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2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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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.

111TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –2018

February 25, 2018
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Officers and Leaders

The Session:

Moderators: Rev. Janice Hazlett, Rev. Jared Miller
Clerk: Debby Dorcas

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

*Resigned in 2017

Elders Emeritus

Elders within the congregation not in Session in 2017

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

Visitors who are not Session Members

Shirley Allen	Maureen Flack	Mary Anne Quesnel
Eleanor Art *(Oct)	Leslie Hubler *(July)	Evelyn Reimer
Marianne Attridge	Wilfred Kangong	Jean Simpson
Frank Breisch	Barbara Kearnes	Kathleen Tomie
Sheri Coutts	Dan Mullan*(Jan)	Arlene Young
Joan Davies	Elly de Nooij	Terry Zimmer

*Resigned in 2017

Church Staff

Office Manager	Rhonda Mullan
Administrative Assistant/Treasurer	Dolly Forcade
Nursery Caregiver	Deepali Gupta
Director of Music/Organist	Cody Obst
Side by Side Coordinator	Alice Post
Custodian	Oscar Salguero (Jan.)

Volunteer Staff

Envelope Secretaries	Linda Burton-Chalmers Jenny Drinkwater Rob Pollard (Jan - Feb)
Leader, Musical Friends	Debby Dorcas

Congregational Statistics

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
FAMILIES		
Number of families associated	409	366
THE MEMBERSHIP		
Communicant Membership January 01	503	500
Added to the Roll		
by Profession of Faith	0	9
by Certificate of Transfer	0	0
by Resolution of Session	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	1	9
Removed from the Roll		
by Death	5	13
by Certificate of Transfer	0	0
by Resolution of Session	0	19
own request(new category)	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>
	14	47
Communicant Membership December 31	500	462
<u>BAPTISMS</u>		
Children	3	3
Adult	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	3	3
<u>MARRIAGES</u>		
Members	2	0
Adherents	1	1
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	4	2
<u>FUNERALS</u>		
Members	3	4
Adherent	3	6
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	7	11

In Memoriam

The following members and adherents of our congregation were called to higher service during 2017:

Anola Claudette Appelhof	Margaret MacDonald
Shelia Margaret Benneweis	Percy Malcolm MacLean
Daniel Gordon Bryant	Isobel Margaret Masur
Earland Whitman Clarke	Dorothy G. Shields
Winnifred Hattie Cole	Doreen May Tiglmann
Margaret Lucille Darough	Laverne Louise Waldock
John (Jack) Richard Greenwood	David Osgoode Worthen
Roxy May Hope-Ross	Helene Vande Zande

The Memorial Fund

In 2017, Memorial donations were received in memory of the following people:

Terrance Attridge	Dorothy Shields
Winnifred Cole	Harry & Flora Taylor
Ruth Grant	Laverne Waldock
Grant Huber	Ruth Young
Malcolm Roberts	

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*

Minister's Message to the Congregation

*I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her
tombstone, from the beginning to
the end
He noted that first came her date of
her birth and spoke the following
date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of
all was the dash between those years
For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved her
know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we
own; the cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and
love and how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to
change?
For you never know how much time
is left, that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to
consider what's true and real
And always try to understand the
way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger, and show
appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like
we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.
So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things
they say about how you spent your
dash?*

- Linda Ellis

I want to share a poem with you.

An annual report is lots of things. It is a witness of God's faithfulness and your generosity. It is a story of the mission and ministry of the church. It is a collection of values and identities.

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since I had to write one of these, so I went back and reread what I wrote. We had big plans for 2017.

But as they say, make a plan and watch God laugh.

So I want to focus instead on a different area. I want to take a few paragraphs to talk about what didn't happen. What does our dash look like?

Because what doesn't happen, and what doesn't get reported are important parts in the life of a church. No matter how much it might look like it from the world's point of view, the Church isn't about activities. The Church is about people.

This has been an interesting year to discover together what that looks like. We've seen new ministries created and people undertake big tasks. We've seen excessive generosity and boundless joy. We've seen change, and we've seen growth. But these are the things that don't get reported.

It's easy to approach this report as a series of lists. "Look at all the things we did." But I hope you see it as more than that. I hope you see beyond the effects to the affects. Because God has been good to St. Andrew's in 2017, and we look forward to God's goodness in 2018.

Keep living in the dash.

Congratulations on a successful year of Mission and Ministry, and don't be surprised if God decides to give you more in 2018.

Blessings in Christ,



Rev. Jared Miller

Minutes of the 110th Annual Congregational Meeting
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta

Held on Sunday, February 26, 2017

Attendance and Constitution:

One hundred and seventeen (117) members and adherents of St. Andrew's gathered in the sanctuary of the Church on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. for the 110th Annual Congregational Meeting.

The Rev. Jared Miller served as Chair of the meeting and welcomed the congregation to the meeting and declared the meeting properly constituted for the conduct of business. The Rev. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Congregational Announcement:

Don and Annika Koch advised the congregation of a pot luck supper, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, to be held March 11, 2017 from 5-7:30 pm in the lower hall.

Appointment of Secretary, Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes and Adoption of Reports:

1. Moved by Dolly Forcade, seconded by Audrey Cole that John Cuthbertson be appointed Secretary for the meeting. Carried.
2. Moved by Mark Rowe, seconded by Debby Dorcas that further nominations cease. Carried
3. Moved by Audrey Cole, seconded by George Amos that the agenda be adopted as amended to include a new item 3.5 being a Session presentation by Debby Dorcas and Craig Murray. Carried
4. Debbie Dorcas gave a presentation from Session which updated the Search process and outlined the Tri-Ministry model. Craig Murray outlined the Resources, Responsibilities and Accountability of the Tri-Ministry model and Rev. Jan and Rev Jared then shared their views on this model.
5. Moved by Rene Prevost, seconded by Beth Miller that the Minutes of the 109th Annual Congregational Meeting (corrected in the agenda to reflect that it was held on Sunday, February 28, 2016) be approved as presented. Carried. These minutes appear on pages 12-14 of the 2016 Annual Report.
6. Just prior to the adoption of reports, Mary Anne Quesnel thanked Sheila Kirkland for 30 years of effort District Supervisor and asked the minutes of today's meeting reflect that thanks.
7. Moved by Audrey Cole, seconded by Caroline Bain that all reports be received and considered. Carried.
8. Moved by Brian Hawco, seconded by Joan Rowe that all reports without recommendations be received for information with one correction subsequently identified and to be reflected in these minutes (requested by Cathy Millar) to show that Brent Werle is a member of the Search team. Carried.

Financial Statements for 2016

David Townsend presented the 2016 financial report to the meeting entitling it "An Incredible Machine with Lots of Moving Parts!" He specifically thanked Dolly Forcade for her key work in the preparation of this report. He made several observations and notes:

- a. He reviewed and discussed the background leading to the decision to invest certain of the funds in a balanced portfolio fund with Mawer Investments of Calgary and noted that the Legacy Fund monies were invested separately with the PCC.
- b. On the revenue side, overall contributions were down about \$50,000 from 2015, reflecting in part, the difficult financial situation in Calgary generally. Also, investment revenues were down, in large part a reflection of the low interest rate environment.
- c. The Legacy Fund disbursed a total of \$87,000 to St. Andrew's to support the 5-year budget plan. \$15,000 went into the General Fund of the Church while the remaining \$72,000 was allocated to a designated fund for Mission and Worship and over time, these funds will be transferred to the General Fund.

There being no questions on the Balance Sheet, David reviewed the General Fund. He specifically wanted to acknowledge and thank the contributions of the Facilities Team and maintenance volunteers whose efforts were a significant factor in keeping the expenses of the church lower than they otherwise would have been. Rev. Frank Breisch commented that many of the church teams did not spend what was allocated to them and questioned whether that meant things that were budgeted did not get done. A member of the congregation, Dirk Alting, asked whether the \$250, 000 of envelope and miscellaneous revenue (line 2 under revenue on p3 of the financial statements) was based on member numbers. Rev. Jared answered this question. It is actual givings, while the budget for 2017 considers the membership.

David then discussed the Legacy Fund (p4), the Memorial Fund (p5), the South of Fish Creek Fund (p6) and the Notes to the Financials (p7).

Brian Hawco questioned whether the invested monies were secure, and David responded that they were invested with Mawer Investments in a Balanced Fund.

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, 2016 be accepted. Carried.

Mary Anne Quesnel asked whether the funds not spent last year on the 3rd

Minister's stipend is in a reserve fund. David Townsend advised that they were not and these savings were part of the overall expense reductions and part of the reason for the surplus.

2017 Budget Presentation

Mark Rowe then gave a detailed presentation of the two budgets-the St. Andrew's General Fund Budget and the South of Fish Creek Budget (Appendix B after the 2016 Financial Statements in the 2016 Annual Report). Based on the overall budget, he asked the congregation to consider an increase in their givings this year of between 2%-5%.

At this point in the meeting, the following questions from the congregation submitted to the question box were answered.

1. How will the South of Fish Creek Ministry affect our mission work and efforts? Rev. Jared responded indicating that while we were blessed with extra financial resources, this doesn't necessarily translate to personnel resources, and so that will need to be a consideration in moving forward.
2. What is the line item for the \$7000 consulting fee? Rev. Jan responded that this was for a communication consultant to ensure that we had consistent and effective communication with respect to the search process and over all of the different vehicles of communication used at St. Andrew's. Some of these funds also relate to some executive coaching, and this consulting arrangement was, in part, proposed by the Presbytery.
3. Why are the Ministers' stipends not listed separately? Mark Rowe responded that there was some privacy sensitivity about putting this information in a public document and that most not for profit organizations handles it this way. That said, the information is available to those who request it. Elaine Cantlon also advised that this suggestion was under advisement.
4. Sylvia Shaw, the acting chair of the Personnel Team, then provided specific salary and benefit information for the office staff and the musical director.
5. Please outline the rationale concerning the janitorial change. Sylvia advised that the Personnel team had noted that the role had changed over the years with some functions being done by volunteers. They surveyed other churches and carefully and prayerfully considered alternatives. As a result of that process, they moved to a contract cleaning company. Furthermore, they confirmed they had considered the need for set up assistance of the facilities and older members who needed such assistance.
6. With respect to the contract cleaning contract, please comment on the quality and financial aspects. Sylvia Shaw advised that the church would potentially save more than \$10,000 annually. With respect to the quality and level of service, as this is a new process for the church, she requested some patience as we work through this. The office is keeping a log book of any issues and they will then liaise with the cleaning company with any issues.
7. Sheri Coutts had a question respecting the amounts for two line items in the budget being the amount spent in 2016 under Leading and Leader Resources and secondly, the amount budgeted for 2017 for Research (included under the Maintenance and Operations section). Rev. Jared responded and indicated that the amount spent in 2016 was with respect to the communication consultant. The Research line item concerned bringing Glenn and Sandy Smith to Calgary for the launch of phase 2 of South of Fish Creek, Rev. Jared's own research in Vancouver on missional communities in affluent neighbourhoods and other research, including upcoming SFC Transact studies or intern involvement.
8. John Young asked what the costs were to run the nursery and Sylvia responded with the specific information.
9. Jackie Moody asked who was responsible for covering the moving costs of the new minister. Mark Rowe indicated that we are bound by standard operating procedures and that St. Andrew's would bear this cost. The number in the budget is artificially low because money is held in reserve that was unused during previous moves. The \$8000 listed is the balance after the reserved amount of \$17,000 is used.

10. Margaret Bates indicated she and other members were concerned about the continued reduction in the music budget and given that there was a surplus, whether the 2016 amount could be restored and used in the 2017 budget. There was general discussion about the budget process and that the congregation may only approve the budget or send it back to the Session. It could not approve the type of amendment suggested.
11. Frank Breisch made a comment to the meeting that we need to be careful in our spending but that a vote to approve the budget was a vote by each of us to commit to the increased givings target of 2%-5%. He would offer his leadership personally to do this. One member indicated that many seniors may not be able to make that kind of increase.
12. Frank Breisch then moved, seconded by Dolly Forcade that "this meeting request Session ensure that any team, organization, or ministry that overspends its budget without prior Sessional approval shall have its budget for the following year reduced by the amount that was overspent. "

There was further commentary from several members of the congregation.

Brian Hawco cautioned for the need to be careful and to consider why the amount might be overspent. The opportunity to come to Session was noted favourably. Alice Post asked how funds are handled which are specifically donated to support a certain team. A few of the examples that were discussed included Side by Side, and PWS&D. Dolly Forcade explained how this worked for qualified recipients (e.g. the Food Bank) or where reserves were established (e.g. the Shingles campaign for the new roof) and the third situation where someone donates to a specific church group (e.g. Side by Side). She also emphasized that first and foremost, the funds, if they are designated, go to where there they are designated, the General fund then subsidizes the budget by the amount not designated. Further general discussion occurred. When the motion was called for a vote, 60 voted in favour of Frank Breisch's motion and 22 voted against with the result that it was carried.

13. George Thomson asked about the funds being budgeted for the search team. Dolly Forcade answered that these are only incurred when a search is occurring, that pulpit supply is needed (as we have a vacancy) and that relocation expenses are also incurred.
14. There were 3 motions made by Mark Rowe and seconded by Elaine Cantlon. These motions were to approve the Presbyterian Sharing allocation of \$40,243, to adopt the 2017 Budget and to adopt the 2017 South of Fish Creek Budget, all of which were carried.
15. Moved by Mark Rowe, seconded by Elaine Cantlon that:
 - a) the accepted allocation for Presbyterians Sharing in 2017 be \$40, 243;
 - b) the proposed budget for St. Andrew's General Fund for 2017 be adopted, and
 - c) the proposed budget for the South of Fish Creek Fund for 2017 as presented, be adopted. Carried.

In Memoriam

Rev. Jared read the names of those members and adherents who were called to higher service in 2016 (see p.9 of the 2016 Annual Report). The Moderator offered a prayer in honour of those who had passed on and we recognized them.

Conclusion

One further congregant's question had been submitted and asked why there were no regularly scheduled Bible studies in the evening. Rev. Jan responded and indicated that these hadn't been well attended in the past for a variety of reasons but that the Ministers were always very open to meeting a need.

There being no further business, on motion made by Audrey Cole, seconded by Gail Prevost, the meeting concluded at 2:45.

Rev. Jan Hazlett closed the meeting with the benediction.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Minutes of Congregational Meeting held November 5, 2017.

Sixty one (61) members of St. Andrew's attended the Congregational meeting held on Nov. 5, 2017 at 4:00p.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Jared moderated the meeting.

MOTION by Rev. Jared to appoint Jean Sadler as Clerk for the meeting. Seconded by Mark Rowe. Carried.

The Moderator stated the reason for the meeting was the need for congregational buy-in for support of changes to the ministerial model.

The Moderator led the meeting in prayer.

Kevin MacFarlane undertook a presentation including overhead slides that outlined the revised ministry position descriptions for approval along with the new associated tier structure which would be presented to Presbytery on Nov. 7 for approval. Following that the Search Team would be asked to continue searching for a minister to be a "Lead Minister" based on the accepted position descriptions.

Following brief discussion, it was confirmed Revs. Jared Miller and Jan Hazlett will have the opportunity to meet candidate(s); Presbytery Reps Revs. Jean Morris and Dianne Ollerenshaw are advisors; Jean and Dianne feel confident Presbytery would approve the change if St. Andrew's Session and congregation approve the action; Session feels we will be stronger and better off going back to the tier model of ministry; the sooner the Search Team can complete their job the sooner we could have a minister on board, there were a couple of candidates identified during the previous search who were interested in the tier model and if they are still interested we would react quickly to see if there is still interest.

MOTION by Kevin MacFarlane, Seconded by Brian Hawco THAT the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, approve its Session's recommendation of a revised ministry model and associated position descriptions to reflect a tier ministry with a lead minister and two associate ministers. Carried.

Rev. Jared announced that Rev. Jan Hazlett will be taking three months leave beginning Nov. 10. There being no further business MOTION by Craig Murray, Seconded by Frank Breisch THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:40p.m.

Session Highlights

Members of the Session of St. Andrew's are elected and ordained to the office of Ruling Elder. With the ministers, who act as the moderator of Session, elders work as leaders—leading the congregation in its fellowship (its ministry to one another) and in its mission (its ministry to the world). Elders seek the will of God for the congregation so they can lead it in the direction they believe Jesus would have it go.

They seek to model themselves after Jesus as they listen to people and serve the church. The Session is fully accountable for actions of all teams and groups in our congregation.

We started the year with 35 Session members; with the resignation of Tom McIntyre, Brenda Pudwell, and Marlene LaMontagne, our number is now 32.

Session work is accomplished through teams whose membership includes both elders and lay people. This year teams of Session included: Christian Education, Family Ministry, Mission, Leading with Care, Ministry Resource and Accountability, Pastoral Care, Personnel, Stewardship and Planning, Welcome and Fellowship, and Worship. In addition, our Search Team continued working to fill the vacant position of Lead Minister. Here are a few Session highlights from the past year:

- Over the summer, Session supported the Facilities Team in the Sanctuary renovation and Audio-Visual upgrade, and we would like to express our heartfelt THANKS to the many volunteers who gave of their time and talents in this meaningful work.
- We have been in transition for basically four years as a congregation. In response to what we are hearing and experiencing, we invited Don McLeod, a facilitator who brings 'transition' experience and knowledge of church communities and the corporate world, to work with our Session in a fall retreat setting (Friday night and all day Saturday). Don was asked to help us think about our current reality, to help us understand what might be normative in such times, and to share actions/strategy that may be helpful to us now. This was a significant event for our Session, and one that built community and strengthened relationships, in addition to the learnings we took away from the time with Don.
- In September, Session revised the ministry model from a peer to a tier ministry model, with a lead minister and two associate ministers. A committee was struck (consisting of the Ministry Resource and Accountability Team, *and* the Ministry Model Review Team) to review and revise all 3 minister's position descriptions. Session met, reviewed and approved all position descriptions, a congregational meeting was called, and the congregation approved the tier model and 3 new position descriptions (Lead Minister, Associate Minister, Associate Minister), and Presbytery approved same. Our search resumed for a Lead Minister. Rev. Dr. Jean Morris and Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw continue to work with us as presbytery representatives. Session hopes that these measures will help us be successful in our search for a new minister.
- This fall, Jared, Debby, and the office staff worked to bring on board nine people who work mornings twice a month as 'Hospitality Volunteers', providing front-desk assistance so that our office staff can concentrate on their tasks. Our thanks go to Anita Szott, Barbara McFadyen, David Platt, Fran Koenders, Gail Prevost, Jo-Anne Platt, Marilyn Cantlie, Sylvia Shaw, and Val Hall for sharing their time and talents with us.

It has been my honour to serve St. Andrew's as Clerk this past year. I would like to thank each and every Elder for their faithfulness in serving our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Debby Dorcas, Clerk of Session*

Session Teams

Christian Education Team

The Christian Education Team (CE) 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 Bible study, and certain special events including ADVENTure, the annual Spring Fun Day, and the presentation of gifts to graduating grade 6 and 12 youth and annual teacher/leader recognition.

The 2017 Team was chaired by Rhonda Wishart and included long-standing team members Inge Murray, Debby Dorcas, Audrey Cole, Stephanie Werle, Mary Jane Curran and Kevin MacFarlane. In the fall of 2017 Stephanie Werle retired from the Team and new members, Kim McLachlan and Lucy Aburto, were welcomed. The Rev. Jan Hazlett serves as *ex officio* member.

In terms of Church School, there were two classes offered at 9:30 a.m. and one at 11:15 a.m. for the 2017 year. The 9:30 a.m. classes included one for ages 3-7 (Kingdom Kids) and the other for ages 8-11 (Faith Finders). We were delighted to successfully recruit four teams of leaders to assist with the teaching for each class. Both classes used the age-appropriate Christian Reformed curriculum, "Dwell". At 11:15 a.m., the multi-aged group of 3-11 year olds (Worship Wonders) used the "Young Children at Worship" curriculum for the spring and "Dwell" curriculum for the fall. Inge Murray blessed St. Andrew's with another year as the Coordinator of the Elementary Church School. The Church School operates with the able assistance of Church School Scheduling Coordinators including Inge Murray, Mary Jane Curran, Lorna Kearnes and Carolyn Jerrard.

As a result of very few young people in the Junior/High age group being available for Church School in 2016, Church School was not offered for that age group in 2017. Those young people who were interested in assisting with the Elementary Church School were encouraged to adopt roles as assistants to the leaders in the younger classes.

Confirmation classes, led by the Rev. Jared Miller, were offered to the youth on Sunday mornings in the spring of 2017. 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 2017 Church School leaders can be found at the end of this section.

Summer Church School was offered at the 9:30 a.m. service from mid-June through to early September 2017, 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 programming was led by Carolyn Jerrard under the guidance of Rev. Jared Miller. Carolyn was ably assisted by youth leaders, Shona Murray and Shelby Cole in the spring of 2017, joined by Elizabeth Kangong in the fall of 2017.

In the spring of 2017, St. Andrew's connected groups of teens and friends, who continued to regularly meet at the church on Friday nights and occasionally joined the City-wide group of Presbyterian youth. In the fall of 2017, the group met regularly on Thursday nights for the purposes of a study group with occasional Friday night special activities and events. David Kurtz, with a background in religious studies, has provided welcome assistance to the study group evenings.

In terms of the nursery, Kim McLachlan assumed the role of Nursery Coordinator in early 2017 and Deepali Gupta, who was hired as our Nursery staff person in October 2016, continues in that position. 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 a.m. 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 2017, purchasing and cataloguing current and relevant reading material for the benefit of the congregation. With Sylvia's encouragement, we saw renovations to our Adult Library space that improved appearance and efficiency in the library space in the Karl English Lounge. The renovations were carried out, with much gratitude from CE, by Lorne Kelly.

CE is grateful for the leadership of Bill Judd in the 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study programme offered at that service.

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 in May 2017.

CE organized the annual Spring Fun Day for the young in age and young at heart in April 2017, welcoming a petting zoo from Butterfield Acres.

The festive informal family celebration of ADVENTure took place in late November with a musical being led by Debby Dorcas during morning services, involving Church School children and a keen group of adults with aspirations in musical theatre. The event included 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 2017 – Abel Mohan and Douglas Henrichsen – Abel is studying engineering at the University of Toronto, and Douglas has deferred his studies until 2018.

CE's mission funds for 2017 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 to maintaining the relationship with the Church School's foster child through the Christian Children's Fund of Canada.

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 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 2017

Lucy Aburto (January - December)
Susan and Calysta Appelhof (September - December)
Deanne Barrett (January - December)
Misty Black and Aloise Turnbull (September - December)
Maxine Boehm (January - December)
Anna & Jason Braun (January - June)
Nicola Cameron (January - December)
Mary Jane Curran (January - December)
Jill Gayford (January - December)
Desiree Henrichsen (January - December)
Carolyn Jerrard (January - December)
Yvonne Kangong (January - June)
Lorna Kearnes (January - June)
Vivian and Brandon Lin (September - December)
Usha Mohan (January - June)
Inge Murray (January - December)
Christine Pepper (January - December)
Stephanie & Brent Werle (January - December)
Rhonda Wishart (January - December)

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Wishart, Convener*

Family Ministry Team

The Family Ministry Team was formed early in 2016 under the leadership of The Rev. Jared Miller. Members of the team include Stephanie Werle as Convener, 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 programmes that connect faith to life at home and the church, 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, whisky 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 2018, 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 of 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, Convener*

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".

Over this past year, we have added needed members to our team, by asking for a representative from Ladies Guild, Pastoral Care, Christian Education, and the office.

The Facilities Team will do the building inspection, and complete needed repairs or safety upgrades but they do not attend meetings.

Volunteer Alberta, who oversees the Police Check system, has gone through numerous changes over the last eighteen months. They now have an on-line system for completing police checks. If you are due for a new police check, please contact the office for the needed letter of introduction and process instructions. We will also be contacting volunteers who need a police check.

We held a fire drill during both worship services on Sunday, May 21, 2017. We are required to hold one every three years. Overall, the drill went smoothly, and all were evacuated in record time. Everyone is reminded to be aware of all fire exits, so in the event of a real emergency, you know your quickest exit route.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dolly Forcade, Convener*

Ministry Model Review Team

The Session of St. Andrew's formed a Ministry Model Review Team (MMRT) at its April Session meeting following a recommendation from the Search Team which had been seeking a new Minister, Vision and Direction. Based upon their search experiences over the prior year, the Search Team unanimously recommended Session review the Peer Model. Consequently, this committee was established by Session to make recommendations for possible changes to our Ministry Model. The MMRT established by Session consisted of five elders (two from Search Team) and our two Presbytery Representatives:

Bill Judd

Kevin MacFarlane

Rhonda Wishart (Search)

Cathy Millar (Search)

Jean Morris (Presbytery Representative)

Inge Murray

Dianne Ollerenshaw (Presbytery Representative)

The Ministry Model Review Team held many meetings. The process commenced with extensive examination of St. Andrew's core values and what is of most importance to us as a congregation. Between those full group meetings, members of the team conducted interviews with a total of nine ministers who have been involved in ministry in either The Presbyterian Church in Canada or in The Presbyterian Church USA, including Rev. Jan Hazlett and Rev. Jared Miller.

Some interviews were focused on the origin of the present peer model of ministry as well as the advantages or disadvantages of the model versus any alternative model. Other interviews involved an examination of the possibility that "Interim Ministry" would be a suitable alternative for St. Andrew's at this time. A document presented to the 2008 General Assembly entitled "Multiple-Minister Congregations" was helpful in the discussions. Once the MMRT reviewed feedback from this broad group, it developed the recommendation that Session revise the ministry model to reflect a tier ministry with a lead minister and two associate ministers.

The MMRT then joined with the Ministry Resource and Accountability Team, in consultation with Rev. Jan Hazlett and Rev. Jared Miller, to review and revise the position name and description for the present Minister, Vision and Direction to reflect a lead position, and make accompanying adjustments to the two associate position descriptions as required. The revised descriptions were brought back to and approved by Session at the October Session Meeting. The Search process is now proceeding based on those revised descriptions.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kevin MacFarlane, Convener*

Ministry Resource and Accountability Team

This Team is a resource to our ministers. The team assists the ministers in the ongoing assessment of goals and objectives of their ministry. This includes over-site as assigned in the Position Descriptions and in the Session approved Ministry Plan. We also provide constructive feed-back from Session and the congregation when necessary. Vacations and study leave requests are approved by this Team.

During the past year we have met and worked with the ministers when necessary. To be responsive to the needs of the ministers, we need your help. If you become aware of something that you feel needs attention and are having trouble approaching a minister, please feel free to approach us. If we can help resolve a problem, answer a question (or find the answer for you), we are saving our ministers valuable time and effort, so that they can handle their many tasks during this time of transition. Team members are Christine Pepper, Craig Murray and Linda Haines, Convener. Talk to us on a Sunday, leave a message in the office for one of us to call you, or contact Linda directly at 403-271-2707 or lrh220@telus.net.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Haines, Convener*

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, Kathy Slimmon, Kerrie Slimmon, Carol Doyle, Brian Hawco, Pat Tritter, and Duane Tritter.

Our focus continues to be providing missional opportunities for our congregation to the local community, national and international projects. We have determined that projects would include a balance of: local and global; hands-on and advocacy; fundraising and direct involvement; and attempt to involve people of all ages. This year we have provided opportunities to support:

Coldest Night of the Year Walk (Beth Miller): St. Andrew's team, *Walking Humbly*, was part of this year's Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Our team of 14 had groups that walked either 2 km or 5 km. Many congregants also contributed financially to this fundraiser. The proceeds go to support Bankview Apartments, Feed the Hungry, and the Mustard Seed. In total there were 63 Calgary Teams, 447 walkers, and \$101,483 raised to reduce homelessness in Calgary.

Mission Trips outside of Calgary: This year, Jayne Martin from our congregation went on a YWAM-Mexico build.

Little Dresses and Little Britches for Africa (Judie Coleman)

"This project helps support a non-profit Christian organization providing relief to children in Africa and beyond". More than 800 little dresses and pairs of shorts were sewn by members and friends of the St. Andrew's congregation. They were distributed through Disaster Aid Canada to Ukraine, the Philippines and other countries. Members of our congregation took them to orphanages in Haiti and Rwanda. We are thankful for everyone who participated in this mission project by sewing, organizing, or delivering and through monetary support. This project has reached the end of its life cycle in our community and the last kits are finished. It will no longer be included as a project of Mission Team. Additional donations totaling \$270 have been forwarded to Disaster Aid Canada.

Heritage Food Bank Depot (Bill Judd and Liza Fuenning): The Heritage Food Bank Depot moved from an idea to reality in late 2017. In partnership with the Calgary Food Bank and with participation of a neighbouring congregation of B'nai Tikvah, we have established a depot where needy Calgarians can access food support. Our easy-to-access location in southwest Calgary is open on Saturdays. We are the only Calgary Food Bank Location open on Saturdays, which gives added importance to this already important food stability effort. Liza Fuenning, Bill Judd, and John Zyto (B'nai Tikvah) are coordinating this effort with the added help of approximately 50 volunteers from our two congregations. The depot is open on a weekly basis and has already been showing its value with people coming to our location who might not otherwise be able to access the central Food Bank and offering added convenience for those located in the south of Calgary. While it is a significant effort to receive and re-distribute the amount of food that the Calgary Food Bank gives to each client, the work is most worthwhile when we hear the stories of what this help means to the clients. With a few months of operating experience, the processes and sensitivities of this work are becoming better understood. We look forward to being even more help to hungry families in 2018 as the programme expands.

Healing and Reconciliation (Brian Hawco): Reconciliation is an often-misunderstood word. Its meaning is 'The restoration of friendly relations'. There were two 'Aboriginal Awareness' evenings (March and September) each attended by about 30 people. The general theme for these awareness evenings was "Reconciliation in the Urban Community".

Evening topics have included historical perspectives, personal stories related to residential school life, a video about reconciliation within a town in Saskatchewan, the Blanket Exercise, a history of treaties, a drumming circle and question and answer periods. Brian has created personal links with the Aboriginal Friendship Center for information and speakers and accessed important resources from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. St. Andrew's Legacy Fund provided \$500 toward honouraria for six speakers/participants.

Camp Kannawin (Carol Doyle): Camp Kannawin has ongoing needs for upkeep and support. Churches in Presbytery receive updates in the spring about needs anticipated for the camp's opening. In 2017, \$250 from St. Andrew's General Fund and \$250 from the South of Fish Creek Fund (meant to support Family Ministry) was forwarded to address needs for replacement mattresses. We published some of the smaller wish list items that could be donated. Mission Team was asked to include Camp Kannawin in its budget for 2018 as it does not fit neatly in any of the teams.

Veteran's Food Bank (Joan Rowe): Six shopping carts full of food were donated by members of the congregation during the four-week collection project and were dropped off at the local Legion. There was also \$3,080 in envelope donations.

NeighbourLink (Joan Rowe): The Team decided not to continue with 'No Crib for a Bed' this year. NeighbourLink is difficult to contact now and has little information available of its hours of operation or available programmes. Instead, the Team agreed to focus on the "Mitten Tree" collection.

Mitten Tree Collection (Kerrie Slimmon and Kathy Slimmon): A BIG thank-you to everyone who contributed to the Mitten Tree collection this year. We surpassed last year's collection with 317 items in total (compared to 251 items last year). The items included socks, mittens/gloves, hats/headbands/earmuffs, scarves, blankets, and one pair of winter boots, a bath kit and 2 hair accessories. This year, most items were socks with 102 pairs of men's socks, 21 women's and 10 children's pairs. The men's items have been given to the Drop-in Centre; the women's and children's items were given to the Sheriff King Home. The children's items were donated to the Women's Shelter this year because they reported having over 30 children at the Centre who were without winter items! The Legacy Fund was accessed for Mission Team to purchase a new artificial Christmas tree for St. Andrew's as the old one was unstable.

Claire Building/Acadia Place/A Place to Call Home/Kairos/CUPS/CHF (Bill Judd): Our support is multi-faceted ranging from site projects, community-building events with the residents, one-on-one conversational support, and distribution of furniture and household items. Bill Judd continues to lead by his presence in and around the building and participation in Kairos volunteer meetings. Ralph Morris has become a regular at Wednesday morning breakfasts/coffee. Highlights this year include: participating in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser and Homelessness Awareness Event; assisting residents to plant a vegetable garden with the produce going toward their community suppers; helping with a Christmas party and dinner; and donations for Christmas presents (special thanks go to the Heritage Seniors for their donations of gifts for children).

This year we received \$5,000 from the Legacy Fund to help meet the critical need for new, clean beds. To date, \$2,750 has been spent on seven beds with more coming in soon. We have been able to stretch the funds by partnering with Springwall Sleep Products for wholesale pricing and using volunteer labour for delivery of the beds. Some of the beds have gone to new tenants who start out with practically nothing, and some have gone to those who have acquired infested or worn-out bedding that needed to be replaced. Based on experience of move-in needs, we see that we have made a helpful, solid start into what continues to be a substantial city-wide problem. Special thanks to the delivery crew of Loran McVittie, Sean Pepper and Ed Braun.

Foodgrains/Presbyterian World Service (Loran McVittie): The Concert "Common Vision-Spring into Song" for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) was held on June 10. Two hundred and fourteen tickets were sold, plus additional donations. The Ladies Guild donated an additional \$2,000. A total of \$13,221.25 was raised for the Foodgrains Bank, after expenses. Expenses for the event were \$698.75 (\$400 musicians, \$223.45 sound system supplies, \$75.30 for flowers).

With the multiplying effect from the Canadian Government matching funds, a total of \$66,106.25 from this effort at St. Andrew's will go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to address world hunger! The government match is 4:1, which produces \$5 for the CFGB (or \$1 plus \$4 of regular government funding). Thank you to all who participated and helped in so many ways. Additional thanks to Loran McVittie and Cody Obst.

We thank the congregation for their participation with time, talents and financial supports of the many mission activities arising from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. St. Andrew's is growing as a 'missional church'. We hope that you continue to follow updates on mission service projects through the website, bulletin boards, video announcement loop, bulletin inserts and News from the Pews.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe, Convener*

PASTORAL CARE TEAMS

Care Share Ministry – Jean Spotowski & Joan Rowe

Our Care Share team provides short term support in crisis situations. We have volunteers who provide a meal, transportation, child care and/or other specific needs as appropriate.

Nursing Health Ministry – Alice Williams

Our Nursing Health Ministry is made up of registered nurses who, on a volunteer basis, promote health and wholeness for members of the congregation through health education, spiritual support and encouragement.

Side by Side – Alice Post

Side by Side is a pastoral care and community outreach ministry in the form of a day program that provides warmly encouraging fellowship for people living with dementia, and respite time for their care partners.

District Visitors – Inge Murray

Caring for visitors and assigning people to districts.

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

John 21:16 (NIV)



Stephen Ministry
– 2018 –

Hospital Ministry – Judie Coleman

When someone is sick, a visit from a caring listener can make all the difference. Our volunteers are specially trained for this service and calling to visit the sick when they are in the hospital.

Bereavement Ministry – Alice Williams

Our Bereavement Ministry team contacts the people of St. Andrew's known to have been recently bereaved and hosts our Celebration of Life service

Homebound Ministry – Barb English

Our Homebound Ministry is made up of volunteers who visit or call persons in care facilities and in their homes at least four times a year to comfort, enlighten, inform and encourage them.

Prayer Ministry – Judie Coleman

The prayer chain is a group who prays for people and their needs covering various issues and situations.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Jan Hazlett

Women connected to St. Andrew's lovingly donate their time and talents by creating hand-knit and crocheted shawls, filled with the power of prayer, for those in need.

At St. Andrew's, Pastoral Care is the term that we broadly apply to a ministry of compassion and encouragement within the Christian life. Our intent is to *care and support. To demonstrate unconditional love, acceptance and encouragement. Being present with, listening to and journeying alongside. Reflecting Jesus, sharing burdens and praying for those in our care.*

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>.

CareNotes which are 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 Post (Side by Side), Alice Williams (Bereavement Team & Nursing Health Ministry), Barb English (Homebound), Inge Murray (District Visitors), Rev. Jan Hazlett (Prayer Shawls) Jean Spotowski & Joan Rowe (CareShare), and Judie Coleman (Prayer Chain and Hospital Visitation). Pastoral Care will be adding a new team in 2018 – Stephen Ministry.

As you can see, Pastoral Care is the ministry of presence and 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", 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

This year, in response to a gradual annual decrease in attendance at the November Celebration of Life service, the Team decided to formulate a short questionnaire to help guide us in providing the best possible congregational support that would address the different types of loss incurred in our congregation.

In a follow up to specific feedback that we received from that questionnaire, two grief support information sessions were offered in the spring and fall.

On May 30, 2017, Micheline Pare, who worked as a Compassionate Care Consultant and as the Roman Catholic Pastoral Care Coordinator at Rockyview Hospital, delivered her message of love and hope in a session, called " Loss, Grief and Recovery ".

On October 3, 2017 in conjunction with the Alberta Health Services grief support programme, a video was shown titled "Dealing with the Loss of a Spouse", followed by a group discussion.

The annual Celebration of Life service was held on November 27, 2017, with Darrin Parkin, the Spiritual Care Coordinator for Hospice Calgary and Rosedale Hospice, as our guest speaker. Thanks to Lauren and Shelby Cole and Ann Davidson for their musical contribution.

*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 programme by volunteering to offer meals and transport.

Volunteers on our email 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. In addition, volunteers delivered plates of Christmas baking to dozens of homebound members and others. Many thanks to those who organized this effort, who contributed baking, and to the members of St. Andrew's who delivered the plates.

This year we continued to look at ways, with Family Ministry, to utilize the CareShare/Meal Train online programme. We have updated our CareShare volunteer list and now use emails when requesting volunteer meals or transport, instead of phoning. We have 25 volunteers on our email list and are always looking for others to join us.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe, Co-coordinator*

Pastoral Care's District Visitors Team

The District Visitor Team is part of the Pastoral Care Ministry. Members and adherents of St. Andrew's are all part of a district that is served by a Visitor. The role of the Visitor is to connect and build relationships with the people in their district, share information about the life of St Andrew's and when needed refer any pastoral care concerns to the Minister of Congregational Care.

We currently have 52 districts. A phone district was created this year, with one visitor contacting the families in the district via a phone call.

This year the District Visitor Team has been reviewing the current District Visitor system and has begun some re-organization to be responsive to meeting the changing needs of our congregation. In November 2017, the District Visitor Team made a recommendation to the Session of St. Andrew's to discontinue the use of communion cards in 2018. This recommendation was approved.

The Team would like to thank all the Visitors for their time, commitment and dedication to this ministry at St. Andrew's.

*Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Homebound 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 try to 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. Jayne Martin, a new member of our team, visited at the South Health Campus. We are thankful for their dedication to this ministry.

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

On Monday May 1, 2017, we offered two different health topics at our annual Spring Health Fair; this year again in conjunction with St. Andrew's Heritage Senior's group.

Guest speaker, Dr. Lowe, Optometrist from Chinook Optometric Clinic, gave an excellent overview on the latest treatments and ways to prevent common eye conditions.

Our second guest speaker was a representative from Diabetes Canada, who discussed risk factors, signs and symptoms to look for to prevent and manage diabetes and promote healthy lifestyle choices.

The Nursing Team formulated recommendations related to a medical emergency during worship, in follow up to recent medical events during summer worship. To ensure that all members of the congregation would be aware of this information, it was recommended that a key message be included once per month onto two communication tools, the screen announcements in correlation with the monthly bulletin.

If you identify that someone needing medical attention during a service, please raise your hand to indicate to the Minister that assistance is needed.

During this year, the Team has provided ongoing inspection and maintenance for the automated external defibrillator and for all the first aid kits. A second wheelchair was purchased specifically for use in the sanctuary.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Williams, Coordinator*

Pastoral Care's Prayer Chain Ministry

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18



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.
- How do we 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 this prayer ministry. 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 created by women attached to this congregation. As they are knit or crochet, 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 challenging 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*

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 five and seven. Overall, ten families living with dementia have taken part in this fellowship in 2017.

Side by Side takes place every Wednesday from 9:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The day's activities include light exercise, a creative time, and a devotion time. Each week there is social time over refreshments as well as a light lunch. In May 2017, Music Therapy was increased from bi-weekly to weekly. Funding for the additional sessions was funded by a private donor until September 2017, and in October 2017, a grant from the Legacy Fund enabled the additional sessions to continue. Music is a very important part of our ministry and fellowship, so the increased funding is impactful and much appreciated!!

The Side by Side ministry continues to be carried out by a team of caring and dedicated volunteers who have answered the call to care for and appreciate people living with dementia. Those living with dementia also bring their own unique characteristics to the programme, helping out as able, and sharing their capacity for joy. Together, we have shared in fellowship, and have also been able to share in mission projects to benefit our community.

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. A special thank you to the NOTEables who shared their beautiful music with us in the spring and at Christmas. 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 programmes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post, Coordinator*

Personnel Team

The Personnel Team members are currently Hugh McFadzean, Convener; Bob Shaw, and Sylvia Shaw. 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.

Throughout 2017, due to the vacancy in the position of Minister, Vision and Direction, Rev. Jan Hazlett provided support and leadership to the team and we extend our thanks to her.

The safety of our staff is paramount and to this end a set of Office Safety Guidelines was developed and introduced to the office staff during the year. These guidelines will ensure that expectations regarding working in a safe manner are clearly communicated and can be measured.

A change was made to our building cleaning services early in the year and since that time Britech Janitorial Services has provided cleaning services to meet our needs. The responsibility for the cleaning contract now rests with the Facilities Team, and Rhonda Mullan, Office Manager, is the contact for any concerns regarding the level of cleanliness in our building.

Deepali Gupta continued to provide continuity of care to our little ones in the nursery throughout the year and we are grateful for Deepali's willingness and flexibility in meeting our changing needs as the times of our worship services were adjusted during the summer and over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

*Respectfully submitted
Hugh McFadzean, Convener*

Search Team

The Search Team continued conducting interviews for the Minister, Vision & Direction position in the early months of 2017. While we were not in a position to offer a candidate the opportunity to preach for a call, we did learn a lot about ourselves as a congregation during those interviews and subsequent conversations. As a result, the Search Team slowly came to the realization that Session needed to conduct a thorough review of the ministry model that was currently in place. In May the Search Team went to Session with a recommendation to review the current Peer Ministry model. That motion passed and a Ministry Model Review Team (MMRT) was subsequently established by Session consisting of five elders plus our two Presbytery Representatives.

The MMRT met many times between May – August and following extensive research, interviews, and self-reflection in terms of the values St. Andrew's holds dear, the Team was unanimous in reaching its conclusion that the vision and mission of St. Andrew's would best be served by a tier ministry model with a Lead Minister and two Associate Ministers.

The MMRT reported to Session on Tuesday, September 5, recommending that Session approve a ministry model with a Lead Minister and two Associate Ministers. There was good discussion and both ministers fully participated in that discussion. The recommendation passed, and a joint committee was established to revise the 3 position descriptions to accurately reflect the tiered

ministry model. The MMRT met several times with the three elders serving on the Ministry Resource and Accountability Team and presented the revised position descriptions to Session at the October meeting. All three were approved.

A meeting was held on Sunday November 5 for the congregation to approve Session's recommendation of a revised ministry model (tier model) with a Lead Minister position and two Associate Minister positions. The meeting was very well attended and there was good discussion. That decision was approved by Presbytery the following week.

The Search Team was excited to get back to work and in late November held its first meeting since the decision was made by the congregation to call a Lead Minister. Another meeting was held in mid-December and further interviews of candidates have taken place since the beginning of January.

In the fall, due to the very significant and ongoing time commitment, every member of the Search Team was given the opportunity to re-commit to the search process. As a result, three members from the original 2016 Search Team made the decision to step aside after close to 1-1/2 years of service, and we sincerely thank them for their dedication and hard work: Yvonne Kangong, John Young and Jennifer Stolee. We also wish to acknowledge the following members of the Search Team for their continuing faithful support: Rhonda Wishart, Brent Werle, Marlyn Townsend, Sylvia Shaw, Paul Rowe, Cathy Millar, Hugh McFadzean, Loran McVittie, Bob Fuenning and Shelby Cole. The team is grateful for the contribution of its newest member, Kevin MacFarlane, who recently joined the team. The Reverends Dianne Ollerenshaw and Jean Morris continue to serve as our Presbytery Representatives and we can't thank them enough for their sincere commitment to the search process and the exceptional guidance and support they have provided from the very beginning. We cannot begin to express the depth of our gratitude to them both!

As we begin 2018, we wish to thank the congregation for your patience and for the great trust you have placed in us. It is a tremendous responsibility and we thank God for equipping us for this task and enabling us to keep putting one foot in front of the other to move us forward. We ask for your prayers as the Holy Spirit continues to guide us on this journey together.

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

Stewardship and Planning Team

This team was under the leadership of Tom McIntyre until he retired from this position in June. Mark Rowe stepped into this position upon Tom's leaving. In the last quarter of 2017, The Stewardship and Planning Team (S&P) of Session merged three of its former sub-groups and has been functioning with three sub-groups, Stewardship, Planning (including Finance and Investment responsibilities) and Facilities.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Cantlon, Vice-Convener*

The Stewardship Group

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

The Stewardship Group members include Margaret Bates, Kevin MacFarlane, Cathy Millar, Tim Rowe and Rob Pollard (recently retired).

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 past year Stewardship's funding goal for the "Spring for the Shingles" congregational appeal for roof repair was achieved.

In September, with the help of many hard-working volunteers, Stewardship planned and organized a Fall Turkey Dinner to raise the profile of giving towards St. Andrew's General Fund. The dinner was attended by 110 people who enjoyed a home cooked 3-course, full service dinner and a short program about St. Andrew's and its missional teams and accomplishments. Donations of \$5,033.00 were raised for the General Fund.

In addition, the group contributed articles and updates regularly in News from the Pews.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Cantlon, Vice-Convener*

The Impact Team

- The Kerby Center requires more space to meet the expanding need for programming and is considering several sites including the next door YMCA site. The Kerby Centre would like to expand the size of its facilities by 50% to 60%.
- The Kerby Center needs to have both easy LRT access and client parking.
- The Kerby Center is currently in consultation with the Haysboro and Kingsland community stakeholders.

Summary

Of the possible uses for the YMCA property, the Kerby Center would be very desirable from St. Andrew's perspective. The Kerby Center is interested in working with the church on parking and possibly some programmes in the future.

The Impact Team is in contact with the Kerby Centre and as new developments occur, the information will be provided to the church.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Rowe, Impact Team Convener*

The Planning Group

Group members include James Jerrard, Paul Lin, Ian Denness, and David Platt.

The Planning Group is responsible for the guidelines for the Finance Group. It also is responsible for the development and upkeep of long term church plans. They also consider project proposals and funding considerations submitted from other church teams, and to provide recommendations

to the submitting group and Session of suggested priorities. During the year the group has been involved with the chancel upgrades, the new stained-glass window, and the chancel window.

For 2018, the planning group is reviewing major projects for 2018. Major projects are those projects that cost over \$10,000. The group has completed the annual updating of five-year plans for St. Andrew's Heritage Drive and the South Fish Creek ministries for the period 2018-2022. The group is also active in evaluating the influence of external issues of submissions received from Presbytery or the national church that may have local impact.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Cantlon, Vice-Convener*

The Finance Group

Under the leadership of Dave Townsend, who works closely with Treasurer Dolly Forcade, and Convener Mark Rowe.

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, 2016 Financial Report to the congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Rowe, Convener*

The Investment Group

The Investment Group is responsible for the church's various investment portfolios held within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Q Trade and the Mawer Investment Management Ltd. Early in 2017, the closing out of the Q Trade accounts were completed and the church's investments were consolidated with Mawer Investments.

The use of a single fund manager will simplify the office administration compared to the three accounts. Separate sub-accounts with the Mawer portfolio account ensure that any identified segregation requirements are being preserved. It also provides an advantage of daily reporting ability with flexible withdrawal capability. It also assists in the church's cash management.

The Legacy fund continues to be managed by the Legacy Fund committee which is independent of the Investment Group.

The Memorial Fund is invested as a separate sub-account with the Mawer portfolio and continues to be ably administered by Alex Grant.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Rowe, Convener*

The Facilities Group

Under the leadership of Don Koch, who assumed the role following Errol Bosman's resignation.

Group members include Brad Chalmers, Alfred MacRae, Tom McIntyre, Sean Pepper, and Bob Shaw. The group is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the church facilities.

Projects undertaken during the year included a new roof on the sanctuary, new northwest exit doors, relocation and installation of fire door between Trinity Hall and Inner Hall, installation of a new south window in the sanctuary and redevelopment of the chancel under the able leadership of Tom McIntyre.

The upgrade of the sanctuary and chancel included replacement of incandescent and fluorescent lighting with more economical LED lighting. Funding for the chancel renovation came from the Memorial and Legacy Funds with considerable savings from volunteer labour throughout the summer.

Installation of the south window included stained glass through generous individual donations. Additional projects included the upgrading of electrical circuits in Kitchen and Inner Hall, construction of a dedicated storage closet for sanctuary sound equipment, repairs to the church sign and ongoing repairs to the south wall stucco due to damage caused by birds.

Facilities group also undertook many maintenance tasks during 2017 including a makeover of the east stairwell, repainting of Inner Hall, repairing and replacement of lighting at multiple locations, waxing of floors throughout the building, carpet cleaning in the foyer, repair to chairs and to the chair storage rack, repairs to sinks and toilets throughout the facility, removal of graffiti, and repairs to the asphalt in the parking lot.

Exterior improvements included planting of lilac bushes and tidying up the shed area.

Contracts were negotiated for snow removal and snow plowing. A review of rates for facility use will be presented to Session in spring of 2018.

Thank you to Facilities group members for their dedication and time given generously during the year, and to the many unnamed volunteers who contributed their time and talents.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Cantlon*

Welcome and Fellowship Team

The mandate of 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 2017 as we organized or assisted with several events.

We organized the congregational "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" Potluck Supper on Saturday, March 11th. After a delicious shared dinner and dessert, persons attending enjoyed an Irish trivia contest, music presented by the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers, and a sing-a-long.

An enjoyable time was had by all. Also, our thanks go to Don Koch, our convener for the last 15 years for his leadership and support and who stepped down from our team in 2017 to join the Facilities Management team.

As has become our practice, Welcome and Fellowship team erected three crosses on the front lawn on April 8th prior to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and changed the shrouds during Holy week. An egg hunt was organized for Easter Sunday April 16th 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 21st, we invited a few new members for lunch at Milestones to help welcome them into our congregation and to get to know them better

St. Andrew's annual Stampede Breakfast was held on July 9th between the morning worship services. Thank you to the many persons in the congregation who generously gave of their time to prepare, serve, and ensure that all went smoothly. Donations from the community were received from Cal-B-Que Catering. Pancakes were cooked outside and from all reports were well received; all cowpokes who attended enjoyed the chow. A \$214 profit from the breakfast was donated to Calgary Interfaith Food Bank.

Thank you to Brenda Pudwell and Ron Horwood for serving our cinnamon apple cider during the annual Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th.

A team of volunteers set up the nativity and angels on December 2nd prior to the start of Advent and we hope that it prompted many passing Calgarians to reflect on this special time of the year. Thanks to all who assisted with set-up.

In 2017, Welcome and Fellowship continued to promote the opportunity for members of our church family to volunteer regularly as coffee hosts after each Sunday 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 sign up at the Volunteer Corner to host coffee on an upcoming Sunday! It is easy and you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

Also, we coordinated our production of an updated congregational photo directory in October.

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 Hazlett for her guidance and suggestions.

We hope that in 2018 all members of our St. Andrew's family will continue to extend a warm welcome to visitors to our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Annika Koch*

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 Easter including a Seder meal with the Maundy Thursday service, the Journey to the Cross service on Good Friday and the Road to Emmaus service for Easter Sunday. Remembrance Day we assisted in creating a slide show of photos of friends and family of the church who had served in the military. We also assisted with Christmas Eve and a Sunday Solace service of reflection, meditation and prayer. We had a series of 613 Church services which provided an informal discussion type of worship. Recently, we introduced the hymn sing on the fourth Sunday of every month for those that enjoy singing some of the old favorites and continue with the Praise group that help with singing on the third Sunday of each month.

In addition, the Worship Team held a prayer workshop in October lead by Rev. Fiona Swanson which explored a variety of prayer styles.

Thank you to our dedicated and committed Team members – Lauren Cole, Shelby Cole, Debby Dorcas, Lynn Judd, Clem McLachlan, Sheri Coutts, Derek Wilkinson, Rev. Jan Hazlett, Rev. Jared Miller and Cody Obst.

*Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Bain, Convener*

Youth and Children's Ministries

Cradle Roll Report

In the year 2017 we had two new members on our register, and, Birthday cards were sent out to 10 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 a.m. for tea/coffee and goodies that we take turns providing. At 10:00 a.m. we begin our Bible Study and discussion of faith led by Rev. Jan Hazlett or our guest leader. 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 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*

Well, another year has come and gone but the Heritage 50 + Seniors are still trying to improve the quality of life of our members by providing opportunities for physical, mental, social and spiritual activities - and hopefully for a long time to come. That said, we need your support. How? By joining your seniors group. Even if you are working, your membership will help to ensure that the Club is still viable when you make a transition into retirement. What is in it for you? Volunteer opportunities, spending time with another generation and learning to appreciate the next chapter in life, companionship, involvement, and our thanks and appreciation! Presently, a volunteer opportunity exists as we have need of accounting expertise. We are transitioning into Quick Books and if you are familiar with this software package, we would appreciate your involvement. If you are interested, please email Jan at ekozbial@telusplanet.net. Also, if you have ideas and suggestions on any of our club activities, we would like to hear from you. Please use the above-mentioned email address or call our vice president, John Young.

Some activities will need more attendance to remain viable. As our numbers decrease every year, we have had and will continue to have to change the way we do business. For example, looking at different days and times for activities like the monthly Card Social. If you like to play cards, please know that, at present, it is held on the second Saturday of each month except during the cold winter months of December and January. The attendance for this activity has dropped to an all-time low and we need new people to revive it.

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. Currently, the Book Club meets monthly just before the catered lunch and we could use more interested readers.

Music Makers has had a revitalization and is a success story. 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 will feel enlightened by participating. They also reach out into the community to share their music with others by going to seniors' care facilities and homes.

Last September, we again hosted an 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, painting, Music Makers, etc. Our returning members had an opportunity to renew their memberships, have a good visit/coffee with others and/or participate in the demonstrations. We placed a sign board on the lawn at the church and found that this was a good marketing tool. We were able to attract a few new members. We encourage any and all members of St. Andrew's to join us as they prepare for retirement because, being involved with others is a very important part of your successful retirement. Our membership is only \$20.00 per year and we have a special membership rate for anyone who joins our Club after March 1.

We have had to say goodbye to a few of our activities this year. One was the line dancing group, due to our instructor's retirement. It was felt that due to the time lapse since the class had been held, it was too long to revive the group as most had moved on to other locations in the meantime.

As seniors, it is important to 'pay back' so to speak to society and one of the ways we do that is to make donations. In 2017, we donated to:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – \$2500.00 donation

St. Andrew's Presbyterian - \$500.00 (cups, paper)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian - \$500.00 (snow clearing)

The Calgary Humane Society - \$500 donation

The Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre - \$500.00

Alberta Council on Aging - \$60.00

Our members again donated over 60 Christmas gifts to Woods Christian Home for the children living there. Well done Heritage Seniors!

Our monthly luncheons continue to be enjoyed by all who attend and if you are not attending, we encourage you to do so. The price of a ticket is only \$12.00. We have been very privileged to have a quality catering team who provides delicious meals on the first Monday of each month. Think about it, we all have been cooking and/or providing for our families for years and years, so it is a real treat to have a nice hot meal where we do not have to cook or clean up! 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 interested guests to come to these luncheons. We need your support as the numbers each month vary depending on weather, road conditions, illness, etc. Tickets must be purchased by the Thursday prior to the lunch date. This Christmas, in honour of Canada 150, we offered our Christmas Luncheon Celebration to our Members for a reduced cost of only \$15.00. At these monthly luncheons, we also provide birthday cake for all those members who are celebrating birthdays during that month. We send cards to members who are ill or bereaved just to let them know we are thinking of them. These things are much appreciated by those who receive them.

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 \$3,189.30. The *'baking bee'* was an immense help at the bake table and contributed greatly to the final numbers. This tea is labour 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 heartfelt thank you to those Church members who helped us with it again this year.

We also held another Cleaning Bee in July that allowed 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:

- ✓ Co-sponsored a Wellness Clinic - May
- ✓ Year End Picnic (July) – traditional hot dog and Bocce Ball tournament
- ✓ Co-sponsored a free Seniors housing information session and forum in October
- ✓ Quality Bus Tours:
 - In the spring, we had a great trip to the RCMP Dog Training Centre at Bowden.

- In November, we went to The Great Canadian Barn Dance for a fabulous dinner and family entertainment.



Once again, I would like to thank the office staff of the Church for their help and co-operation. Thanks also goes out to our many volunteers because they are the heart and soul of the Heritage Seniors. It is such an honor 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

President Audrey Cole

Vice-President Rita Elliott

Treasurer Sylvia Shaw

Secretary Kathy Slimmon

Membership is 15+ 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, except for July and August, and we welcome all ladies of the congregation to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and tea with a devotional and occasional 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 18th. This event is St. Andrew's largest event and was a wonderful day of sharing and fellowship with over \$13,000.00 raised to further the work of St. Andrew's. A very heartfelt thank you to the congregation who helped make this event happen. Our group in tandem with the Ladies Evening Guild has also hosted many events throughout the past year including funerals, Presbytery events and congregational meetings. 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 several programs that support our congregation and families in the community.

In 2018, 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.

Summary of Ladies Afternoon Guild Donations 2017

Camp Kannawin	\$ 500.00
Canada Youth 2018	\$300.00
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)	\$ 1272.00
PWSD	\$600.00

The Doorway
\$ 500.00

Donation of 2016 Bazaar funds to capital projects (kitchen ventilation) \$5000.00

Donation of 2016 Bazaar funds to General Fund \$2000.00

In addition to the above we support the work of St. Andrew's through underwriting the cost of presentation bibles; get well, sympathy and special birthday cards and postage stamps; keeping kitchen equipment updated and paying for one special kitchen clean per year. Approximately \$17,000 was donated from the Guild for all the above during 2017.

*Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Cole, President*

Ladies Evening Guild

The Ladies Evening Guild (LEG) has 13 regular attendees who meet every third Monday evening. St. Andrew's LEG 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 and chili lunch before the Annual Congregational Meeting. Funds raised at this event will be used to support the youth who will be attending the Canada Youth 2018 Conference,
- providing dinners and activities for TAKE 150 events organized by the Family Ministry Team,
- assisting various groups during special events (choir, Presbytery, funerals)
- providing necessary assistance for the running of the summer bible study. This year the summer bible study worked through the video series: *A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place* by Beth Moore, and
- working together with the LAG offering many tireless hours of hard work, baking and organization to make the annual Christmas Bazaar a great success. The LEG is grateful for the generous help from members of the congregation that made this event a great time of fellowship.

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

2017 saw a renovation of the adult library bookcases in the Karl English Lounge. Grateful thanks are extended to Lorne Kelly for all the work he undertook on this project which was underwritten by funds from the Christian Education budget, and donations.

Thanks are also extended to Loran McVittie and Ed Braun who helped transport the bookcases back and forth during the project, and to Craig Murray who provided the boxes for storage.

Many old, unread books from the reference library previously shelved in the Inner Hall were purged and offered after worship services. The adult library books are now consolidated in the Karl English Lounge with bibles and reference books shelved on the east wall.

Youth books can still be found in the Youth Lounge on the second floor, and children's books in the basement hallway.

A full list of library books can be found on the St. Andrew's website. Click the Search button on the home page and type "Library", and then click Search.

Many thanks to all who donated material to the library during 2017. In an effort to keep our library current, books which are less than five years old will be considered for inclusion and can be left on the bottom shelves.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Shaw, Librarian*

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship Committee has organized, on each last Saturday of the fall and winter months, a list of speakers ranging from the discovery of a Halifax Bomber under the sea, the ascent of Everest by a local climber, the Calgary Police Service and a survivor of the Costa Concordia cruise ship disaster.

In May, the ladies were invited to join us all for breakfast which was very enjoyable.

All speakers were given limited time for speeches as the mornings included a hearty breakfast, light humor and a devotional.

We invited the McDougall Church Men's Breakfast group to our January meeting and reciprocated at their venue in April.

We would like to encourage all St. Andrew's men and their friends to come and enjoy the fellowship and speakers at our breakfasts, as our committee continues to find new, interesting and exiting speakers for your interest.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Shaw*

News from the Pews

News from the Pews (NFTP) is an (almost) monthly publication which contains information on upcoming events, as well as coverage of past events held by groups associated with St. Andrew's. Included are also some regular features such as "Around and About Us", which keeps us all up to date on our congregational neighbours and friends.

NFTP publishes nine editions annually – we publish in February, March, April and 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 combined December/January edition available at the first of December.

The Team was saddened when Rev. Jan Hazlett could no longer be a member but were blessed when Rev. Jared Miller joined us. It is his gift with graphics that you see on the front page of each edition!

Currently the Team consists of Judie Coleman, Norah Finlay, Linda Haines (Editor), Rev. Jared Miller, Rhonda Mullan, and Terry Zimmer.

Each edition is available on the first Sunday of the month, in the foyer at the Volunteer Corner. To obtain full colour issues, you need to be on our email list! Call the office today and be sure to get the best copy available! When you provide your email, feel safe in the knowledge that it will be used only for the distribution of the News from the Pews.

We still mail our copies to our homebound members, who may find reading this a way to stay connected to the congregation. If you know of someone who might be in this position, please let the office know.

If you have any ideas for articles you would enjoy, please let us know. Anyone on the Editorial Team will be happy to bring your ideas forward to our next meeting. Better yet – if YOU want to write a piece for the publication you can email it 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. Please remember that due to space limitations, your articles may be edited slightly. We will notify you if this should be the case. So, if you find yourself at an event (any St. Andrew's event), take out your camera or your phone and then send us your pictures – and consider writing something to go along with it!

We hope you enjoy this record of our congregational life.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Mullan, Office Manager, Team Member*

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.

This ministry has five teams who each take one Sunday of the month. Each team includes people making various kinds of contributions: playing piano, singing, reading a scripture passage and/or sharing a reflection. Some also help to bring people to and from their rooms, since recreation therapy staff does not work on the weekends.

There are many ways to help, so if you are interested in helping, please contact Alice Post. By joining one of our teams for one hour on one Sunday afternoon a month, you can provide spiritual nourishment and connection through caring companionship and musical inspiration!

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post*

Legacy Fund Annual Report

The Fourth Quarter results for 2017 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 2016	\$678,311.
12 months ended September 30 2017	\$613,023

It is expected that year end determination of fund growth for 2017 will be available by mid-March, 2018.

Disbursements in 2017:

Mission:

\$500 – Speaker for Aboriginal Awareness Event

\$400 – Mitten Tree book and new Christmas tree

\$700 – Extra funding to provide music therapy for participants of Side by Side every week, instead of twice a month

\$5,000 – Mattresses and bedding for participants of “A Place to Call Home”, specifically for Acadia Place and Claire House

Worship and Ministry:

\$1,300 – Projector and screen for Karl English Lounge – to be used for 613 Church and others

Facility:

\$12,250 – for replacement of the south window in the sanctuary

The Team Members and their remaining terms as of December 31, 2017 are as follows:

John Cuthbertson	May 2018
Elaine Cantlon	December 31, 2017
Merle Crawford	December 31, 2017
Mary-Anne Quesnel	December 31, 2019
Margaret Bates	December 31, 2019
Ed Braun	December 31, 2019
Steve MacDonnell	December 31, 2020
Derek Wilkinson	December 31, 2020

The Team would like to extend a special note of thanks to David Platt and Merle Crawford, for their past service and to Elaine Cantlon, for her leadership since 2015.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ed Braun and Steve MacDonnell, Co-conveners*

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 sanctuary sound equipment was completely upgraded in 2017 into a new AV (Audio-Visual) system as part of the chancel renovations project. The new system allows sending both audio and video of the services to televisions in the nursery and foyer. It also allows recording both audio and video for posting to the church web site.

The system is housed in a beautiful new cabinet made from the old choir pews by Lorne Kelly. A new 24 channel sound mixer replaced the old 16 channel mixer and allows for tailoring the output sound to various outputs: the main sanctuary speakers, a choir speaker, an assisted listening system, and to the nursery and foyer's televisions.

A new overhead projector above the pulpit area sends video to the new movie style screen on the front wall. This system is much brighter than the old projector and allows for displaying full motion video as well as slide shows. A new television camera on the back wall sends video of the sanctuary to a video mixer and computer in the AV cabinet. The computer also controls the slide show and other video sent to the projector and screen.

We are always looking for new people to help run the AV system, so if you think you would enjoy pushing buttons on high tech equipment, please talk to one of the operators.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom Spoering*

The Tech Team looks after maintaining the network of office computers and other electronic gadgetry around the church building.

The biggest accomplishment for 2017 was installation of a new audio video system in the sanctuary as part of the overall chancel renovations. After establishing needs and wishes with the various stakeholder groups in the church, we obtained proposals from several vendors. We contracted with Inland AV to provide the system.

Lorne Kelly did a wonderful job crafting the new larger cabinet from the old choir pews that were removed as part of the renovation.

The new system includes a camera at the back of the sanctuary to allow sending live video of services to the television in the foyer and to a new television in the nursery. This allows people who cannot remain in the sanctuary to still be part of the services.

Videos and audio recordings of sermons are now also posted on the church's website <http://www.standrewscalgary.ca/> by clicking on SERMONS at the top of the page.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom Spoering*

Music Ministry



Intergenerational Musicals



Psst!!! From MARA, St. Andrew's musical church mouse: This year was AWESOME! We had so many songs to learn and sing, so many lines to memorize and share with the congregation. And YES, I'm including myself, because every time someone forgot a line, every time someone forgot the words to songs, I was 'telepathically sending them the words 'mouse-to-human-mind' from my corner of the church.

I knew every single song, every single word. You know WHY? Because it was hard NOT to hear them when they practice, because they laugh, they sing, they laugh, they dance, they laugh..well, you get the picture. They live life LOUD!!! And believe me, I TRIED not to hear them! At least in the beginning. I tried tuning them out because I was tired after a long day of running around the church – this is a BIG building! And I just really wanted a nap. But once they start practicing, well... those melodies, those words... their energy and enthusiasm, their love of music, love of God...love of YOU, the congregation! Well, you can't stop listening, you can't stop waiting to hear how the story they are telling is going to end! And then you just want to be part of it – so I WAS! Debby worked with all those who participated in this year's musicals, so she's going to give you more information below. She thinks she directed them, but really – it was me, MARA MOUSE, who made sure you got to hear God's word through songs and skits. But that will be our little secret, OK? Shhhhh!!!

<p>Christian Family Sunday <i>The Tale of Three Trees</i> This musical helped us to think about: <i>There are times when we wait and we wonder, and we question the sound of God's call. In the silence we learn how to listen, and we find God's been there through it all.</i></p> <p>It's good to have a dream. It's even better to 'live it out' after you see that dream through God's eyes.</p> <p>Gratitude is expressed to the following people who worked diligently and joyfully to share a meaningful message: <i>Arielle Kangong, Riley Gayford, Lilwen Henrichsen, Sydney Thompson, Calysta Payne, Haylee Thompson, Sienna Blanchette, all of the children of our church school, along with our incredible musically friendly family of adults: Alice Post, Audrey Cole, Bill Judd, Brent Forcade, Carol Doyle, David Jefferies, Desiree Henrichsen, Dolly Forcade, Gail Prevost, Jan Hazlett, Janet Ridsdale, John Hazlett, Lauren Cole, Lizzie Kangong, Lynn Judd, Maureen Amos, Pat Tritter, and Shelby Cole.</i></p>	<p>ADVENTure <i>How the Grouch Found Christmas</i> This musical helped us focus on: <i>Christmas is something you have to find yourself. Maybe you'll find it by giving it away~ to someone else.</i></p> <p>Our prayer was that everyone would leave the sanctuary seeking ways to share the true meaning of Christmas.</p> <p>Gratitude is expressed to the following people who worked enthusiastically and joyfully to share a meaningful message: <i>Charlotte Gayford, Jo-Ann Pawliw, Lauren Cole, Lilwen Henrichsen, Pat Tritter, Riley Gayford, Shelby Cole, Sienna Blanchette, Sydney Thompson, Bill Judd, and our incredible musically friendly family of adults: Anita Szott, Audrey Cole, Carol Doyle, Derek Wilkinson, Desiree Henrichsen, Dolly Forcade, Fiona Swanson, Gail Prevost, Marianne Attridge, and Maureen Amos.</i></p>
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My heartfelt thanks goes to each person who participated in ANY way with our intergenerational musicals – it does indeed 'take a village – or in our case, a congregation'!! Bless you all!!

*Respectfully submitted,
Debby Dorcas*

Director of Music

To be distributed at a later date.

Cody Obst, Director of Music