

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

OCTOBER, 2017

PURSUING DISCIPLESHIP

Stop and consider the wondrous works of God. Job 37:14b



DEDICATION OF OUR RENEWED WORSHIP SPACE IN THE SANCTUARY

Without God's generosity to us we would not have been able to renew this worship space.

Without God's call for us to show our gratitude by sharing what we have received from God, we would not have had the resources.

Without God's gift of faith, we would not have been able to take on this large project this year.

Join us on Thanksgiving Sunday as we express our gratitude to God:

- for the space in which we worship;
- for the renewal which will allow us to continue worship for years to come;
- as we dedicate this space to God's glory.

JOIN US FOR
THANKSGIVING
SERVICES
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2017
9:30 am and 11:15 am



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY HARVEST PROCESSION

This Thanksgiving Sunday we again will be bringing fall produce (like pumpkins, squash, and other fruit and vegetables) to decorate the front of the sanctuary. All food donated will be forwarded to the Food Bank. On Sunday, October 8, please bring your donations and leave them by the welcome desk before the service. Those wanting to take part in the procession will be meeting in the foyer before the service.

A moment of personal reflection.

Thank you for: _____

- ◆ _____
- ◆ _____

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Ps 105:1

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Rev. Jan Hazlett

This fall has been exciting, with the bustle of completing projects and start up of a new program year.

This congregation continues faithfully to worship, care for others, try new things and continue ongoing ministries.

Although it is the general perception that with the summer there is a lull in activity in the church, nothing could be further from the truth. Over the summer, in addition to ongoing pastoral visits, services, funerals and a couple of weddings, windows were replaced at the front of the sanctuary, and the chancel was renovated to make it all one level, rendering it a much more flexible and usable space and removing the tripping hazards. The movable pulpit may be new to St. Andrew's, but actually came from Trinity, and with some adjustments continues its service in worship. The new AV system is up and running. We are so grateful for the many who contributed their time, talent and expertise, and for the help from the Memorial and Legacy Funds that have made this possible.

By the time you read this, the new stained-glass window should be installed. On Thanksgiving we will be formally expressing gratitude for the way our sanctuary has allowed us to worship for over 50 years, and for the renewed facility that will allow worship to continue here for years to come.

The Session continues to work to be the most effective leaders possible at St. Andrew's. To this end the Session was on Retreat Friday, Sept 22 and Saturday, Sept 23. Together we reflected on scripture and prayed, remembered our discernment of the current direction to which God is calling St. Andrew's, discussed where we have seen God moving, and where we have experienced God's presence in our midst. On Saturday, our sessions were facilitated by Rev. Don McLeod. We talked about how different conditions affect what constitutes effective leadership in congregations. Topics included the impact of modern culture, congregational size and size transitions, change and moving toward change as a group, and journeys of faith. Then we considered practical implications for leadership at St. Andrew's. It is impossible to recount everything that we learned, but to give you some idea, here are some of the Retreat "Takeaways":

- ◆ St. Andrew's is doing well in this "transition time".
- ◆ We are eager to continue learning to be effective leaders for this time.
- ◆ We are excited for the future of St. Andrew's.

At the Retreat the Session also reaffirmed the direction of St. Andrew's. It was acknowledged that this is the direction in which we are already moving:

- ◆ Moving forward in mission.
- ◆ Extending mission south of Fish Creek.
- ◆ Being responsive to the modern world in all areas of mission and ministry.

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- ◆ Searching for a third minister in order to be fully staffed.
- ◆ Moving forward in faith.
- ◆ Growing in unity as a Session.
- ◆ Focusing on families.
- ◆ Continuing to nurture faith and minister to all ages.

As we continue to minister in this time and place, we are confident that Christ walks with us. We are stronger together as each of us offers our gifts, our talents and our faith in God's service. As we move forward together, take time to find out where your contribution is critically needed, and find new friends, new skills and fulfilment in ways you never expected. Find out about our new Food Bank satellite, newcomers' monthly events, emerging vision for mission south of Fish Creek, family and youth events. Watch for opportunities to take part in our congregational life and mission in places like intergenerational musicals, or the annual bazaar, or Heritage Seniors. Keep informed about, and praying for, the Search Team as we look for our new minister.

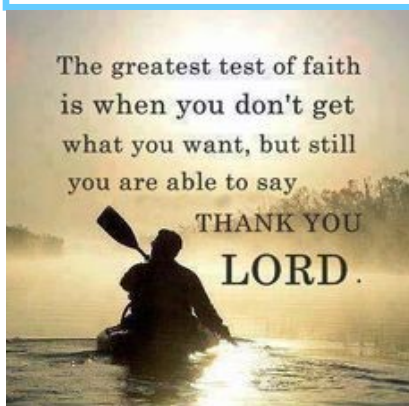
Trusting that, in this time and place in our congregational life together, we are blessed to be a blessing.

Let's move forward together.

Jan

CHANGES IN SEARCH OF NEW MINISTER

At Session's September 5th meeting, an adopted motion states in part, that "The Session revise the ministry model to reflect a tier ministry with a lead minister and two associate ministers." A committee was struck from the Ministry Resource and Accountability Team and the Ministry Model Review Team to review and revise all three minister's position descriptions. The next step is for Session to review the revised position descriptions. If accepted, a congregational meeting would be called at St. Andrew's, and the congregation would be asked to approve the tier model and three new position descriptions (Lead Minister and two Associate Ministers) If approved, these descriptions would go to the Presbytery for approval. If approved by Presbytery, our Search Team will resume the search for a Lead Minister.



AROUND AND ABOUT US

By Terry Zimmer



JOHN (JACK) RICHARD GREENWOOD

Jack Greenwood was an exceptional man who had a zest for life and was dedicated to serving others. He was born in 1917 in Munson, Alberta.

“On April 14, 1941, Jack enlisted in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and served in the First and Second Regiments in Korea and Japan. He retired in 1965 with the rank of Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant after 25 years of service. He moved to Winnipeg and worked for Coldstream Engineering Manufacturers of Refrigeration as Purchasing Agent for many years.

“In his spare time, Jack loved to garden, cook and cross stitch.”* As was his nature, he often shared his baked beans and steak tarts with friends and neighbours. He drove patients to medical appointments. He loved sharing his favorite music and excelled at story-telling.

Jack was proud to serve in the army, and was a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Royal Canadian Naval Association. He worked tirelessly for the Poppy Fund and was named an honorary member of the Ladies’ Auxiliary.

Some time after Jack’s wife, Muriel, lost her battle with cancer, and his daughter, Pam, also died, Jack met June Burgoyne of Calgary at the Legion. Jack loved and cared for June and her family, and they likewise adopted him. He enjoyed any celebration and always volunteered to help. He kept up with world and local news and sports, completed his own tax return at age 99, and died only about eight weeks short of his 100th birthday

Jack was a member of the Trinity congregation. His memorial service was held at St. Andrew’s on September 15 with a full honor guard in attendance.

* Courtesy of McInnis & Holloway

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Judy Waldron, whose father, Jerry Adams, passed away on September 3, in Calgary, at the age of 101.

Suzanne Drennan on the death of her brother-in-law, Gary Chopik, September 18.

ONE THING THAT YOU CAN DO

Expressing God's welcome as a community — It is up to each of us!

In the power of the Holy Spirit, when we work together, we can do amazing things. Whether you are young or not, newcomer or been here for a while, really involved or not so much.... You can help keep St. Andrew's a warm and welcoming community. **With that in mind, we ask you to consider ONE THING YOU CAN DO.**

The OPPORTUNITY

One thing YOU CAN DO... is take an opportunity to share God's hospitality. An opportunity to grow in faith and love. Use your talent to improve this community.

The DEAL

We are encouraging you to offer to do one thing over the year to support this community.

How IT WORKS

You sign up for the time of year and type of one-time involvement in which you would be interested.

During the year, the Welcome and Fellowship Team will invite you to participate in a project or event that matches your preferences. At that time you may defer to another time or accept the invitation.

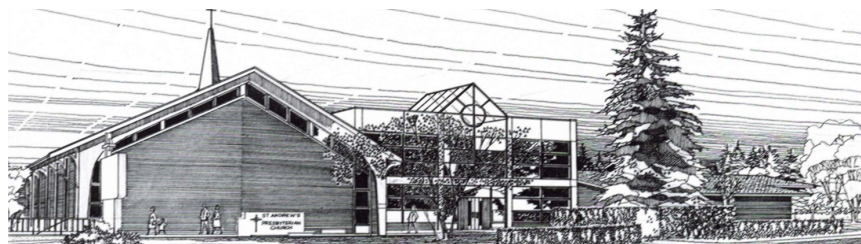
To SIGN UP

Sign-up list is available at the volunteer centre. Look for "I CAN HELP THIS WAY".

The RATIONALE:

We have a small Welcome and Fellowship Team that oversees our ministry of welcome and creates opportunities for the congregation to get to know each other. One of our tasks is to provide opportunities for St. Andrew's people to learn better ways of inviting, welcoming and nurturing community where everyone belongs.

Each of us is given gifts **"to equip believers for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...."** Ephesians 4:12-13



FAMILY MINISTRY



Surge Youth Group – The Bible Project

Youth nights have moved to **Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 9:00 pm in the upstairs small youth room**. We will meet every Thursday, with the exception of holidays. This fall we will be using a video series by the group, The Bible Project, www.thebibleproject.com. We will be having a few Friday night fun events through the year as well, watch for those in upcoming bulletins.

Parent/Adult Study – The Apostles Creed

Rev. Jared will be offering an amazing study on the Apostles Creed on the first and fourth Thursday evenings from October to April. This study, geared towards parents but open to anyone, explains Christianity by breaking down the Apostles Creed into two different topics per night. Each session can be taken independently, so if you can't make them all, or stay so late, that's okay! Check out the list and come out to what works for you. The nursery will be open with a movie playing for little kids, and youth will still be meeting upstairs. The first night is **Oct 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Karl English Lounge**. If you are dropping off your youth, feel free to come visit with other parents at 6:30 -7:00 pm.

Oct 5 (7:00 - 8:00 pm) – To say, "I believe" - A study on faith and doubt

Oct 5 (8:00 - 9:00 pm) – To say, "in God" - A study on the nature of God

Oct 26 (7:00 - 8:00 pm) – To say, "The Father, Almighty" - A study on the character of God (Trinity Hall)

Oct 26 (8:00 - 9:00 pm) – To say, "Creator of Heaven & Earth" - A study on Creation (Trinity Hall)

The logo for 'Take 150' features the words 'TAKE' and '150' in white capital letters on a black background. A blue clock face is integrated into the number '0'.

Family Ministry is once again offering "Take 150", a program for parents and children (ages 6-12 years only), where both groups get to take 150 minutes for themselves. On Oct 27 (6:00 -8:30 pm) parents can bring their kids to St. Andrew's, where they will be well cared for by familiar volunteers in the church. They will have dinner together and enjoy quality programming. Parents --- you will have that time to yourselves! You can

go on a long- overdue date with your spouse, hang out with friends, grocery shop --- do what you want to do, knowing your children are well cared for and having a great time.

What: "Take 150" (Dinner and fun activities, ALL just for kids)

Who: Parents (night out) and kids ages 6-12 only (night in)

Date: Friday, Oct 27, drop off: 6:00 pm; pick-up: 8:30 pm

Location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Trinity Hall)

Sign up! FREE tickets are available until Wednesday, Oct 25 at <http://bit.ly/take150>

BUILDING CARE PACKAGES

On Friday, November 3, we are inviting families to spend the evening building care packages to send to our young adults attending post-secondary education. We hope these will be great stress-busters to help with December final exams.





SENIORS HOUSING TRANSITIONS



Saturday, October 21, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Starting at 10:00 am, speakers will discuss: Understanding housing options for seniors such as long-term care, assisted living, income-based and affordable options. An expert panel will be looking at home support programs as well.

Information booths will be open from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Hosted by Heritage 50+ Seniors and the Calgary Seniors' Housing Forum Society, the event will take place in Trinity Hall at St. Andrew's.

Please call 403-255-0001 to register or sign up at the volunteer centre!

FOOD BANK SATELLITE - UPDATE

We have exciting news to tell you. The Heritage Food Depot is opening for business. The first delivery of food will be made on Friday, October 6 and will be open for clients on Saturday, October 7, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

More volunteers are still needed. Please contact Liza Fuenning or Bill Judd for further information on becoming a volunteer with this important community project.



We think it is especially wonderful that our first Food Depot will be on the Thanksgiving weekend. What a great opportunity to give back to those in need.

Co-convenors, Heritage Food Bank Depot St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

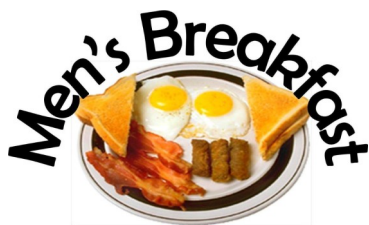
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: IT'S A BIBLE STUDY

Come and join our Bible study on **Tuesday mornings**. Arrive in the Karl English Lounge for a time of gathering and refreshment beginning at 9:30 am. Our more formal time of study begins at 10:00 am. This year we are working on Discipleship and being disciples in our lives today.

All are welcome! Rev. Jan

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST THANK YOU

The Welcome and Fellowship Team would like to recognize and express our thanks to the team of 40 individuals who assisted with the Stampede Breakfast held on Sunday, July 9. Thank you for giving your time to ensure the success of the breakfast. We wish to also acknowledge the generous use of the griddles and propane provided by Keith Church and Len Andree from Cal-B-Ques Catering. Finally, thank you to everyone in the congregation who came out and supported our breakfast. We hope you enjoyed it. As a result of your generous donations, we were able to forward a cheque to the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is an opportunity for men of all ages to meet monthly for food, fun, and fellowship. The breakfast begins at 8:30 am with a delicious pancake breakfast including sausages, fruit, muffins, and beverages --- all for a modest \$5.00. After the breakfast we have a short time of humour, followed by an interesting guest speaker. Recent presentations have included "Climbing Mount Everest", "The Birdman of Calgary", "Restoring Second World War Bombers", and "Policing for Youth". Our morning ends just after 10:00 am with a short devotional. We encourage all men in our congregation to come out and join us on the fourth Saturday of each month! Thank you for your consideration.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Committee

Don Koch, Bob Shaw, Lloyd Allen, Craig Murray

SAVE THE DATE!



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Craft Items - Books & Media

Second-Time Treasures

Bouncy Castle - Toys - Candy

Tea Room - Bake Table - Preserves

Volunteers needed

BAZAAR CONTRIBUTIONS

It's time to start your fall sorting for the "Second-Time Treasure" room. Items need to be clean, in good working order, in like-new condition. We are accepting: small household items, kitchen and décor items, picture frames, jewelry, etc. We cannot accept: any electronics, stuffed animals, or large items such as bicycles or skis. Please be discerning and only send us your treasures --- not your discards.

Watch the bulletin for dates when you can drop off items. In the meantime --- happy sorting!

Questions? Contact Sheri Coutts.

Baked Goods:

Now is the time to start thinking about what you can bake for the bazaar too! We need lots of cookies, jams, jellies and relishes, cakes and pretty Christmas squares. You can bake and freeze, so it's not too early to start.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Tuesday October 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Karl English Lounge

The Bereavement Team in conjunction with Alberta Health Service Grief Support Program will present a video summarizing the journey of two women and two men after the loss of each person's spouse. The presentation will outline each story of loss, coping with grief and finally moving forward with life.

We will have a small group discussion after the video, followed by refreshments.





St. Andrew's will commemorate Remembrance Day on **Sunday, November 5.**

As part of our Remembrance Day service, the Worship Team will be creating a slide show of your family members and friends who have, or are, serving in the military. Please send your scanned photos (including identifying information) to the office anytime **between now and October 14.** If you don't have a scanner at home, bring your photo with its information to the office during office hours (Monday to Friday excluding holidays, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm) and we can scan it for you. Communion will also be served at the two services.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION

The Presbyterian Connection newspaper is a new publication produced by the Life and Mission Agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, following the announcement of the closure of *The Presbyterian Record*. It strives to unite Presbyterians from across the country through stories, reflections, interviews and articles, allowing us to share and develop our faith. The newspaper is informative, educational — and fun! It is distributed four times per year, free of charge.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) sends us 25 copies four times a year. Alternatively, readers may go on-line and read a copy from The Presbyterian Church in Canada website. <http://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/>

If you would like to receive your own copy via email, there is a spot on the PCC website to sign up. Or call the Communications Office at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 243.

Although *The Presbyterian Connection* newspaper is free of charge, in order to help offset costs and ensure the publication continues, donations are gratefully accepted on the PCC website.

THESE DAYS

These Days is a daily devotional booklet which consists of a scripture reading, a meditation, and a short prayer --- all of which are on one page. Each week's devotions are written by a minister or lay person from each of the participating denominations. There are six different denominations participating ---Cumberland Presbyterian Church, The Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, The Presbyterian Church - USA, United Church of Christ, United Church of Canada, and The Presbyterian Church in Canada. I personally have been using *These Days* for over 50 years, and find it a good way to start/end the day. The booklets are distributed on a quarterly basis --- January-March and so on. They are sent to the church office, and I distribute them to those who have subscribed.

The cost for a two-year subscription in regular print is \$24.99 (Cdn) or \$27.99 for larger print.

If you subscribe before October 20, you will receive the first series for 2018. If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to contact Alex Grant.

So, you would like to have a chat with a minister

Rev. Jan and Rev. Jared are very busy people, attending to the congregation both inside and outside of the church facility. In order to arrange a visit, please call the office at 403-255-0001 or email: office@standrewscalgary.ca to make an appointment. This way, you will not be disappointed if they are not available when you pop into the office. Rev. Jan's days off are Friday and Saturday. Rev. Jared's days off are Monday and Saturday. This can change if circumstances warrant. For the month of October, Rev. Jared will be on study leave from Oct. 12 to Oct. 25. Rev. Jan will be attending Synod meetings from Oct. 20 to Oct. 21. If you have an immediate concern, please call the office for assistance (403-255-0001).

Ministry Resource & Accountability Team

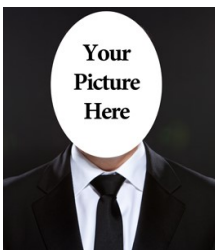
To all convenors and members of committees, volunteers, and anyone with a story to tell

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All you need to do is sit down and write your "Who, What, When, Where and How" by the 15th of any month, in "Word" if possible, and send it to the office. Please include all pertinent details. Just a little footnote: It has to be edited --- often photos or graphics included --- and sent to the layout person, who puts it into the first draft of the newsletter the week of the 20th. Several drafts are often necessary. Then it must be duplicated and stapled in the office to be ready for distribution the first Sunday in the month. As you can plainly see, this is a painstaking and time-consuming process. If you have been diligent re. deadlines, we are grateful --- please accept our thanks! If you've leaned a little towards the "flexible" side --- please mark your calendars and send us your articles by the 15th if at all possible.

With gratitude, Your NFTP staff

Coming Soon - A New Church Directory



Our directory will not be complete without you, so make your photo appointment date as soon as possible. Photo dates are: Oct. 10 - Oct. 28. How to sign up for your appointment:

1. Sign-up sheets are available before and after Sunday services in the foyer.
2. Sign up on St. Andrew's website – Tuesday mornings until Fridays at 12:00 pm.
3. Help to sign up is available in the church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Val Hall (403) 255-0001.

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Articles may be submitted in the mailbox in the Karl English Lounge or emailed to :

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NEXT DEADLINE: October 15, 2017

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

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