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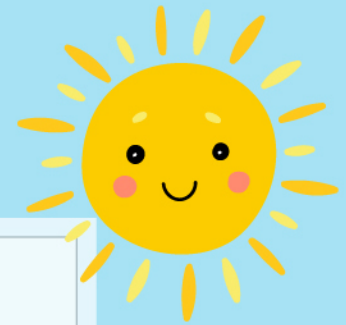


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Dear Friends,

Last July when I was designing our Fall 2021 Series on The Art of Neighbouring our hopes were for a “more normal” fall in the life of our city and our church. I was hoping to see a re-gathering of many within St. Andrew’s to in-person worship; I was even hoping for a return to two Sunday morning services. Alas, however, our current COVID situation is much more concerning than we imagined. Please join me in praying each day for those who are ill, for those who are grieving and for the staff in our hospitals who are taxed beyond reasonable limits. We also must continue to pray for our elected officials and the need for wise and prudent health policy.

These days more people are joining us at St. Andrew’s for in-person Sunday worship—while others continue to join online. The move by our Re-opening Task Force to now require proof of vaccination for admission to worship is a way to create as safe an atmosphere as possible. Their prudent planning has ensured that during the pandemic St. Andrew’s has never been a known source of COVID spread. We are grateful for the volunteers who screen and usher each week for Sunday worship.

The other thing that is far from normal in our lives these days are our relationships. They are just different. Some who used to be in regular touch with us now rarely reach out. Some no longer return our calls, texts or emails. Because of the pandemic, relationships have been frayed, and trust in authority and each other has been eroded. A psychologist friend was telling me recently how she finds that things are just “off” with all of us. Things that normally wouldn’t cause issues in our families and relationships are now causing issues. My friend attributes it to the fact that people are coping with so much grief. Her advice to herself is worth following, “I try to be as gentle as possible with people—just as if I was conversing with someone who has just lost a loved one.” There’s excellent wisdom here for all of us.

Divisiveness is exploding in our shared life. While early on health workers were shown encouragement by nightly banging of pots, now they are harassed by protestors outside their workplaces. As Christ-followers we are to be important yeast and leaven in our community of faith and in our city. When Jesus teaches us to love our neighbour—more than it being about defining who is “in” and who is “out,” neighbourliness, according to Jesus, is about how we act toward all the people we encounter “on the road.” Neighbourliness is acting in love towards another person, even when that person may be on the other side of a vast cultural, ideological, racial or religious divide—and even when doing so may bring judgement on us from others. Jesus says “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God” (Matt. 5:9).

Dr. Tim  
Lead Minister / Life & Vision  
St. Andrew’s, Calgary



# THE ART OF Neighbouring



09.19	The Art of Neighbouring <b>Hospitality: A Biblical Tradition</b>	Genesis 18: 1-15 Hebrews 13: 1-2	Dr. Tim
09.26	The Art of Neighbouring <b>Rediscovering Neighbouring</b>	Luke 10: 25-37	Dr. Tim
10.03	The Art of Neighbouring <b>Making Time - Are you Interruptible?</b>	Luke 10: 38-42	Dr. Tim
10.10	The Art of Neighbouring <b>Overcoming Fear and Stereotypes</b>	Mark 5: 1-19	Dr. Geoffrey
10.17	The Art of Neighbouring <b>Forgiveness</b>	Luke 6: 37-42; Colossians 3: 12-17	Dr. Tim
10.24	The Art of Neighbouring <b>When God Moves into the Neighbourhood</b>	John 1:14 (Message); Rev. 21: 1-5a, 22-25	Dr. Tim
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**GRATEFUL PEOPLE ARE HAPPY PEOPLE**  
 by Cathy Millar,  
 Stewards by Design

Are you happy? Some of us can answer YES to this question but many of us cannot. It seems that first we must be grateful in order to be truly happy. Happy people are not always grateful, but grateful people are almost always happy; they are joyful people. It sounds so simple – if you want to be happy, then just be grateful.

Recently, The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins mentioned Brother David Steindl-Rast (Benedictine Monk) in one of his sermons. I would like to suggest that each of you take the time to watch Brother Rast’s TED Talk on YouTube which is only about 14:30 minutes long. His perspective on Gratefulness is inspiring. Being grateful leads to grateful living, which is the true goal of all humanity, when we become aware that each moment lived is a gift, unearned and freely given. It is what we do with the opportunities that come with each of these given moments that count. So I encourage you to have a listen because it will be 15 minutes of your time well spent.

Opening our hearts to the opportunities to express our gratefulness to God is one of the pillars of good stewardship. Our Sunday offering is one of the ways readily available to each one of us to show our gratefulness on a recurring basis week after week. As we grow in our relationship with God, our relationship with money hopefully changes.

We no longer look to money as a solution to all our problems or for power and prestige. We grow to realize that we are only stewards of what we have. Growing LIFE Together with God helps us to better understand our role as stewards of God’s grace and blessings in our lives.

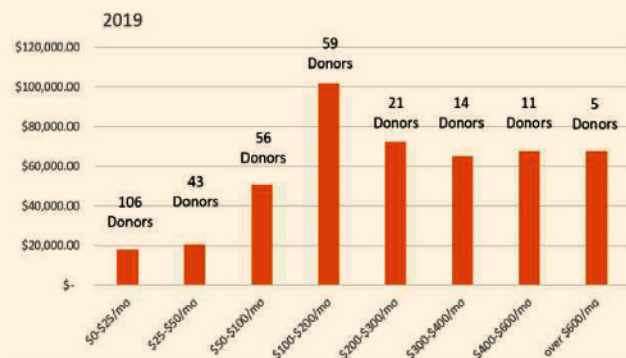
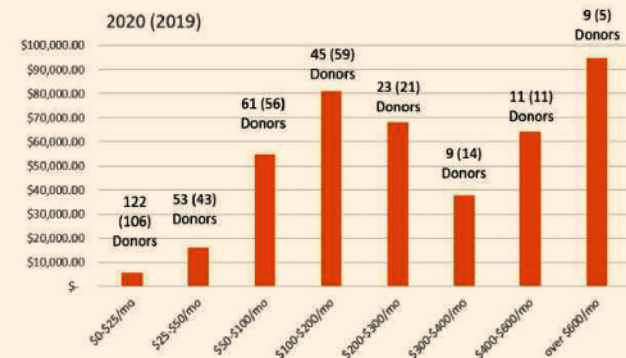
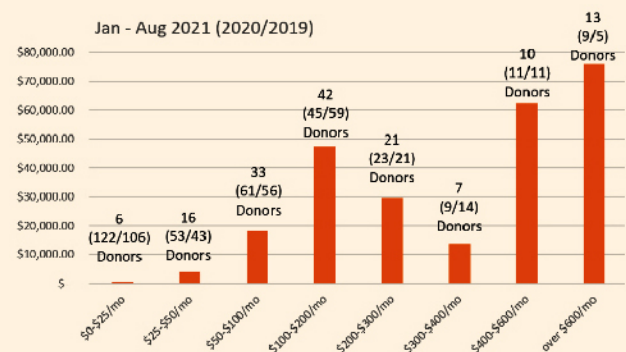
This fall our Stewards by Design team, in conjunction with the Worship team, will seek to enhance the offering experience to make it more meaningful and joyful.

**Can you imagine the joy giving away your money might bring???**

It is our goal to encourage us all to think more about our own personal stewardship practices so that we at St. Andrew’s can live out our mission to Grow Disciples Who Love Like Jesus. We look forward to sharing some stories with you about the impact our ministry has had on the lives of many people both inside and outside our own church community.

**Submitted by Stewards by Design.**

Regular offering donations from our members towards the General Operating Fund for Ministry and Mission



## History of the Banners

(This is the fourth in a series of short articles describing the story and the history of the liturgical banners, which have been an integral part of Worship at St. Andrew's since 1982. Ed)

### Part 4: Fall Banners: by Sheila Kirkland

#### Thanksgiving

October is Thanksgiving month, and we have so much for which to be thankful. We give thanks for St. Andrew's where we learn, grow, and are blessed by our Christian faith in the company of other sojourners. The banner expresses our thankfulness with its cornucopia bursting forth with the abundance of the harvest which we appreciate and enjoy.

The banner was made by **Grace Geren, Oromocto, New Brunswick.**



THANKSGIVING BANNER

#### The Sacramental Banners

We, in the Presbyterian Church, observe two sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion. These are unique ways of receiving God's grace in a continuation of Christ's ministry. They are visible symbols of the reality of God.

The banner features a shell which has scooped up three drops of water which represent the Trinity. The cascading water symbolizes the washing away of sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The banner was made by **Ruth Grant, St. Andrew's, Calgary.**



THE BAPTISM BANNER

The bread and wine represent the body and blood of Jesus which He shared with His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-).

#### We have two Communion banners:

1. The three-fold banner was brought to St. Andrew's from Trinity Presbyterian Church. The centre section depicts the vine and its grapes which symbolize the wine. The doves represent the Holy Spirit. The outer panels portray the wheat from which the bread is made. The combination of vine, wheat and dove reminds us that Communion is a means by which God blesses us in grace.

The banner was made by **Sibbie Borden, Joan Parker and Sylvia Provan.**



ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNION BANNERS:  
1. THE TRYPTIC COMMUNION BANNER (ABOVE)  
2. THE COMMUNION BANNER (RIGHT)



2. The St. Andrew's banner depicts the elements of Communion. The grapes and stalks of wheat are the raw materials from which the wine and bread are made.

The design was adapted from the cover of the devotional booklet "These Days". The banner was made by **Ruth Grant, St. Andrew's, Calgary.**





## Yuletide BAZAAR

**No Bazaar...No Problem!**  
by Pam Livingstone

Each year many months of planning are involved in preparing for St. Andrew's Yuletide Bazaar. Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic we are again unable to plan ahead for the traditional bazaar this year. We are very disappointed at this, as the Bazaar is always a wonderful community event enjoyed by the congregation, and an opportunity to reach out to the neighbours outside our doors. Last year we were able to still safely satisfy your desire for Christmas cookies, puddings and candy and we are now in the planning stages to do the same again this year. So stay tuned for news coming soon on how you can order your Christmas goodies.

\* If you have any jars you would like to part with - 250ml jam jars or 500ml wide-mouth jars (the type your Christmas puddings came in last year) please call:  
**Pam Livingstone 403-271-6468.**

Thank You,  
**The Ladies Guild**

## Session HIGHLIGHTS



**Session Highlights - September 2021**  
by Debby Dorcas  
Clerk of Session

The Faith Formation Team announced that **Bible Buddies** (Church School on Zoom) starts **Sunday, October 3rd** and will run the first and third Sundays of each month **October - December (Oct 3 & 17, Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5 & 19)**. We wish church school could be in-person, but at least this way children will be able to interact with their friends and leaders.

We received a lovely letter from Alex Grant who is retiring from Session after 56 years of service, highlighting some of his many wonderful blessings over the years. **Alex - YOU** have been a wonderful blessing to this congregation, and although you don't want formal recognition, we do want to say thank you.

Because we haven't done a Session update in awhile, we also would like to thank Val Hall and Jean Spotowski, who have also retired from Session. You contributed many gifts to Session over the years, and we thank you.

We were excited to receive the news that the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris has been appointed as St. Andrew's Interim Moderator. Dr. Jean and the Search Team will be meeting before the end of September to continue the work that has been started on our search process.

Dr. Geoffrey and Judie Coleman have updated the mandates and responsibilities of the Ministries of Care Team. We are appreciative of their work!

Teams have started work on preparing team budgets for 2022, and our Finance Team will be busy this fall working on our behalf.

Health Matters by Alice Williams

## MENTAL HEALTH: A PRIORITY FOR US ALL



The World Health Organization (WHO) definition of mental health is as follows:

"Mental Health is a state of well-being in which an individual realizes his or her own abilities can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively, and is able to make contributions to his or her community."

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being. Having good mental health is not only having an absence of an illness but an overall state of well-being enabling the enjoyment of life.

We often take our mental health for granted and don't reflect enough on how we can nourish our bodies and minds to improve our mental state. Awareness of our own needs and verbalizing those needs to others is of top priority to maintain a well-tuned healthy body.

The following are a few practical tips that each of us can use:

**Know who you are and what makes you happy:** Striving to be confident in our own abilities; tackling new things and not being scared to fail; having feelings of self-worth, as we celebrate who we are as unique individuals.

**Learn to manage stress:** We all have to find what works best for us and what triggers our own anxiety. Consider daily exercise, yoga, listening to music, getting a massage, meditating, journaling, taking time to laugh, enjoying a good book and striving for less perfection in our lives.

**Connect with family, friends, and community:** During the Covid pandemic these nurturing connections have been lost. They are so important for our overall well-being as they keep us strong and connected to our roots.

**Finding balance in our lives:** Eating well nourishes our body and provides the fuel needed to power us through our day. Planning ahead before a trip to the grocery store cuts down on the guess work of daily meal organization. One of the first things to be traded when we get busy and stressed is our sleep. Sleep deficit affects our physical and mental health. Disconnecting from all internet devices a few hours before bedtime, promotes an improved quality of sleep.

**Spiritual practices:** The following are a few examples shown to improve not only physical but psychological well-being. Practicing gratitude, hospitality, and mindfulness, being part of a spiritual community, attending worship, praying, reading scripture, exercising self-reflection and being in service to others.

**EMBRACE  
YOUR MENTAL HEALTH**



**Set realistic goals:** Goals that are vague, too numerous, or do not bring much joy in their achievement, all produce undue stress and lack of motivation; resulting in added frustration and lack of follow through.

**Getting support when needed:** Everyone needs support from time to time. Talking to your family doctor, or accessing one of the many mental health services, can make a world of difference.

We are very diligent about keeping our vehicles maintained by ensuring we check the gas and oil levels and the tire pressure for optimal performance. We need to be just as cognizant about checking our own emotional, psychological, and social needs to allow our minds and bodies to function and flourish.



## Spiritual Moments by Arlene Young

### An Emotional and Spiritual Experience

Back during 2018 I met a new friend who loved to walk as I do. We agreed to meet one day at Votier's Flats in Fish Creek Park. We were headed towards Greengate Garden Centre & under Macleod Trail to the other side. The afternoon became quite windy and cold so we decided on another direction. Big mistake! We followed a small path which paralleled the creek brimming with lots of water. Chatting away, we suddenly realized we were quite lost and no bridge in sight to cross to the other side.

Now we felt the forest was all around us. Many trees, tall shrubs and grasses, deadwood rotting after many years. We kept thinking we had to see something familiar soon! The simple path had disappeared. We were into heavy brush and higher terrain. We needed to get to the top of these rugged slopes. As we struggled upwards on hands and knees grasping at low lying branches and old roots, we wondered if we could make it to the top. We pressed onward making very slow progress. I heard my friend yell as she went sliding downwards into a pile of brush. That was when I felt we needed real help but if we used our phones how could we tell anyone where we were when we didn't know. I started praying to the real helper - GOD. There was another voice not too far away. My friend, who wasn't a church attender, was praying to our God as well. What an amazing feeling to be united together with God.

Finding a long, rather dead branch, I extended it as far as possible and she managed to grab it. It gave her just enough stability to pick her way up through the brush before the branch broke. She came alongside me and with tears in our eyes we clung to each other praising and thanking God that we were still alive and intact.

As we got closer to the top there was more light but there was also a high fence separating the park from a community beyond. We edged along carefully and then we saw it. There was a hole in the fence that we managed to crawl through to freedom. Discovering a little later that we were in the Shawnee area, I quickly phoned my husband, Don, who immediately came and rescued us by car.

Thank you God.



As the coordinator of Spiritual Moments, I would welcome anyone who thinks they could share their own spiritual moment from their own life experience. These stories are lovely reminders that God is with us through thick and thin. Please consider sharing your story and email me at [fnielsen64@gmail.com](mailto:fnielsen64@gmail.com) or call me at 587-777-2444. God's blessing on you all, Lorie Nielsen.

# THE ART OF Neighbouring



Each Home Outreach:  
Neighbouring Across the Aisle  
by Debby Dorcas, Executive Assistant

This fall we are engaging in an “Each Home Outreach: Neighbouring Across the Aisle”. Because of Covid restrictions, we’ll be reaching out by telephone! We want to see how everyone is doing, and we’d like to let you know about some upcoming events we have planned for the fall. So you can expect a phone call from one of St. Andrew’s visitors before October 4th.

If you’ve received a voice message from a visitor, please call them back. They’ll be glad you did!



AS PART OF OUR “ART OF NEIGHBOURING” SERIES, A FREE SCREENING OF THE FILM “A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD” STARRING TOM HANKS WILL TAKE PLACE ON **FRIDAY OCTOBER 29, 2021** 7PM @ ST. ANDREW’S CHURCH DR. TIM WILL BE DISCUSSING THE MOVIE DURING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, OCT. 31ST. (PEOPLE CAN BRING THEIR OWN WATER, BUT NO FOOD IS ALLOWED.)

@STAC Book Study:  
The Art of Neighboring  
By Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon

How many full names do you know of the people who live on your street, or the floor of your building?

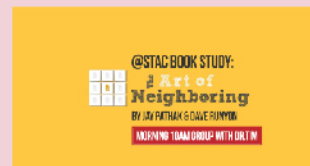
We may have lots of “friends” through online social networking, but we often don’t even know the full name of the person who lives right next door, or across the aisle. How do we create genuine friendships with the people who live next door, across the aisle at church, in our city, or around the globe? After all, Jesus says that the most important commandment is to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

As part of our fall series on “neighboring,” there will be three opportunities to participate in an illuminating Book Study on becoming a good/better neighbor. We are grateful to our leaders for providing leadership ‘morning, (after)noon, and night’!

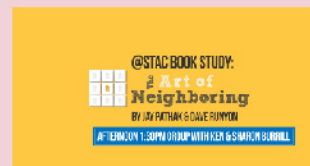
TO REGISTER for a study, please:

- email the church office at: [office@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:office@standrewscalgary.ca) or call 403-255-0001
- include your name, the DAY of the study you are registering for, and whether or not you need a copy of the book
- payments of \$17.00 can be made in cash, by cheque, through our website (indicating ‘book study’) or by e-transfer

We hope you’re able to join the one that works for you!!



**MORNING GROUP WITH DR. TIM:**  
WEDNESDAYS 10AM  
SEPT 29; OCT 6, 13, 20 & 27  
ON ZOOM



**AFTERNOON GROUP WITH THE BURRILL'S:**  
TUESDAYS 1:30PM  
SEPT 28; OCT 5, 12, 19 & 26  
ON ZOOM



**EVENING GROUP WITH BILL JUDD:**  
MONDAYS 7PM  
SEPT 27; OCT 4, 11, 18 & 25  
ON ZOOM





### From the National Church

The Presbyterian Church in Canada operated 11 residential schools for Indigenous children, with the first opening in the mid-1880s. In 1925, all but two of the schools that were still open were transferred to the United Church of Canada, which was established as a result of the Church Union Movement. The two schools the PCC continued to operate after 1925 were Birtle Residential School in Manitoba and the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School. Though the church first offered a formal apology and confession to God and to Indigenous peoples in 1994 for our role in running these schools (places from which many students never returned and which caused emotional scars and trauma on generations of Indigenous communities) the harm from these schools and other colonial practices continues today and so, too, does our need for confessing.

Meaningful apology, and the reconciliation that can come of it, requires listening to the Indigenous communities and families we have harmed, asking what work is needed for healing and then acting on it. The work that is required will change over time, as circumstances change; as more information is uncovered that may reopen wounds; as the depth of harm of colonialism is understood; as ways are found that the church can be an ally and a voice for justice again. The work required will change, too, as healing happens.

Because the residential schools operated for almost nine decades, harming generations of communities, true healing and reconciliation will require a lengthy journey over generations and a great deal of work to heal that harm. The discoveries of unmarked graves continue to lead to unspeakable grief and ongoing harm in communities across our country. Reconciliation is a long road that requires acknowledgement of harm, apology for taking part in that harm, concrete steps to redress the harm, and the rebuilding of broken relationships. We are called as disciples of Christ to reconciliation and to justice; this is work the church must do and commits to doing.

**The Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott**  
Moderator of the 2021 General Assembly

**The Rev. Amanda Currie**  
Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly



**BE A HELPER.**

**WHEN I WAS A BOY AND I WOULD SEE  
SCARY THINGS IN THE NEWS,  
MY MOTHER WOULD SAY TO ME,  
“LOOK FOR THE HELPERS.  
YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND PEOPLE  
WHO ARE HELPING.”**

**MISTER ROGERS**

**(MARCH 20, 1928 - FEBRUARY 27, 2003)**

## Update from St. Andrew's Covid Task Force by Mark Rowe

St. Andrew's has been following Alberta Government Covid protocols since March 2020. The congregation has responded by working together to keep everyone in our church community Covid safe. Thank you!

### In-Person Worship

Unfortunately, Covid counts in Calgary and Alberta have increased rapidly, and new Covid restrictions have been re-introduced. St. Andrew's is responding to the current Covid situation. We will need to return to a more Covid restricted in-person church service as outlined below.

### Vaccinations

The Alberta Government is now issuing Covid 19 Immunization Records to show that a person has received a Covid vaccination. St. Andrew's vaccination policy is, per the Alberta Government:

"From September 20 to Oct 25, valid proof of a single dose of Covid vaccine received at least two weeks before entry into the church.

From October 26 and beyond, proof of a complete Covid vaccine series with the second dose received two or more weeks before entry into the church."

### Registration and Worship

- At this time, Covid tracking registration will continue as congregants enter the back door. In addition, the Covid health questions will be asked and there is a sanitizer station.

- Attendees who are over 12 years old will be asked for proof of Covid immunization.

In recognition of privacy concerns, the church will ask for a Covid Immunization Record as you enter the building each Sunday. The church will not have a Covid vaccination registry.

- There is **social distancing** tape on the floor every two meters in the narthex to keep cohorts the proper distance apart while waiting to enter the sanctuary.

- **Ushers** will seat people as they enter the Sanctuary. Following the service, congregants will be escorted to the front door to exit.

- **Everyone is asked to proceed to their cars** immediately after the service.

- There will be **no food or beverages** served at the church. The Karl English Lounge will be closed.

- **Parents** will be able to bring their own children's books to the service for their children.

**The church staff** will continue working. The staff will be doing as much work remotely as they can. If there is need for someone to come to the church, please call ahead to ensure that a staff member is on site and knows when you are coming. The church doors will be locked.

### Choir

Choir Director Evan Mounce will be updating the choir on current Covid protocols as it applies to our music.

If anyone has Covid protocol related questions, please contact the church office at 403-255-0001.

**Note:** Online church services will continue at 9:30 every Sunday morning as they have been since March 2020.



**@STAC PET BLESSING**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD @2:00 PM**  
**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (703 HERITAGE DR. SW)**  
**ALL PETS ARE WELCOME!**



## St. Andrew's History

(This is the sixth in a series of short articles highlighting significant events in the life and growth of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Calgary. Ed.)

### The Boys' Brigade by Flemming Nielsen



John Young was only nine years of age when he first joined the Boys' Brigade movement in his native Scotland. In 1950 he was made Training Officer of his Company, and two years later he was promoted to Company Captain.

The Boys' Brigade was conceived by Sir William Alexander Smith, a Sunday School teacher, who sought to promote order and discipline among the boisterous boys in his classes by implementing a program of drills and fun activities, along with the Sunday School lessons. By the early 1890s the movement had spread across the world, and 25 years later membership in 60 countries was estimated to total around 750,000.



The Canadian Boys' Brigade was established in 1889, and in 1979 the 90th anniversary was celebrated in Calgary, where a dinner for 160 people was held at St. Andrew's. In the early sixties, the days of Rev. Kingsley King, St. Andrew's Sunday School was attended by as many as 200 kids, and in 1963 a Boys' Brigade Company with 30 boys was begun in the new building on Heritage Drive. Annual displays were held and would often include street parades, and competitions with other companies.

In addition to Sunday School attendance, marching drills and tumbling, the program grew to upward of 60 boys and included such things as gymnastics, first aid training, communication by signalling and Morse code, and music.

St. Andrew's developed a pipe and drum band, out of which grew several very accomplished musicians, such as Kelly Todd, whose skill on the pipes has brought him international acclaim; and Andrew and Mark, sons of Rita and Paul Elliott, are also remembered for their performances at functions such as the annual Burns Suppers.

The Brigade was very successful financially, with several different funds accumulating money for worthy causes, and donations being made to several and varied charities and worthy causes, including a substantial donation to the newly established Centennial Presbyterian Church.

In 1981, after almost twenty years of service to the church and the community, the St. Andrew's Boys' Brigade was disbanded. Sadly, today no company exists in Canada, and possibly not elsewhere in the world.

Many prominent and successful members of society, including clergymen, corporate executives, musicians and business entrepreneurs, have benefitted by receiving a foundation of Christian values, with an emphasis on discipline, loyalty and self-confidence, through their participation in the Boys' Brigade.







**From the Music Ministry  
by Evan Mounce,  
Director of Music Ministries**

Greetings! Joyfully we return to in-person music-making with our music teams at St. Andrews! As you are reading this we should now have been back for about a month; making melodious music with masks. Things may look a bit different, but we have smiles on underneath, and a song to share with you!

You likely have seen some of the virtual projects that we worked on last year and a couple of collaborative ones with Knox and Grace Presbyterian Churches. I am happy to announce that we will be collaborating in person with the Knox choir at a special concert in December.

We will be joining forces with Knox for a Lessons and Carols concert in December as part of the ProArts Recital Series (Tentatively booked for noon on December 8th at the ProArts Cathedral, so mark your calendars!). It will be so lovely to make music with their team in person.

As we regather our Music Ministry, this is the perfect time to bring new people into this family. Perhaps singing classic carols with full organ accompaniment in a cathedral might sound like fun? Maybe you play an instrument and would be open to sharing your music for a special occasion? Please reach out! I'd love to hear more about your music making.

There are more special projects in development for the Music Ministry at St. Andrew's but I can't give away all of the details yet. Stay tuned!

**Yours in music,  
Evan Mounce**  
emounce@standrewscalgary.ca



**News from theCreek  
Report by The Rev Jeff Lackie,  
convenor – Fish Creek Roundtable**

Acting on recommendations from the recent presbytery evaluation of theCreek ministry, a small group 'roundtable' discussion was convened by presbytery at St Andrew's—including representatives from the Presbytery of Calgary – Macleod, St. Andrew's Session, theCreek and the former Trinity Church. Over two sessions (August 4th and 19th) Dr. Tim Archibald, Lynn Judd, Maryanne Quesnel, Kim McLachlan and Stephanie Werle met with Jeff Lackie and Bertalan Bocskoras to consider together where the Spirit may be leading ministry to folks who live south of Fish Creek.



Our conversations helped to acknowledge some of the hurt and misunderstanding around expectations for this ministry. We were also encouraged by the work that has been done by those involved with theCreek, and hope to continue to build on the foundation that has been prepared.

The roundtable was intended to give representatives of the Session, theCreek and the former congregation of Trinity to hear one another's concerns and dreams for ministry beyond Heritage Drive. We have done that with our ears and hearts tuned to the Spirit's leading, and we are encouraged and excited by what we heard. (The next steps will be taken through conversation and discernment between The Session and theCreek Leadership Team.)



## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers and Friends,

It is not without melancholy that I take this opportunity to say goodbye to you. This is the last issue I will edit, and I hope that someone will step forward to assume the position from me, beginning with the December / January issue. I will, of course, still be around, and I will be happy to hand over my mailing lists, templates, and other basic editor tools of the trade, to make the transition as painless as possible.

My tenure was short. It began with the June/July, 2020 issue, but it was never dull. In spite of closures, Covid rules and confusion, we only missed one issue, and in spite of the lack of church activity this summer, here we are again.

I would like to thank all the contributors, writers, proofreaders, graphic artist, and office folks, not to mention the 15 drivers, who have handled the distribution, for their sterling efforts and unwavering loyalty. I will continue to look after the distribution.

I hope you may know someone who can take over the editorship, and I will be there to help train the person throughout the process, and I will happily turn over all my computer system templates to set them up, ready to roll.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all,

Flemming Nielsen

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Given the uncertainty of the Covid variants,  
and the continuing high numbers of cases across the province,  
we are being cautious and will continue to follow the Alberta Government advice  
requiring masks and social distancing while at church.  
(Please see Re-opening Task Force article on page 11)

There will be one service Sundays at 9:30 am  
for live streaming and in-person attendance.

People wishing to attend in person will be asked to sign in at the back door upon arrival,  
and provide proof of vaccination as described in the article.

We thank you for your efforts to keep each other safe!