

Discerning God's New Future Together

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Growing in Faith. Going in Mission.

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Report of Session

Debby Dorcas, Clerk of Session

2018 Highlights:

- Session approved that we offer the use of our facility to the St. Mary & St. Paul Orthodox Coptic Church of Calgary.
- The Districts team re-organized districts into 41 visiting districts, 12 phone districts and 2 email districts. Families were moved to districts that respected their contact preferences.
- We discerned a call to Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald to come to St. Andrew’s as our Lead Minister, Vision and Direction.
- Session went on retreat in the fall and were led by Dr. Tim as we focused on “Prayerful Discernment 101.” Rev. Jared led our music and Bible study time.
- Rev. Dr. Bob Paul, Professor of Mission Theology at St. Andrew’s Hall, led us in a conversation in November about the challenging missional context of North American Culture.
- Session discerned that a choice of juice and wine will be available for all Communion services.
- Rev. Jan Hazlett continued to be off on medical leave in 2018. Please continue to keep her and her family in prayer.
- Session gave approval for engaging a part-time Pastoral Care Minister during this period of transition, and the congregation welcomed the Rev. Christian Persaud as our Interim Pastoral Care Leader.
- We now have so many youth coming out for youth group that we had to do some ‘room switching’ so that Youth and their leaders now have the room they need for this important ministry!
- With the arrival of Dr. Tim, Rev. Jared has been able to get back to our work “South of Fish Creek”. Please see Rev. Jared’s SFC update.

*Retired During the Year

Members of Session:

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

2019 Session Goals:

- Session has committed to sending a team of four leaders to Stewards By Design in May. This is The Presbyterian Church in Canada's stewardship conference, designed to help congregations discover how to nurture generous giving and grow and renew their ministry. Participants explore how stewardship is not just a financial matter, but is a spiritual matter concerned with all aspects of life.
- A "Task Force on Renewal" (Rhonda Wishart [Chair], Lynn Judd, Craig Murray, David Platt, Cathy Millar, Kevin MacFarlane, and Debby Dorcas) has started work with Dr. Tim and Rev. Jared on the Renewal of Vision, Renewal of Governance and Structure, and the Renewal of Leadership.

A Message from your Minister

Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald—Lead Minister

Just last week three retired St. Andrew's elders invited me to lunch. Besides enjoying some good food, we also shared great conversation. The most inspiring parts of our chat for me were the stories about the early years here in Haysboro. I heard about the first services in this neighbourhood before there was a building. I heard about the securing of the strategic building lot on Heritage. I heard about a resolute spirit that overcame obstacles with fresh thinking and discerning. We may love to point to the chapter of our congregation's story that chronicles its exponential growth—which eventually made St. Andrew's the largest Presbyterian Church in Western Canada—yet undergirding this whole extraordinary story is a spiritual entrepreneurship that is deeply woven into St. Andrew's DNA.

In last Sunday's Gospel lesson from Luke 5 we heard how Jesus helped his disciples discover a new way of fishing. These experienced Galilee fishers had already put in a full night on the sea—catching nothing—when Jesus asks them to put out into the deep water and let their nets down for a catch. Hear the discouragement in Peter's response, "Master, we worked all night long and caught nothing." They've already worked hard, tried their best and come up with nothing. Can you hear the sub-text?—"It's just no use."



Fishing for people on Heritage Drive in recent times has not brought in the same results as 20 years ago. St. Andrew's is not as young as it used to be. Faithful folk strive, work hard, try their best, but without the same exponential results. Yet in Luke 5 we hear Jesus inviting us into his new way of fishing for people. Despite Peter's discouragement, something in him gives way to Jesus guidance and will; and we hear Peter speak to Jesus the sentence that will change the entire course of his life: **"If you say so, we'll do it."** And Peter rows out into the deep water, willing to consider Jesus' new way.

The outcome of Peter's willingness is beyond belief: so many fish that their nets are beginning to break. Another boat is signaled to come help – and both boats are soon filled with those flopping, slippery, abundant fish, to the point of sinking. The outcome is beyond imagining. A willingness to seek and follow Jesus' lead opens an unexpected new way with fresh possibilities. The possibilities for fishing just got a whole lot more exciting here on Heritage Drive.

Rather than merely pooling our own best wisdom, Jesus invites us to make listening for his voice and will our **first priority**. That means investing some time in growing deeper in our relationship with God. It means that every time we gather, at the very centre of what we do together is pose the question—"What is Jesus asking of us?" Our individual opinions and plans are not the most important thing. This new way of Jesus points away from "I-questions" and gets us asking "God-questions" instead. Jesus shifts the focus from what we want, toward what God is already doing and is calling us to partner with him on. When we listen and respond like Peter—"If you say so we'll do it"—we will indeed be astounded at the results.

As outlined in the pages that follow, 2018 was a year of significant transition for St. Andrew's. Lots of changes and adjustments for all of us as God positioned us here at the beginning of 2019 ready to start the next chapter of ministry at St. Andrew's—a chapter that sees us placing God's will at the centre of all that we do individually and corporately.

A Session initiated **Task Force on Renewal** has already begun its work. Over the coming year it will be discerning a plan for the renewal of our vision, leadership and structure. Prayerful discernment will be at the heart of this work. You will be invited to be part of this discernment to renew our ministry. Aligned with Jesus' guidance, the spiritual entrepreneurship that is deeply woven into St. Andrew's DNA,—combined with that same resolute spirit that overcame obstacles with fresh thinking 50 years ago— will help position us for a new season of fishing for people with Jesus here on Heritage Drive, South of Fish Creek and throughout SW Calgary. Are you ready to fish with Jesus?

Impact Team

Mark Rowe, Member

The Haddon Road YMCA closed in 2010 and Session formed the Impact Team in 2011 to review the impact on St. Andrew's. There have been several proposals to develop the property. In 2017 The City of Calgary and the Kerby Centre entered an agreement to consider developing the YMCA property as a new home for the Kerby Centre. Unfortunately, the parties were not able to reach a final agreement. Future plans for developing the property are not known at this time.

Legacy Fund

Steve MacDonnell, Co-Convenor

Total 2018 Funds as of September 30th:

\$647, 055

Approved Disbursements:

Mission — \$8,170

Worship and Ministry — \$6,550

Facility — \$12, 900

It is expected that year end determination of fund growth for 2018 will be available by mid March 2019.

Personnel Team

Hugh McFadzean, Convenor

The team is grateful to the leadership provided by Rev. Jared Miller from January until the arrival of our new Lead Minister, Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald in August. The team is now pleased to be working with Dr. Tim.

A reorganization of the office staff was completed in the spring to better meet the needs of the new ministerial staff organization. The office staff now consists of: Executive Assistant; Office Administrator/Treasurer; Communications Coordinator.

A review of the Personnel Manual was completed as well as a review of nursery use for the first 6 months of the year. There was a change in our nursery caregiver. Deepali Gupta who provided care for our little ones until her resignation in October was replaced by Emily Izett.

Our goals for 2019 are to successfully fill the positions of Director of Music, currently vacant and of Communication Coordinator, currently being filled on an interim basis, by Britten Banerjee. The team's goal is that once these positions are successfully filled, there will be stability in our staff during 2019.

Memorial Fund

Alex Grant

In 2018 Memorial Donations were received in memory of the following people:

- May Budd
- John Flack
- Ruth Grant
- Rachel Hazlett
- Anice Harding
- Grant Huber
- Charlotte McWilliams
- Malcolm Roberts
- Jason Tritter
- Muriel Young
- Ruth Young

Ministry Resource & Accountability

Linda Haines, Convenor

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 oversight as assigned in the Position Descriptions and in the Session approved Ministry Plan. We also provide constructive feedback 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. Members are Christine Pepper, Craig Murray and Linda Haines, convenor. 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.

Stewardship and Planning

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

2018 Members include; Elaine Cantlon- Chair, Cathy Millar, Kevin MacFarlane, Paul Lin, and Margaret Bates (retired). Team highlights include:

- The successful introduction of debit/credit card payments for donating to the church and at events such as the bazaar. Our website now has an online giving option.
- The Stewardship's "Good News" Dinner was organized and prepared by the Stewardship team in September. In addition to fellowship, it provided a forum for understanding stewardship in today's St. Andrew's. At the Stewardship dinner, Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald issued a \$10,000 Congregational challenge for increased giving to the guests and to the congregation in the service the following day. Not only was there a response in giving directed to this challenge but an increase of overall giving response from the congregation followed in the several weeks after the dinner.

PLANNING TEAM

The Planning Team has Mark Rowe (Convenor), Dolly Forcade (Church treasurer), Tom McIntyre, David Townsend, James Jerrard and Ian Denness. Alex Grant, the Memorial Fund Convenor, is also a team member. The team works with other groups in the church and short-term and long-term financial matters. These include developing and monitoring the church's budget, long-term financial planning, and church investments.

- Thanks in part to the Congregational Challenge, at the end of 2018 St. Andrew's had a small budget surplus. At the beginning of the fall, there was a \$10,000 budget deficit projected.
- The Planning Team appreciates the church office and the church teams for their cost-control efforts.
- The Egyptian Coptic church, who moved their worship to St. Andrew's in March 2018, are contributing \$30,000 to our coffers while they raise money to acquire their own church facilities.
- The Legacy Team operates independently, in 2019, of the Planning Team. The Planning Team is responsible for the Memorial Fund and other investments.

FACILITIES TEAM

The Facilities team is led by Don Koch. Team members include Bob Shaw, Brad Chalmers, Alfred MacRae, Sean Pepper, Flemming Nielsen and Tom McIntyre. The team was extremely busy during the year maintaining the church facility. Highlights for the year include:

- Garbage enclosure rebuilt and expanded to include recycling and organic waste disposal.
- Door Access Control system and video surveillance cameras installed in November/December to enhance church security. It will be fully operational in early 2019.
- Negotiated facility use agreement with St. Mary & St. Paul Coptic Orthodox Church effective March 1, 2018.
- Negotiated cost-savings agreements during the year for waste removal, new door runners, yard maintenance and recycling & organic waste disposal.

Worship

Debby Dorcas and Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald

2018 Highlights:

- The Bereavement Team and Worship Team worked together to provide an opportunity to have candle lighting 3 – 4 times a year so that those who wish, may light a candle to remember a loved one.
- We deepened our experience of Holy Week by celebrating a Seder Meal together on Maundy Thursday, and worshipping on Good Friday with the Weeping Tree music, accompanied by readings and symbols.
- We celebrated the addition of a Handbell/Chimes Choir.
- A choir concert in November was enthusiastically received by St. Andrew's and the wider community, featuring musical gifts from St. Andrew's and beyond.
- We had a positive first experience of using prayerful discernment in developing the Christmas Eve services.
- We give thanks for an increase of over 40% attendance at our Christmas Worship Services.

2019 Worship Goals:

- Usher training revision
- Train lay members to serve communion
- Lenten services focused on the seven deadly sins (and virtues!)



ConnXions

Linda Haines, Team member

The newsletter is the church’s way of printing information about the congregation and the work that we do. It is also the way of announcing activities that are about to take place, so you know what is happening in the life of our church. During the past year, a new position was created as part of the administration staff, that of Communications Coordinator. It was deemed necessary, because of the technical expertise that is now required to maintain not only the printed media, but social media as well. A review of how the church messages the congregation has been evolving and that has resulted in some changes to the newsletter.

The former News from the Pews has become ConnXions. ConnXions is the stylized name of the newsletter. The X is symbolic of St. Andrew’s cross. Connecting us to Worship, Mission and Each Other is our mission in putting the newsletter together each month, with a combined issue for July/August. We average 8 – 10 pages of information.

We would like to sincerely thank all of those who have worked so diligently, for so many years in compiling the News from the Pews. Moving forward, we still need the help from our volunteers. Perhaps you have a suggestion of a story, an announcement to be made for an upcoming event, a notice of a passage of life, be it a baptism, wedding or death or any other interesting news to share with the congregation. Please contact the Communications Coordinator at :

communications@standrewscalgary.ca



A Message from your Minister

Rev. Christian Persaud—Interim Pastoral Care Leader

It is a privilege to serve as Interim Pastoral Care Leader at St. Andrew's. Since mid-November I have been slowly meeting and visiting with different individuals from the congregation for a variety of reasons – whether they find themselves in hospital, have a difficult time attending worship during the winter, or simply want to get more acquainted over casual conversation. Pastoral care applies to many situations, whether everyday occurrences or times of crisis, but at the heart of this ministry is a demonstration that God is with us, and that we as a faith community are present for, and with, each other. All members benefit when pastoral care flourishes in a congregation. My hope for St. Andrew's is that all of us want to feel connected to each other in this special community; when that happens we'll take seriously each other's concerns and will genuinely want to explore ways of supporting each other. My vision is that through ongoing encouragement and prioritization of pastoral care, we'll have a more comprehensive network of individuals who are constantly aware of what's taking place in each other's lives.

I have enjoyed getting to visit with some of you, and welcome the opportunity to get to know more of you better. It has been so encouraging to see the many groups and programs that serve our congregation members in various ways. It is clear that there is a heart for ministry at St. Andrew's and part of my role is to further support and enhance such ministries. I look forward to continuing serving as best as I am able to in Rev. Jan's absence. I would encourage you to speak with me if you think there is anything else that we as a congregation could be doing to further assist those in their lives and walks with God, or if perhaps you feel called to serve in one of our existing ministries. May God guide us, may Jesus remind us of God's presence, and may the Holy Spirit empower us to do the work of the church.



Pastoral Care

Judie Coleman, Coordinator

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.

Do you know all the ways we offer pastoral care at St. Andrew's? Located in the "Pastoral Care" rack in the K. E. Lounge are newly designed brochures describing each ministry that falls under the umbrella of Pastoral Care: Bereavement, CareShare, District Visitors, Homebound Ministry, Hospital Visitation, Nursing Health, Prayer Ministry, Prayer Shawl, Side by Side and Stephen Ministry.

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. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ by serving each other.



Home Bound Team

Cathie Huber, Coordinator

This ministry provides a special need to make visits to those people on our homebound list. Many of these members/adherents once gave their time in service to St. Andrew's, but are no longer able to attend church. We do not want to forget them! Presently, we have twelve wonderfully dedicated visitors who quietly reach out, bringing friendship and support to the home bound. Our visitors are encouraged to visit at least four times a year or more (i.e. delivering Christmas cookie plates) and often deep friendships develop.

As the home bound numbers are increasing, we are always in need of more visitors. If you feel this may be your calling, please say yes when asked. Your interest would be welcomed by someone who may feel lonely and forgotten. In addition, the families of the home bound are grateful that the church still cares about their loved ones.

Bereavement Team

Alice Williams, Coordinator

This year, our Spring Grief, Support and Recovery session centred around a discussion related to 4 questions: dealing with a life-threatening disease; what to say to someone who has lost a loved one; how to support a bereaved person in the first year and, handling the redistribution of a loved one's possessions. The broad scope of questions promoted some in-depth discussion and exchange of practical and beneficial information.

The Worship Team and Bereavement Team partnered to facilitate a time for those in the congregation who wished to light a candle in memory of a loved one and spend some time on reflection after the end of the worship service.



Hospital Visiting Team

Judie Coleman, Coordinator

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 any training is covered by St. Andrew's. If you would like to be part of the Hospital Visiting Ministry, first let our Pastoral Care Coordinator know, and you will be guided through the next steps.

Our volunteers try to visit anyone who has registered as Presbyterian, but especially to visit those from St. Andrew's. To make timely visits, we need to be aware of people being admitted to the hospital, so it is helpful if the office or the ministers are informed. During the year we had three lay hospital visitors. Arlene Young and Linda Burton-Chalmers visited at Rockyview, and Jayne Martin visited at the South Health Campus. Elizabeth Kangong joined our team in December and will visit at the Foothills and at Peter Lougheed. We are thankful for their dedication to this ministry.

Nursing Health

Alice Williams, Coordinator

Our annual Spring Health Fair was held on May 7, 2018 in conjunction with the Heritage Seniors' group luncheon. The topic, "Demystifying the Automated Defibrillator" machine and an overview of basic CPR was an introduction to life-saving information delivered by a representative from Life Savers Canada, a first aid training partner of the Canadian Red Cross and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

A new feature was initiated in December called " Health Matters ." The focus will be on seasonal health issues with a monthly paragraph in the Connxions church magazine. The aim is to promote awareness and information to enable healthy lifestyle choices.

Members of the Nursing team acted as a health resource to the Mission team members during the planning of their Fall Mental Health forum.

2019 Goals :

- Regular Health Matters submissions to the newsletter.
- Planning a workshop in the Spring on relevant health topics for seniors.



Districts

Inge Murray, Coordinator

In 2018 the district team implemented a new district system. This change was discerned as we responded to meet the needs of our St. Andrew’s families. We have a district system with 3 types of districts — visiting district, phone districts and email districts. Visitors connected and shared information with members and adherents by visiting, phoning and emailing throughout the year. The visitors were invited to a fellowship session where we reviewed the role of a visitor, provided support to the visitors and shared information with the visitors, regarding the new district system. The session of St. Andrew’s approved the elimination of communion cards. On communion Sundays a sign-in attendance sheet was available in the foyer.

As we celebrate the work of this team of dedicated individuals, we continue to strive to build meaningful relationship with all of the St. Andrew’s faith community, support those who are called to this ministry and work diligently to have a visitor for each district.

Prayer Chain Ministry

Judie Coleman , Coordinator

The prayer chain consists of a group of volunteers who believe in the power of prayer. We pray for others and their needs, which can be diverse and wide ranging. Requests for prayer are passed on to all the members of the chain by telephone or email.

Requests are received from anyone who feels in need of prayers or who has a person or an issue that they would like brought to God in prayer. We have committed ourselves to pray regularly, confidentially and individually for the people and concerns that are requested of us. We believe that Jesus Christ meets us at our point of need.

Consider becoming another link in the chain, and add your voice to our offerings of prayer.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Annette Shaw, Coordinator

This ministry’s message of caring is simple and enduring, and like all acts of generosity enriches the giver as well as the recipient. Shawls have been made for centuries. In 1998 two women, Janet Bristow and Victoria Gallo, started the “Shawl Ministry” – a program which has spread around the world.



Known as Prayer Shawls, they are symbolic of an inclusive and unconditionally loving God. The use of Prayer Shawls as ministry at St. Andrew’s began in 2008 and continues to be a blessing. Prayer shawls were first knitted by our WMS members and continue to be created by women attached to this congregation. We also offer lap rugs for men.

Prayer Ministry

Nicola Cameron, Coordinator

If you would like to pray for the needs of St. Andrew’s with a small group, please join with others in the Sanctuary at 9:15 on Thursday mornings.



Side By Side

Alice Post, Coordinator

Side by Side is a pastoral care and community outreach ministry that provides inclusive and warmly encouraging fellowship for people living with dementia. As a weekly 4.5-hour program of activities, Side by Side enables regular and reliable respite time for family care partners. Side by Side, which began in late 2012, meets every Wednesday, year round, with just a few weeks break in the last half of December.

Many thanks to our caring and dedicated volunteers and to each person who has contributed baking, made a financial donation or provided prayer support. You are all a part of the tapestry of care that God is weaving through this ministry.

We hope to help more people in 2019 and will need more volunteers in order to do that, so please contact me if you are interested in volunteering at Side by Side, either regularly or occasionally.



CareShare Team

Joan Rowe, Jean Spotowski, Stephanie Werle

2018 Highlights:

1. To join Family Ministry and CareShare volunteers through the successful set up of the Meal Train on-line volunteer hub. We now have 22 volunteers on the email list who receive requests by the organizers for meals for those of the congregation in need of support. Volunteers can choose to help with any request or not, as their time allows. Thank you to Stephanie Werle for making this a technological success. We have received good feedback on the simplicity of this way of contacting volunteers to match needs.

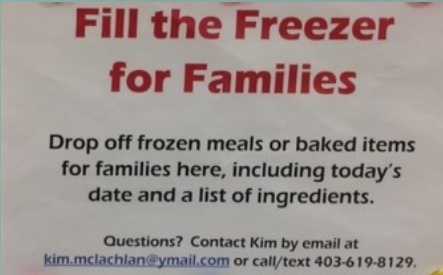
2. To emphasize support of young families. By joining the two ministries we can better support those in our church community challenged with children, jobs and other stresses. Many meals went out to support young families this year.

3. To encourage reaching out with freezer meals. We have an ongoing campaign to 'Fill the Freezer' in the Inner Hall. By volunteers bringing in frozen containers of food, staff and volunteers can take out a support meal quickly, when needs arise. Details on how to mark the meals is on the refrigerator.

4. To reach out to our home bound and recently bereaved, the Christmas Cookie Plate project was again a ministry of its own with 78 Christmas Cookie Plates made and distributed by kind St Andrew's volunteers.

2019 Goals:

- 1. To offer a meal to each of the young families in our congregation.
- 2. To encourage more volunteers to have their emails listed with the Meal Train hub and answer any questions they may have in volunteering for this act of pastoral care.
- 3. To see more people request help and the support of a meal, which we all need from time to time.
- 4. To expand Meal Train requests to incorporate other 'chores' around the house like mowing, gardening, etc.
- 5. To provide recipes on the St. Andrew's website or in ConnXions for some simple, proven meal ideas for those volunteers who would like to help but are not sure what to send.



Stephen Ministry

Judie Coleman, Coordinator

St. Andrew's became a registered Stephen Ministry Congregation this year. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are struggling with a life crisis. Judie Coleman, Barb Everett, Linda Haines, Barb Kearnes, Usha Mohan, Carole Morris and Terry Zimmer completed 50 hours of training and were commissioned as Stephen Ministers in May. Their training covered how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life.

A Stephen Minister is matched with a care receiver, meeting with this person once a week for about an hour – the relationship between them is kept confidential. Men are matched with men; women with women. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for support, supervision and continuing education. There are important guidelines for this caring relationship that protects both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister. These are detailed in the Stephen Ministry brochure in the lounge or at stephenministries.org

Laypeople who train as Stephen Ministers nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others. People who are hurting have a compassionate companion—a caring Christian friend who provides emotional and spiritual support.

Goals for the coming year include training of a new Stephen Leader, offering new evening training classes and adding at least two men to the Stephen Ministry team.



A Message from your Minister

Rev. Jared Miller—Family Minister



“Another flaw in the human character is that everybody wants to build and nobody wants to do maintenance.” – Kurt Vonnegut

2018 was a big year for St. Andrew's. We kept busy keeping our heads above water, but little by little and piece by piece, God was building up to something. In August we got to see what that was. The arrival of a new Lead Minister is a game changer for a church. It means saying good bye to a whole way of doing things and learning new rhythms and approaches. The Search Team worked

hard to find the person whose rhythms and approaches we could line up behind as a church. It means being led.

Being led is a challenging concept for the world of 2019 because it means being willing to give up some of our all-important self reliance and submit ourselves to something bigger. It doesn't happen overnight, but in small intentional ways trust is building. For me, I'm just excited to see what God builds out of St. Andrew's in 2019. As little by little we align ourselves to each other through trust, God breaks in and changes the world around us.

We go into 2019 running full steam into both ministry South of Fish Creek and a “reVision” for St. Andrew's. We still have a lot of pieces to figure out, and there are a million things we don't know – but remember where we were a year ago. Twelve months ago, the goal was head above water and “we've got this;” now we're running.

Christian Education

Rhonda Wishart, Convenor

The CE Team is charged with the task of providing guidance and active support to the life-long Christian Education within the congregation.

2018 Highlights:

- Church School continuing to see sizeable consistent attendance in all 3 of its classes: Kingdom Kids, Faith Finders and Worship Wonders, covering ages 3 to 12
- Seeing our largest ever attendance at Spring Fun Day in April, 2018, with a number of grandparent/grandchild pairings and friends of our members in attendance.
- The Youth Bible Study group on Thursday nights outgrowing its space in the youth lounge due to a keen interest in attendance. Eight youth attending CY in St. Catharine's, Ontario in the summer of 2018.
- Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. showing consistently high and enthusiastic attendance.
- The Nursery seeing a smooth transition in leadership from Deepali Gupta to Emily Izett as our Nursery staff person in October, 2018.
- Successful performance of the ADVENTure program with engaged family fellowship between services.

2019 Goals:

- Arranging for a special interest speaker for adults in the spring 2019.
- Conducting a review of our current church school curriculum.
- Conducting a survey of church school teachers/leaders to determine what improvements, if any, can be made and striving to implement any desired improvements.
- Arranging for instruction of and participation in Communion for our children in the Grade 3 to Grade 6 age range.
- Inviting children from the Coptic and Sudanese communities to our annual Spring Fun Day as a community outreach endeavour.
- Refreshing our space with some physical improvements including bulletin boards, new chairs, etc.

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 & leadership roles. We are very appreciative of all who assist in the work of Christian Education at St. Andrew's.



Library

Sylvia Shaw, Librarian

2018 was a quiet year for the adult library with light use of the books. Newer books are generally displayed on the library shelves for identification and an initial 3-week loan period is suggested. Many thanks to those who donated material to the library during the year. 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 library shelf in the Karl English lounge. An inventory taking is planned for early in 2019 and once completed an up-to-date list will be posted on the St. Andrew's website. We do have a small budget from the Christian Education Team and any suggestions for new publications are welcome.

Mission Team

"A Church exists by Mission as a fire exists by burning." As St. Andrew's relentlessly pursues its Missional nature, the mission team provides people of all ages opportunities to participate in God's Mission in the world. Pages 23-25 include some of the projects we are involved in.

Coffee and Conversation

Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch

Coffee and Conversation Bible Study continued to meet in 2018. When Rev. Jan began her leave of absence, I took over the leadership. In the spring we did a quick trip through Mark's Gospel and in the fall began a study of Ephesians. About 20 people have been involved in 2018.

Cradle Roll

Elsbeth McFadzean, Coordinator

In the year 2018, we had 1 new member on our register. Birthday cards were sent out to 9 of our children 3 years of age and younger.

Mental Health: A Christian Response

Brent Harding

This panel (including Rev. Dr. Tim, Adam Hall and Geri Fitch) moderated by Rev. Jared, was held on October 3 with an attendance of more than 60. The audience included 5-10% of people outside of our congregation. The panel was the direct result of one of our team member’s grief over the suicide of her young co-worker. She brought to the Team an opportunity to address unspoken need in our community. The Mission Team worked in consultation with the Pastoral Care Team. As a lead up to the Panel Night, there were four testimonials that each proved to evoke strong, positive responses from the congregation.

Mr. Hall defined mental health and the Biblical role for Christians, while Ms. Fitch helped to explain ways Christians can assist those who are facing mental health issues. Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald discussed the presence of our church as a place of shelter and help.



Aboriginal Awareness

Brian Hawco

A third-in-a-series Aboriginal Awareness event was held April 11 and included the educational ‘Blanket Exercise’ with trained facilitators. There were 52 participants 15 years and up. One third were from outside the congregation. Long-range planning for the 2019 Pow Wow included formation of a planning sub-committee and acquisition of \$5000 as a grant from the national church for Healing and Reconciliation events.

The Mitten Tree

Kathy and Kerri Slimmon

On December 16 we remembered those who are cold with donations of warm clothing collected at each service. The youth decorated our tree with the colourful items. Over 500 items were received and delivered before Christmas Day to the Mustard Seed, the Sheriff King Women’s Shelter, the Louise Dean School, the Claire Building and the Shawnessy Seniors’ Lodge.

Homes of Hope : A Mexico Home Building

Joan Rowe, Convenor

In March, there were eight who participated from St. Andrew’s (Jayne Martin and daughter, Amelia, Lynn and Bill Judd, Pat and Duane Tritter and Joan and Mark Rowe). It was a joint effort between Calgary Rotary (donations of money for supplies, furnishings and cement foundation); Youth with a Mission (spiritual direction, residential stay on their San Antonio campus, oversite of application for housing and direction of building). This was the fifteenth year of a volunteer opportunity for Rotary and local churches and was led by Marlene and Dan Doherty from Grace Presbyterian and Calgary Rotary.

St. Andrew’s volunteers paid their own costs (transportation, room and board). The Participant Mission fund (\$1600 CAD plus individual donations) was accessed and given for furnishings, appliances and food staples. Our total team of 79 from Calgary built 5 homes in 3 days. One home was for a father and mother with four young children who had an equivalent income of \$75/week. They saved enough money to buy land over a period of ten years, the requirement to apply to Homes of Hope for a build. It is documented that families with a permanent home have better health and education outcomes than those living in temporary shanties, as this family had been. Observations and suggestions for future builds was submitted to the Rotary “Homes of Hope”.



A Place to Call Home/ CUPs/ Kairos

Bill Judd

Bill Judd and team have helped with move-ins and acquisition of new, hygienic mattresses for those moving from the street into buildings. We have accessed the Legacy Fund twice for \$5000 each time, to assist with clean mattresses.

Food Bank

Bill Judd

September marked the first full year of our Saturday Food Bank! There are 2-7 families each week, on average, receiving hampers from the central Food Bank. We are pleased with the high interest in volunteering



Mission Team in 2019

Aboriginal Awareness:

There are big plans for our Pow Wow on Saturday May 25 1:30 to 8:30 PM. We are working in tandem with the Aboriginal Friendship Centre and looking for attendance of 500 through our doors on that day. There are leaders for each aspect, and volunteer opportunities will abound under their direction. This could be on the scale of the Christmas Bazaar.

There will be opening prayer from each community; a Christian prayer and one in an aboriginal language. Two teepees will be set up by the visitors on the lawn; one for men and one for women. There will be Elders, story telling and Q and A in each teepee. Simultaneously, there will be a craft downstairs for dreamcatchers. At 3 PM there will be the traditional dances and songs to 5:30 pm. At 6 PM there will be a feast of buffalo stew (First Nations chef) and guests will bring potluck items. At 7:30 there will be a traditional Round Dance and end with a benediction.

Mental Health:

We are sketching out another awareness event, based on the high interest from the 2018 Panel.

Ongoing discernment of God's desire for outward-looking generosity that builds on the strengths of all of our congregation, unleashes leadership in our congregation and reflects the need within our local area.

Family Ministry

Stephanie Werle, Coordinator

2018 Highlights:

- We have seen a huge growth in participation, enthusiasm and commitment of youth at our Thursday night Surge Youth study nights.
- Our Take 150 program that provides a night off for parents and lots of fun for the kids has a core of 10 dedicated children who attend regularly.
- We had a greater number of successful intergenerational events for fellowship and study in 2018, including Family Camping, Sunday Pilgrimage and Ladies Book Club.
- In coordination with the CareShare Team, we launched and saw great success with the Fill the Freezer and Meal Train.
- We progressed through Phase II of the South Fish Creek plan, completing community walks and transect studies to narrow down the communities we will use to enter Phase III (Experimentation).
- We have seen growth in the number of committed young families who attend regularly and have a good sense that the idea of 'faith community/family' is gaining ground.



2019 Goals:

- Execute Phase III (Experimentation) of the South of Fish Creek project.
- Engage parents to connect with Sunday worship (and their faith) throughout the week with their children.
- Continue to grow the relationships among the youth and leaders and to seek out new ways to engage more with the congregation and the community at large .



South of Fish Creek

Rev. Jared Miller

2018 didn't leave a lot of time to focus on South of Fish Creek. But with Dr. Tim's arrival at the end of the year, we were able to return to the work begun in 2017 and complete the research phase of the project. 2019 sees the project return to full-time status at St. Andrew's. In 2019 I will be spending 2/3 of my time doing work South of Fish Creek and 1/3 of my time working at Heritage Dr.

2018 Highlights:

- Completed Studies in Somerset/ Bridlewood, Auburn Bay/Seton and Legacy, looking at the makeup of these communities:
 - Where do people spend there time?
 - What do they *stay* in the community for?
 - What do they *leave* the community for?
 - What do they *bring into* the community?
 - What are the needs of the community that aren't being met?
- Created StARt (St. Andrew's Round Table) steering team.
 - * The steering team will create a (go forward plan) for South of Fish Creek; evaluate the success of the work done South of Fish Creek; help St. Andrew's discern what worked/didn't work; what do we do more of/less of; where and what should we invest South of Fish Creek in 2019 and onward.

2019 Goals:

- House Church Experiment begins in February aimed at exploring ways of worshipping outside of our church building
- StARt SFC Experimentation Plan to be presented to Session and the Congregation in May.
- Included in this plan will be more than a dozen opportunities for the congregation to get involved in 2019. Keep your eyes open for an opportunity you may wish to be involved in.

St. Andrew's Ladies Guilds

Ladies Afternoon Guild and Ladies Evening Guild

The Ladies Afternoon Guild (LAG) and The Ladies Evening Guild (LEG) are two groups of ladies who enjoy faith, fellowship and fun together while working as a team to actively support St. Andrew's church and the community in mission, fundraising endeavors and at special events.

- The 2018 Bazaar hosted by the LAG and LEG was a great success. As a church community we worked together in an atmosphere of intergenerational fellowship. The funds raised at the bazaar support St. Andrew's as well as local charitable organizations.
- Cooking and catering talents are generously shared by the guild members. The LAG catered 7 funerals, a Presbytery luncheon and 11 dinners for Ronald McDonald House. The LEG hosted the Annual Congregational lunch with donations supporting the 2018 Mexico Mission Build. The LEG catered the dinners for 2 of the Family Ministry TAKE 150 events.
- The Summer Bible Study (Beth Moore Study: "To Live is Christ" led by Maureen Lively) was funded by the LEG.
- The guild storage closet in the lower hallway was renovated. Many thanks to Tom McIntyre for sharing his time and talents.
- As a guild we continue to support our church and local community.
- We are planning an exciting new initiative for 2019. We will be preparing lunches for Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids (BB4CK) in the St. Andrew's main kitchen.
- We value the fellowship of our group and aim to invite all who would like to be part of this vibrant group of ladies, to serve within St. Andrew's and in the community as is needed.

Heritage Seniors

John Young

May – Strawberry tea was a success

July – Bocce Ball, Word Games, Bottle Drive

Aug – Open House was well attended

Dec – Christmas Lunch created 70 gifts for children under the age of 12.

- Woods Christian Homes Deliveries to Children, Financial Donations to the church was \$3500. To Woods was \$500. To Alzheimer's Society was \$500.
- 2019 is the 30th year of operations.

Search Team

Loran McVittie and Cathy Millar, Co-Chairs

In January 2018 the Search Team was excited to learn that The Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald was interested in pursuing further discussions with the Search Team regarding the Lead Minister position. He also indicated he and his wife Joyce would like to visit Calgary together to meet with the Search Team to further investigate this opportunity.

In late February Tim and Joyce spent several days in Calgary and before their departure Tim indicated he was prepared to come and preach for the Call at St. Andrew's. On Sunday March 18th, 2018, Dr. Tim led worship, and following worship the congregation of St. Andrew's met and voted overwhelmingly to call The Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald as Lead Minister.

Thanks to God's enduring presence throughout this process, the search came to a successful and joyous conclusion on Wednesday August 1, 2018, when Dr. Tim was inducted as Lead Minister at St. Andrew's.

We wish to thank the following Search Team members for their dedication and faithful commitment: Brent Werle, Hugh McFadzean, Shelby Cole, Marlyn Townsend, Paul Rowe, Rhonda Wishart, Sylvia Shaw, Bob Fuenning, earlier Jennifer Stolee, Yvonne Kangong, John Young and Kevin MacFarlane.



St. Andrew's Handbell Choir (Above)

Chinook Care Centre Hymn Sing Ministry

Alice Post

Since the late 1990s, 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. A team of volunteers from Grace Presbyterian have also provided regular leadership for hymn sings.

This ministry currently has four teams who each take one Sunday of the month. Each team brings together people with diverse skills, some musical and some not. One Sunday of the month is not currently covered, so if you love music and people and would like to spend one afternoon a month bringing joy to a group of seniors, please contact me.

Choir

Sylvia Shaw, Choir Member

The St. Andrew's Choir is a caring and supportive community of people who love to sing to the Lord! Throughout 2018 we appreciated the leadership of Cody Obst. A gifted teacher, Cody shared his love of all things musical and inspired us to sing pieces which may otherwise have been outside of our repertoire.

Brightening a cold winter day in February we were treated to the men's choir. We are blessed to have wonderful male voices in the choir - and in the pews!

On Good Friday we were pleased to once again sing The Weeping Tree cantata when we welcomed others from St. Andrew's and from the wider community, to join us in song. Also taking part were a number of musicians who formed a chamber orchestra. Members of St. Andrew's acted as Easter symbol bearers making the service a very meaningful experience.

One exciting addition to the St. Andrew's music program in 2018 was the hand bells, a very generous donation from a member of our congregation. The handbell choir is under the leadership of Lori Teneckye and Annie Hergott.

In November we held a concert of Advent / Christmas music and invited the wider community. Once again we enjoyed welcoming a number of musicians in addition to the wonderful Foothills Brass. The hand bell choir played, adding a delightful new dimension to our program.

We are grateful for all the wonderful singers, narrators and musicians from both within and without the congregation who sang, spoke and played, adding to our pleasure of making a joyful noise to the Lord!



Intergenerational Musical

Debby Dorcas, Director

In December, we shared *The Light Before Christmas* as our intergenerational musical. Special thanks to our talented youth who learned music, and lines, and more music, and more lines... Arielle Kangong, Calysta Payne, Charlotte Gayford, Laura Archibald, Lilwen Henrichsen, Riley Gayford, Sydney Thompson, and Braeden Werle. Thanks also to Jo-Ann Pawliw, Bill Judd, Derek Wilkinson, and Tristan Payne for their roles in the musical, and to all the St. Andrew's adults who joined us to sing – please know how much we appreciate your willingness to share 'who you are' – we so appreciate you!

Men’s Fellowship

Bob Shaw
We were pleased to see new and regular attendees increase last year. We hosted the McDougall United church last January with a speaker from the voice of the Stampeders. The following months up to the May final, we hosted the Ash Wednesday supper, a travel log by Don Koch and a talk from the Flames organization. During the fall we had speakers telling us the ups and downs of the internet, the wonders of Ireland and a Q & A with Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald, our lead minister. We continue to encourage all men, including teenagers to come to the winter/spring breakfasts and enjoy fellowship and learn different aspects of life in Calgary etc.

2018 Congregational Statistics

		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Number of Families		366	361
Associated			
THE MEMBERSHIP			
Communicant Membership		500	462
Added to the Roll	By Profession of Faith	9	0
	By Certificate of Transfer	0	2
	By Resolution of Session	0	3
Total		9	5
Removed from the Roll	By Death	13	12
	By Certificate of Transfer	0	0
	By Resolution of Session	19	5
	By own Request	15	5
Total		47	22
Communicant Membership	December 31	462	445

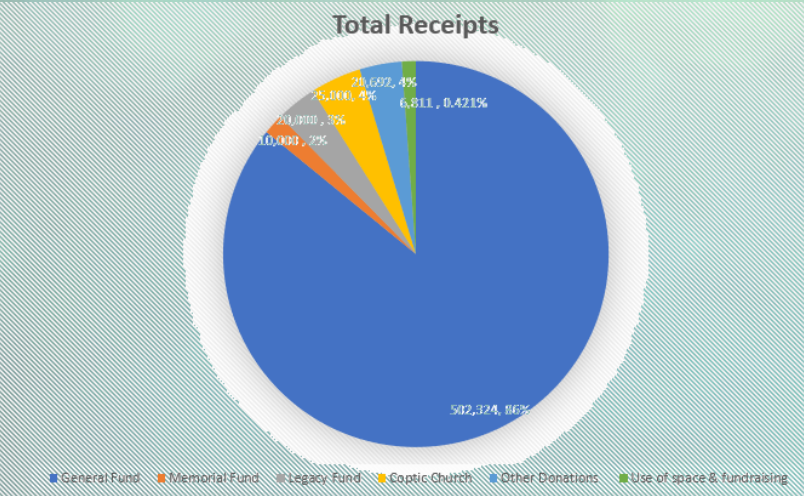
		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Baptisms	Children	3	1
	Adult	0	0
Total		3	1
Marriages	Members	0	0
	Adherents	1	0
	Other	1	1
Total		2	1
Funerals	Members	4	6
	Adherents	6	1
	Other	1	1
Total		11	8

Members & Adherents Who Died During the Year

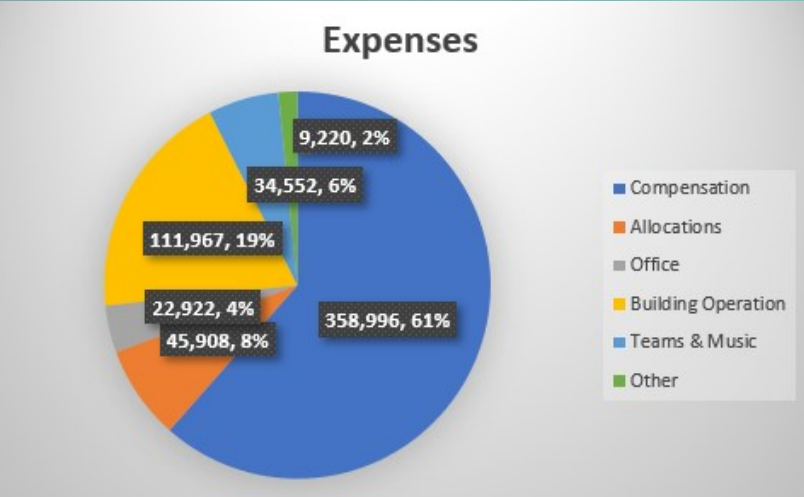
Velma Bryant	Carl Weston	Sharon Klassen
Tom Millar	Norma Carrow	Gordon Packer
May Budd	John Flack	Miriamn Flemming
Alma MacLeod	Jean Mack	Samantha Bortnak
Bill Townsley	Joan Wall	
Margaret Maxwell	Charlotte McWilliams	

2018 Financial Overview

A detailed report on the 2018 financials and the 2019 budget will be available separately.



General Fund
\$502,324
Memorial Fund
\$10,000
Legacy Fund
\$20,000
Coptic Church
\$25,000
Other Donations
\$20,692
Use of Space
\$6,811



Compensation
\$358,996
Allocation
\$45,908
Office
\$22,922
Building
\$111,967
Teams and Music
\$34,552
Other
\$9,220

2018 Church Staff

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald (Began August)
Congregational Minister	Rev. Jan Hazlett (On Leave)
Family Minister	Rev. Jared Miller
Interim Pastoral Care Leader	Rev. Christian Persaud (Began November)
Office Manager	Rhonda Mullan (January-March)
Administrative Assistant/ Treasurer	Dolly Forcade
Nursery Caregiver	Deepali Gupta (January-August)
	Emily Izett (Began November)
Director of Music/Organist	Cody Obst
Side by Side Coordinator	Alice Post
Executive Assistant	Debby Dorcas (Began May)
Communications Coordinator	Jeremy Hexham (May-December)



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