2016 Market value of \$141,562)	141,562	
Mawer Balanced Fund (2016 Market value of \$97,422)	<u>98,609</u>	
	\$ <u>246,135</u>	

3. No amortization on capital assets has been recorded since 2014.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Rec. Exp. to Dec. 31 2016

		Proposed Budget 2017					
		2016	2016	2017	2016	2016	2017
		Dec. 31, 2016		Budget	Dec. 31, 2016		Budget
		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual	
Receipts		<i>General Fund</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>SFC</i>	<i>SFC</i>	<i>SFC</i>
Our Sharing							
	Church Support (PAR)	275,400	269,006	267,242	0		
	Church Support (Envelope)	270,300	250,305	248,242	0		
	South of Fish Creek Fund				102,511	102,511	115,336
	Family Ministry	5,000	2,052	5,000	0		
	Designated to budget items				0		
		550,700	521,363	520,484	102,511	102,511	115,336
	Church School	800	59		0		
	Open Plate	11,250	7,755	10,000	0		
	Investment income	5,000	2,583	5,000	0		
	Use of space	3,000	3,529	3,000	0		
	Memorial Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	0		
	Legacy Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	0		
	Shingle Appeal			50,000			
	Reserve from prior years	10,325		10,325			
	Other donations	35,000	13,548	25,000	0		
		95,375	57,474	133,325	0	0	0
Total Receipts		646,075	578,837	653,809	102,511	102,511	115,336
Expenditures							
The Work of St. Andrew's							
Choir Music & Expenses							
	Music and registration	5,400	5,669	5,500	0		1,000
	Guest Musicians and other	9,090	10,839	6,000	0		
		14,490	16,508	11,500	0	0	1,000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Rec. Exp. to Dec. 31 2016

		Proposed Budget 2017						
		2016	2016	2017	2016	2016	2017	
		Dec. 31, 2016		Budget	Dec. 31, 2016		Budget	
		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		
		<i>General Fund</i>	<i>General Fund</i>		<i>SFC</i>	<i>SFC</i>	<i>SFC</i>	
Congregational Teams								
	Family Ministry				5,000	4,410	5,000	
	Ministry Resource & Acct.			500				
	Missions	1,800	1,206	1,200				
	Pastoral Care/Bereavement	675	589	600				
	side x side	4,500	4,903	4,500				
	Christian Education	8,100	8,110	8,100				
	Communion & Districts	180	304	300				
	Welcome and Fellowship	1,575	1,475	1,500				
	Session	675	330	300				
	S & P	450	84	150				
	Leading With Care	360	0	300				
	Worship & Nurture	1,800	1,838	1,500				
		20,115	18,839	18,950	5,000	4,410	5,000	
St. Andrew's People								
	Ministers	170,060	120,454	128,183				
	Minister - Family	28,343	28,343	28,485	56,687	56,687	56,969	
	Continuing Education-Ministers	2,333	1,333	2,333	667	667	667	
	Continuing Education-Members	1,000		1,000	0			
	Support Staff Remuneration(5)	136,973	144,629	137,658	13,865	13,865	13,934	
	Employment Benefits	60,359	49,688	56,000	14,892	14,892	14,966	
	Leading & Leader Resources	778	4,078	750	222	222	250	
	Search Team- Relocation Expense			8,000				
	Vacation Supply-Sth of Fish Creek	0					750	
	Search Team-exp + pulpit supply		2,592	11,500	0			
		399,846	351,117	373,909	86,333	86,333	87,536	
Administrative Expenses								
	Bank Charges	900	822	900	100	100	100	
	Insurance	6,575	6,575	7,000	500	500	500	
	Office Supplies & Expenses	11,000	12,585	12,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	Finance Committee	4,300		0	700	-	700	
		22,775	19,982	19,900	2,300	1,600	2,300	

"The *Stewards by Design* content has been most helpful and has been finding immediate application in our ministry here at Kings Church. Our team is most grateful for all of the time, effort and attention that was offered – God has used it all for great good! We feel very encouraged."

– Rev. Tim Archibald, Kings Church, New Minas, NS



"This past year, my work at the MIBE Graduate School for Nurses included running a week-long workshop on disease control and public health and facilitating workshops on burn and diabetic wound care. I also taught classes in statistics, epidemiology, community health nursing and nursing foundations. I pray thanksgivings for the support from all of my Indian colleagues, the International Ministries team and for God's grace."

– Michelle Verwey, mission staff, India

"I was excited and so happy to find that we have an Arabic church here in Winnipeg. I hadn't heard an Arabic word for months, so I was excited to come and meet Christians speaking my language. I found that I belong to a family here. I want to thank God for this church, and everyone who has helped it to exist in one way or another."

– Iyad Malouf, Lighthouse Evangelical Arabic Church, Winnipeg, MB



"I would like to express the sincere gratitude of my church toward the PCC for sending us Mr. Brian Johnston, who for 19 years performed an outstanding mission in our Protestant Theological Institute. Mr. Johnston, besides leaving a life-shaping impact on most of our ministers, was for all of us the personalization of our living relationship with The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We anticipate that our partnership will continue in new ways."

– The Rt. Rev. Béla Kató, Bishop of the Transylvanian District of the Reformed Church in Romania

"The Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel is a program in which internationals work towards a vision for justice and peace in the Middle East. Although they witness heartbreaking situations, they are sustained by the words of people like Sabri, a Palestinian who shares, 'When people come and drink tea with me, and listen, it gives me power to stay.'"

– Rev. Glynis Williams, International Ministries, PCC

Stewards of God's mysteries

1 Corinthians 4:1

What does it mean to be a steward of God's mysteries? Answering God's call requires us to become comfortable with not knowing, to have the courage to take up permanent residence in uncertainty, and to grow familiar with strangeness. When we do this, we are left with nothing but faith, which drives us towards understanding.

The call to be a steward of the mysteries of God respects and embraces what we don't know, while honouring and building on what we do know about God. The truth of God's mysteries is, ultimately, a freeing truth. We do not know everything. We cannot. We are finite and God is infinite. We are conditioned and God is unconditional. This freedom makes room for wonder and for joy.

How can we be good stewards of these mysteries in our faith and in our churches?

- ▶ Remind each other, often, that God is God and we are not. Even when this seems a little frightening, it is our faith that allows us to trust in the goodness and love of this overwhelming mystery.
- ▶ Recognize that God is often at that place where words stop and cannot go any further, and honour that place. Seek it out.
- ▶ Invite wonder. Become comfortable with ambiguity. Let some things be and stay unexplainable and unknowable and

beyond experience in a way that evokes reverence and awe.

- ▶ Study the Scriptures, rather than try to explain them. Wrestle with questions, and try not to dismiss or shut them down. Questions can be as powerful as answers and the asking almost always yields a blessing.
- ▶ Remember that God is beyond full description and definition. Think broadly about God using images, names, and understandings from the Scriptures, sacred music, and respected theologians.
- ▶ Resist the temptation to box God in, to iron God out, or to present God as a package all done up with pretty paper!
- ▶ Be a witness. Point to the love of God, the greatness of God, the surprising, free, untamed nature of God and invite people into a deeper trust.

We are entrusted with the privilege of stewarding and tending God's mysteries, as we seek to love and serve the Living God. And if we are to be trustworthy stewards of the mysteries of God, we must be people of prayer, who seek to know God's nature by listening for God's voice.

— *Based on worship meditations written by the East Toronto worship team for the 142nd General Assembly*

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