

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

NOVEMBER, 2017

PURSuing DISCIPLESHIP

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



WE REMEMBER

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left
grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn. At the going down of the sun
and in the morning, we will remember them.”

-Laurence Binyon, “Ode of Remembrance”



We Can Remember By:

1. Being grateful for the many men and women who gave their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.
2. Thanking a veteran personally for his service.
3. Remembering the fallen at a cenotaph service on Nov. 11 or a church service.
4. Visiting the Military Museums of Calgary, consisting of the four founding regimental museums and the Naval, Army and Air Force Museums of Alberta, or visit Bomber Command Museum – Nanton.
5. Donating to the Veterans' Food Bank.

ANNUAL VETERAN'S FOOD BANK DRIVE

St. Andrew's is holding a food drive for the Veterans' Food Bank in conjunction with our service of Remembrance on Sunday, November 5. The Veterans' Food Bank has requested small-sized jars, cans and packages rather than large ones. Items may be placed in the food box located in the foyer on November 5 and throughout November. Donations may be put in an envelope and left in the offering plate. Please indicate “Veterans' Food Bank” on the memo line.

Suggested donations:

Canned: meats, vegetables, stews, chilis, soups, and fruit; Condiments: mustard, ketchup, jams, honey, peanut butter, relish; Boxed: cereals, cake mixes, cookies, juices, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, laundry soap; Personal items: tooth paste, shampoo, Kleenex, deodorant, soap, shaving cream, razors, etc.

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Rev. Jan Hazlett



It has been a busy fall between continuing programs and new programs and ministries. We continue to move forward, even as we look to complete our team of ministers. What a wonderful community of disciples who offer their time, their talent, their prayers and financial resources to worship God, nurture faith and reach out to others with God's love. Over the fall I have seen God moving in amazing ways here at St. Andrew's as we continue to seek to grow together as disciples.

Although we traditionally consider November a less busy month before the busy Advent and Christmas season, November at St. Andrew's is a very busy month. We begin with our Remembrance Day service on November 5. Our congregation has a tradition of collecting for the Veteran's Food Bank at this time of year; this year is no different. Please see the grocery carts for needed items. Collection will take place over the first two weeks in November. Nov 5 is also the first Sunday of the month, so we celebrate communion during worship services. This year we also have a congregational meeting at 4:00 pm to vote on the structure of the ministry team (proposed are one lead minister and two associate ministers) and the position descriptions that have been revised to fit that model.

Most of the congregation is also involved in our annual Bazaar that takes place on November 18 this year. As a congregation this is a wonderful time of working together to welcome others into our building and to raise funds for our ministry. On the day of the Bazaar there is fun for everyone, including special activities for children. We hope you will get involved and be here to enjoy the day.

Over this fall, I have seen God moving as Session members have been working on leadership skills needed during times of transition such as we are encountering. We have a dedicated, faithful group of leaders, working to continue faithful ministry and mission as we move to complete our team of ministers, nurture faith across the life span, and seek to reach out in mission south of Fish Creek. We are confident that God is leading us and continues preparing us for what is yet to come. In order to continue toward the future we believe God is calling us to, we need to continue to grow in unity, to learn ways to minister appropriately to new generations even as we continue being who we are --- a missional congregation. As such, we seek to provide opportunities for all ages to be involved in mission, believing that, as we participate in mission and ministry, we mature as disciples.

Near the end of November, we will be providing Advent devotional materials appropriate for various ages.

"Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us . . . Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 11:19-20, 23-25

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FAMILY MINISTRY

Surge Youth Group – The Bible Project

Youth meets **Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the upstairs small youth room**. We will meet every Thursday, with the exception of holidays. This fall we are using a video series from the group, The Bible Project, www.thebibleproject.com. There will be 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 has put together an amazing study on the Apostles Creed that he is offering on the first and fourth Thursday evenings of the month from October to April in the Karl English Lounge. This study is geared towards parents, but open to anyone. It explains Christianity and our faith by focusing on each part of the Apostles Creed. Each night covers two different topics and 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 the youth group study will still be happening upstairs. If you are dropping off your youth, feel free to come visit with other parents from 6:30 -7:00 pm.

Nov 2 (7:00 -8:00 pm) – To say, “In Jesus Christ” - A study on the historical Jesus

Nov 2 (8:00 -9:00 pm) – To say, “God’s only Son” - A study on the Trinity

Nov 23 (7:00 – 8:00 pm) – To say, “Our Lord” - A study on Christology

Nov 23 (8:00 - 9:00 pm) – To say, “Conceived by the Holy Spirit” - A study on original sin

Christmas Bazaar – Kids’ Room

Family Ministry will once again be hosting the popular Kids’ Room in the Upper Room during the Christmas Bazaar on November 18 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Come enjoy the bouncy castle, games and treats.

Take 150 – November 24

Family Ministry is offering another Take 150, a program for parents and children (ages 6-12 years only), where both groups get to take 150 minutes for themselves. On November 24, (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, November 24

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, November 22 at <http://bit.ly/take150>

Salvation Army Toy Drive

Come out and enjoy a family-friendly evening of volunteering at the Salvation Army! At the Toy Drive we get to wander around a warehouse filled with toys with a shopping cart and put together toy hampers for those who can't afford Christmas presents for their children. It's one of the youths' all-time favorite events, and we hope that any youth, families, or members of St. Andrew's will be able to join us for this important event. We will be meeting at the warehouse (address TBA) from **6:00 – 8:00 pm on Nov 28**. For safety reasons, only children age 6 and older are permitted to volunteer. Please sign up at the volunteer centre in the foyer to secure a spot.

(Limited spots available!)

WE REMEMBER

HOPE-ROSS, ROXY MAY (NEE REID)

“Roxy Hope-Ross was reunited with her husband of 75 years, William (Bill) Hope-Ross, her mother, father, sisters, brother, daughter-in-law and great-grandsons on the evening of September 28, 2017. She passed away peacefully with her daughter holding her hand and speaking softly to her, just as she had wished to do. Roxy is survived by her immediate family: daughter Lindsay, sons Jim* and John, and daughter-in-law Darlene. She dearly loved and spoiled her grandchildren. .



. . Roxy was also blessed to have numerous great-grandchildren . . .

“Roxy was born in Swift Current, SK, and was a true prairie girl, having been raised in Regina during the "dirty 30's". She met her only love, Bill Hope-Ross, while still in high school, and they were married on August 22, 1942. Roxy and Bill went on to build their lives together in Regina, welcoming their three children along the way. In 1957, the family left Saskatchewan and moved to Calgary, where Bill developed a highly successful career in the oil patch, always with his best friend, Roxy, quietly supporting him in the background. Roxy never took centre stage. Her family was always of utmost importance to her, and she was first and foremost a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, great-grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, and aunt, who always put others ahead of herself. She delighted in watching her children and their families grow and succeed. But Roxy was also a lot of fun. She had many lifelong friends who could tell you lots of stories that illustrate her outgoing nature, sense of adventure, mischievousness and (sometimes off-colour!) sense of humour! Just ask anyone who attended the annual Oilmen's Golf Tournaments in Banff and Jasper or the Oil Wives activities of the 60's and 70's! While each family member and friend will have his, or her, own wonderful memories of Roxy, you can bet they all contain her loving, generous, gentle, warm spirit – for that is who she was.”**

A celebration of Roxy's life will be held at McInnis &

Holloway (Park Memorial, 5008 Elbow Drive SW) on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception at the Calgary Golf and Country Club (50th Avenue SW, 1 block west of the intersection of Elbow Drive and 50th Avenue); please note dress code of no jeans.

*Jim is a former Clerk of Session at St. Andrew's.

**Courtesy McInnis & Holloway.

MACDONALD, Margaret

“Margaret MacDonald passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2017, seven weeks short of her 100th birthday. Margaret was born



November 7, 1917 in Longside, Scotland. [She] and her late husband, David MacDonald, immigrated to Canada in 1948, settling in Ottawa. Margaret enjoyed Sunday picnics, baking her famous jam cake, tea biscuits or scones, and was a meticulous sewer and knitter. [She] worked part-time

throughout her life, but was a homebody at heart. Margaret was quiet in nature and a natural listener. Once their four children were grown, Margaret and David settled in Almonte, Ontario, until 1988, when they moved to Calgary to care for their grandchild, Sarah. As Margaret would say, looking after Sarah kept her young; she became known to friends and family as “Grandma”. Margaret survived breast cancer at 80 years old and a fall in Whistler that almost paralyzed her in 1999, [after which] she had to learn how to walk . . . again. Margaret's most cherished thing in the world was her family. Sadly, [she] lost her husband of 59 years in 2006. . . . Margaret continued to live in her own home until 2015, when she became a resident of Southwood Nursing Home. [She] was truly happiest when her whole family was with her.”* Margaret is survived by her four children (one of whom is Sheila MacFayden of St. Andrew's) and their partners, three grandchildren, and her great-grandson. Funeral services were held at McInnis & Holloway on Friday, September 22, 2017. *Courtesy McInnis & Holloway

IN HONOR OF OUR NEW STATUS AS A FOOD BANK SATELLITE

This is not a St. Andrew's story --- It is the story of a garden, and those who work in it. There once were a couple who had spent time in Ethiopia as volunteer teachers. On their return, they wanted to contribute to the Calgary community. They lived on a parcel of land at the edge of the City and thought they might plant a garden and donate the vegetables to the Calgary Food Bank. A group of retirees from a large Calgary company were looking for such a project, and the Garden of Eat'n was born. The name was chosen because the 1.5-acre garden relies totally on rainfall, since well water has too much alkali for plant usage. This garden was the first community garden in the Calgary area, but, according to the Horticultural Society, there are now hundreds of them, albeit smaller. The garden depends on many corporations who share their retirees and employees to seed, weed and harvest the vegetables. In the past 22 years, the garden has contributed 184,573 lbs. of vegetables to the Calgary Food Bank.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. ANDREW'S

At St. Andrew's we think there is a need for special care of people in crises. A program called Stephen Ministry might help us to provide this ministry. The ministry would depend on finding enough people with gifts, including listening and faith, to visit one person once a week during a difficult time in their lives.

Stephen Ministry is a lay pastoral care program for congregations that equips and empowers lay caregivers --- called Stephen Ministers --- to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. The training program provides 50 hours of instruction in pastoral care. The format for Stephen Ministry then manages and supports the caregiver in this ministry. Training will begin in early January. For more information, please contact Judie Coleman or visit their website: www.stephenministries.org

WHAT A WONDERFUL DINNER

The Stewardship Team would like to express its sincere thanks to the congregation for the wonderful show of support at our recent "Giving our Share" fall turkey dinner. The event was close to a sold-out affair, and a great time was had by everyone who came out to enjoy an evening of fellowship and great food! Thanks to the generosity of many, the event realized donations in excess of \$5,000 towards the general fund.

We know this event would not have happened without the generous gift of time provided by so many volunteers to bake, cook, decorate, set up and clean up. For those who enjoy a little trivia --- it reportedly took 61 dishwasher loads to clean up after dinner!!!

We wish to acknowledge the support of all our volunteers, and please accept our sincere apologies if your name has been inadvertently left off the list:

George Amos, Maureen Amos, Marianne Attridge, Margaret Bates, Doug Benneweis, Ted Cantlon, Sheri Coutts, Merle Crawford, Roger Degraaf, Debby Dorcas, Dolly Forcade, Val Hall, Lynne Holmes, Shirley Howe, Pam Livingstone, Barbara MacFarlane, Jayne Martin, Jean McPhee, John McPhee, Judy McVittie, Pat Pollard, Rob Pollard, Judy Roberts, Olive Schwab, Marlyn Townsend, David Townsend and Noel White.

Again, thank you to all who purchased tickets, made a donation, or volunteered --- your contribution made this a truly special evening and a most successful event.

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND PLANNING TEAM

As you have attended services this fall, you will have noticed new changes to the sanctuary. Perhaps you have questions about these changes or the roof repair and would like more information. The following summarizes the cost and funding of the projects that have been completed at St. Andrew's in recent months.

Spring for the Shingles campaign 2016-2017

\$50,675 Total donations (including \$11, 500 from the Legacy Fund)

\$25,707 Total cost of the roof repair

\$24,968 Balance to reserve for major repairs (direction of unused funds as specified during campaign).

The roof repair costs were much less than what we had estimated. There was scant information on the costs prior to the roof repair, and contingencies for a worst case scenario were assumed.

Savings to the overall cost of repair estimated were due to the following:

- A spring booking discount was given by the contractor to be competitive.
- No additional insulation was found to be required.
- No rot (anticipated) was found, once the roof was stripped down.
- Contractor recommended against replacement of fascia and eaves boards, as they were in good condition.

Note: Fundraising included flat roof repair, which has not yet been undertaken.

Chancel Renovation

\$30,000 Memorial Fund

\$11,500 Legacy Fund (new south window)

Volunteer labour created considerable savings to the project.

Sound and Video Equipment

\$53,600 Memorial Fund

\$ 6,400 Legacy Fund

Stained Glass

\$45,000 Total cost

\$38,000 Special donations to date

We hope that these projects and changes have made your worship experience meaningful at St. Andrew's. If you have any further questions, please ask your elder or district visitor, or feel free to write your questions down and leave them at the welcome desk on any Sunday. We will be happy to address your questions or concerns promptly.

Stewardship and Planning Team

WHAT'S NEW IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes and Curriculum

It is indeed heartwarming to see so many little ones rush up to the front for the children's story, particularly during the first service on Sunday mornings. Our church school classes are filled with delightful, inquisitive children. We have three classes this year: Kingdom Kids at 9:30 am for children aged 3 to Grade 2, Faithful Followers at 9:30 am for children in Grades 3-6 and Worship Wonders at 11:15 am for children aged 3 to Grade 6.

Children's Participation in the Service – Bible Processing and Ushering Duties

The CE team would like to provide more opportunities for children to feel part of the congregation and the service in those 20 minutes they sit with the congregation before heading off to church school classes. There are two relatively simple ways to include those children who are interested – one is in assisting in the processing of the Bible and the other is in some of the ushering duties which occur at the beginning of the service – greeting and handing out bulletins. Both of these activities will be carried out under the supervision of the adult(s) responsible on any given week.

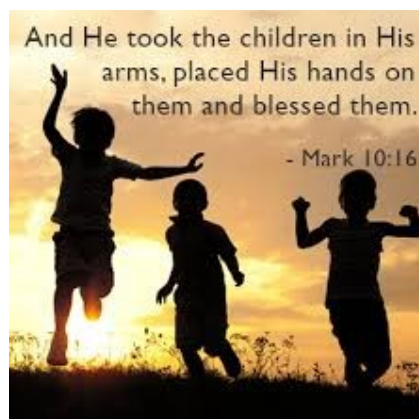
There is a sign-up sheet at the volunteer centre in the foyer for children who are interested in either task. Please help make the children of St. Andrew's feel welcome in these new, important roles for them!

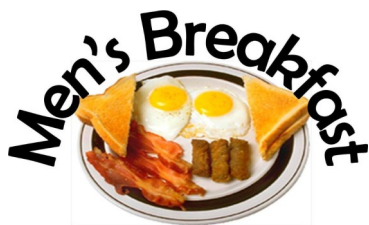
Children's Offering

While offering was at one time a routine part of the church school program, it has quietly slipped away as a regular practice. The CE Team have discussed this and think it may be a missed opportunity for a valuable learning experience for the children. After communication with the parents, we are bringing back the practice. We hope and anticipate that some of the benefits of a regular offertory practice by the children (depending on their age) will include an enhanced feeling of gratitude for their own blessings; some thinking about those less fortunate; some thinking about the setting of priorities for savings; some thinking about being a good Christian every day, and some early preparation for their eventual adult role in the church.

A little time is now set aside at the beginning of each church school lesson for the children to say a prayer led by the leader and to present any offerings. Every child receives a card on their way into the classroom, so he/she will feel included, even if an offering is not brought by the child on that Sunday.

The CE Team continue to welcome new leaders and helpers to the team. If you are interested, please connect with Convenor, Rhonda Wishart.





Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, November 25, 8:30 am in Trinity Hall

All St. Andrew's men are invited to attend the next Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, November 25, in Trinity Hall starting at 8:30 am. Please join us and enjoy a delicious breakfast, warm fellowship, and an entertaining and inspiring speaker. Our guest speaker is Robert Heath from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 285 (on Horton Road). He will speak about the many worthwhile causes in which the Royal Canadian Legion has been active in recent years. Cost is only \$5.00 per person. Please preregister at the volunteer centre in the foyer and invite your guests to join us. We will be pleased to welcome the ladies to a future breakfast.

Christmas Cookie Plates

Christmas cookie plates are a St. Andrew's Care Share mission project for our members who are in care facilities, home bound, who have suffered the loss of a spouse this year or for those who are challenged by major health problems or other crises. This gesture is hopefully a reminder to the recipient and his/her family that we remember and we do support them in thought and prayer at this time of year.

If you are willing to share a batch of Christmas cookies, please deliver them to the Karl English Lounge on Friday, Dec 1, during office hours (9:00 am – 12 noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm). Last year 63 plates were delivered, each with a Christmas greeting and message prepared by one of our ministers.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for help with the baking.

Judy McVittie



SAVE THE DATE!



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN *CHRISTMAS BAZAAR*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

10:00am – 2:00pm

Craft Items - Books & Media

Second Time Treasures

Bouncy Castle - Toys - Candy

Tea Room - Bake Table - Preserves

Welcome donations of gently used items including books,

CDs, DVDs, children's toys, collectibles & baked goods

(No text books, encyclopedias, Readers Digest condensed books or magazines please)

Volunteers needed, for more information

Please contact Elaine Cantlon

Look for the sign-up sheets in the foyer

St. Andrew's Youth Scholarship, 2017

The Christian Education Team is pleased to announce that Abel Mohan and Douglas Henrichsen were both awarded the St. Andrew's Youth Scholarship for 2017. Abel is in first year at the University of Toronto studying engineering, and Douglas has decided to defer his university studies until the fall of 2018.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 17, 2017

- The Session is accepting the gift of a new set of hand bells and chimes. The hand bells will enhance worship about six times a year. Lori Teneyke has offered to co-ordinate the training of a hand bell choir and is looking at starting a community hand bell choir as well. We are so grateful to the donor, for Lori for offering her talents, to Cody for the ways he will be incorporating the new instruments in worship and for this new opportunity for many to participate in worship.
- The Bereavement Team reported on the success of the Grief Support program that took place on October 3. The team is busy planning the Celebration of Life service, which will take place on Monday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 pm.
- The Pastoral Care Team is investigating Stephen Ministry. This is a program that provides training and support for ministry to people in crisis. We will assess how the ministry looks at St. Andrew's after volunteers begin their training. (See "Stephen Ministry at St. Andrews." on page 5)
- We also welcome Jayne Martin as a new hospital visitor. Jayne has finished the training and is going to be visiting at the South Health Campus.
- The budgeting process for 2018 is currently being undertaken. All teams and groups are encouraged to have their budget requests in.
- The ministry position descriptions for a tiered model of ministry were adopted by Session, and a Congregational Meeting is set for November 5 at 4 pm to have the congregation vote to adopt this model and the associated position descriptions.

ADVENTure 2017 Intergenerational Musical

Sunday, December 10th (both services)

How The **GROUCH** Found Christmas

If you are a youth GRADE 4 OR OLDER and would like to participate in our ADVENTure 2017 musical,
please contact Debby Dorcas by November 7

If you are a young adult, middle adult or older adult and would like to participate, please pick up a CD package

YOUTH participant practice schedule (6)

Sundays: 10:40 am—11:10 am: Nov. 12, 19, 26

Saturdays: 10:00 am—12:00 pm: Nov. 25 and Dec. 2

ADULT participant practice schedule (4)

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm: Nov. 28, Dec. 5

Thursdays: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm: Nov. 30

ALL participants

Sunday: 1:00 pm—2:30 pm: Dec. 3 - **FULL** Dress rehearsal with lunch at 12:30 pm



CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Monday, November 27, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

Recognizing that Christmas can be a challenging time for those who have suffered a loss, whether it be the loss of a loved one, a loss of employment, a loss in a relationship or a loss of health, the Bereavement Team of St. Andrew's Presbyterian invites you to participate in this service. **All are welcome to attend.**

Our guest speaker will be **Darrin Parkin, Spiritual Care Co-ordinator Community Hospice Services, Rosedale Hospice.** Darrin has been Prison Chaplain with Alberta Corrections; Senior Provincial Chaplain for Alberta; and since June of 2015, Spiritual Care Co-ordinator with Hospice Calgary and Rosedale Hospice. Most of his work is in a non-religious environment, offering care to patients, clients, and family members from all walks of life. He does public speaking and educating for Alberta Health Services and other groups in the areas of spirituality and distress. Darrin has three grown children and lives in Okotoks.

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."
~ Deuteronomy 33:27 ~

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES OF:

- ◆ The Mother of Jean Spotowski who died October 2, 2017
- ◆ Velda Harris who died, October 13
- ◆ Russell Benneweis, son of Doug Benneweis, who died recently

A big thank you to my church family for all of your help to me during my recent illness while at the Turkey Dinner recently. Thank you for making sure Paul got home safely, for getting in touch with my family, for the donation of meals, phone calls, offers of assistance and your prayers. It was very much appreciated and comforting at the same time, again thank you. Rita Elliott.

Help Keep St Andrew's Alive for Future Generations

Have you considered supporting our church in your will or estate plan? Get information on how you can leave a legacy that will benefit St. Andrew's for many years to come. Brochures are available at the welcome desk, or check out the "Planned Giving" information under the "Resources" tab on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website: presbyterian.ca.

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