

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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FROM OUR LEAD *Minister*

Four years ago next month the elders of St. Andrew's gave a standing ovation when I offered to say "yes" to a call to come and lead a ministry of renewal here. In the time we have been together we have discerned a new shared common Vision, Mission and set of Values that are beginning to inspire the trajectory of this ministry.

We are currently working on a strategic plan to pragmatically make this Vision more and more of a visible reality in our congregation and in our city. In recent months we have welcomed new people who are inspired by our Vision of **Growing. LIFE. Together. With God**—and our mission of being woven into our neighbourhood.

At the centre of my call has been a desire to grow deeper spiritual roots at St. Andrew's — to tap into those springs of living waters we find in Jesus that sustain life and enduring vitality. My aim has been to place at the centre of our ministry — above our individual opinions and wills — the seeking of God's will. I have enjoyed growing greater spiritual leadership capacity among our elders, as well as building a capable and collaborative Staff Team that now brings more of the gifts required for a vital missional ministry. And we're about 60% of the way in this task of renewal at St. Andrew's.

While I had hoped to be here for the remaining 40% of renewal—the Spirit is saying otherwise. As you will already know, it is my intention to respond to a new call that is being extended to me by Oakridge Church in the Presbytery of London, Ontario. Pending presbytery approval, I will complete my work at St. Andrew's at the end of February, just prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

What I have learned in the time that I have been with you is that God loves St. Andrew's ministry of **Growing. LIFE. Together. With God**. It's true! What I have observed is that when there has been a need, God has **always** faithfully provided — despite the litany of fear and anxiety from a few. When we needed help with Pastoral Care, God provided Dr. Geoffrey, with his kind and gentle manner, in the winter of 2020 — thankfully just before COVID started.

When we needed work in the area of our vacant Growth and Care Ministry position — God provided Lori-ann Esser, with her trove of amazing gifts and talents, in the fall of 2021. During the first year of COVID, some worried we'd never make it financially unless we laid off staff — and we completed 2020 with a pocket change deficit of \$934. When people suggested 2021 would be worse financially — we celebrated a surplus of \$32,000! When a pandemic shut down our ministry

— God gave us the vision, staff and faithful volunteers to entirely reimagine our ministry online — and do it in a top-quality manner that has grown our ministry.

As you prepare to gather for the Annual Congregational Meeting — I pray that you will set fear aside and be confident of God's faithfulness for the future.

God loves the ministry of **Growing. LIFE. Together. With God**.— which in times like ours is more important than ever. In faith, may you make bold decisions for the remaining 40% of renewal work at St. Andrew's, and give your hearts fully to following the Spirit's life-giving lead and guidance.

In confident faith,

Dr. Tim

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## FROM OUR INTERIM

Minister  
OF PASTORAL CARE

Gratitude can colour our lives. A Scripture comes to mind: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6-7, NRSV).

My thoughts as I write this annual report are indeed coloured by gratitude—gratitude for this loving community and staff; gratitude for the gift of life; and gratitude for new light dawning ahead.

It has been a pleasure to continue to serve St. Andrew's during the trying and turbulent year that has just come to an end. With some surprise, I see that it has now been two years since I have been with you. I feel deep respect and affection for people here and feel honoured that I am entrusted to minister with you during times of need and loss. Despite the restrictions caused by health-related concerns, we have been able to offer memorial services to families who had experienced a loss during the year. I was also able to visit people in the hospital.

Pastoral Care Coordinator Judie Coleman and I reviewed all the pastoral care programs in the church and proposed that these be grouped under the umbrella of "Ministries of Care." We met with the convenors of each of the ministries of care operating in the church and asked those leaders how things were going for them. Perhaps unsurprisingly, we heard that our ministries of care leaders would like to find people who share the vision of St. Andrew's and feel called to offer their gifts of caring to our members, friends, and to the wider community. Our model is and always will be Jesus, who gave the first fruits of himself so that the world could experience a foretaste of the Kingdom of God.

I am grateful that St. Andrew's has encouraged me in my goal of pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree, with a focus on Pastoral Care and Counseling. While I might have wished to attend the very beautiful campus of San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California, where my degree program is based, I am nonetheless glad that I have been able to study on Zoom, learning and growing in how I understand Jesus' call to us all. I have now completed all my required courses and am starting on the dissertation phase of my degree. It's both humbling and inspiring to have embarked once again in studies.

Looking ahead, I am hopeful that efforts will be successful this year to attract a suitable ministry candidate to accept the role of Associate Minister, Growth and Care, with this role description: "The Associate Minister of Growth and Care, as a leader of leaders, inspires the congregation to bring its vision to reality through growth in Pastoral Care and Spiritual Guidance, in Faith Formation (Christian Education) and in Engagement of New Members and Leadership Development."

None of us, of course, can know what lies ahead for 2022. I for one choose to be optimistic and to believe that we will emerge from all that ails us with a stronger sense of purpose and mutual love and interconnection.

Life can be rich when we live in faith. As we read in the apocryphal Book of Tobit, "At all times bless the Lord God, and ask him that your ways may be made straight and that all your paths and plans may prosper" (Tobit 4:19, NRSV).

Please feel free to connect with me if you or family members are experiencing stress, grief, or challenges.

I can be reached at [gsimmins@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:gsimmins@standrewscalgary.ca). I am also ready and willing to visit people in hospital and care centres. Please don't hesitate to ask. This is my job and my joy.

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins  
Interim Minister of Pastoral Care





## FROM OUR COORDINATOR *Growth* AND CARE

My first Sunday at St. Andrew's was in January of 2020, when Dr. Tim introduced the vision **Growing. Life. Together. With God.** It signaled a turning point for St. Andrew's as the church journeyed on its path of Revision and Renewal. This sense of "going forward" with hope, a willingness to embark on new adventures with God at the centre, had an impact on me: St. Andrew's was a welcoming place, embracing new people, and it wanted to "go places." **Exciting!**

St. Andrew's was ready for new things, prepared for change and growth in different forms. The church was equipped to be truly missional. St. Andrew's was willing to go where God was leading, under the capable leadership of Dr. Tim.

Of course, the pandemic lockdown hit a few short weeks later, and sidelined so many plans and dreams. Not to mention people.

And yet, new plans were born. St. Andrew's began its online ministry, and continued its good works, reimagining its ministries and missions along the way. Dr. Tim and other leaders and congregants have described these responses to the pandemic as "pivoting." Sometimes it was; sometimes I'm sure it was more like doing summersaults and cartwheels with a few handstands thrown in. **And so it continues.**

Two years later, the pandemic is still here, and so is St. Andrew's – striving to live out its vision and mission. A year ago I spoke at the Annual Congregational Meeting, explaining how St. Andrew's has been planting seeds and I was one example. For me, the seed planted in 2020 grew to my taking on the role of Coordinator Growth and Care in November of 2021. This is but one illustration of what St. Andrew's has been sowing, never mind the gardens that already were established and continue to flourish – even now as winter has a firm grip.

Many things come to mind when I consider what St. Andrew's has planted in the past year. I think of new people and families having discovered St. Andrew's either simply by driving by or through our online services. We have added digital content for children to access on our website. New "postcard" initiatives have reached out to people in Haysboro and Kingsland and beyond. Attending the Haysboro Parade of Holiday

Lights was a means by which to connect with people in our neighbourhood.

The following pages in this report will further highlight the many different ways that St. Andrew's has been Growing. Life. Together. With God. and how we are becoming Woven into our Neighbourhood, Growing Disciples who Love Like Jesus. It is encouraging to read what has been accomplished over the past year. As we continue into 2022, let's keep discerning God's plan for St. Andrew's and the communities that we embrace in Kingsland, Haysboro and South of Fish Creek. Let's continue imagining how we can use our gifts, talents and passions to tend and expand our garden, always keeping God at the centre of our words, actions, ideas and plans.

**Adventures await!**

Lori-ann Esser  
Coordinator Growth and Care



FROM OUR CLERK OF *Session*

Throughout 2020 our Session members and teams worked hard to provide meaningful ways to **Grow Life Together with God**, and to keep our faith family connected with the work of St. Andrew's ~ and with each other.

**A few of our 2021 Session highlights:**

- We held our Annual Congregational meeting on zoom – and still published a 2019 Annual Report that was full of ways we continued to **grow life together with God**
- Hugh McFadzean agreed to serve as an Alternate Elder to Presbytery
- The Search Team, having been advised that the Session fully supports the hiring of a full time Associate Minister, Growth and Care as a necessary component of St. Andrew's renewal, are actively searching to fill this position.
- Both of our ministers, Dr. Tim Archibald and Rev. Jared Miller, were on medical leave/work reductions in 2021. Session, through our MRA Team (Ministry Resource and Accountability) committed to ensuring that Tim & Joyce, and Jared & Beth received adequate support during this time.
- Session met with several Presbytery Visitation Teams to focus on the health and vocational contentment of our ministers, the calling of an Associate Minister of Growth and Care, and theCreek ministry. The congregation was updated on the results of those meetings throughout the year.
- Session approved 'A Review of St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Programs' by Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins, as a very valuable resource for the new Associate Minister, Growth and Care, as well as the congregation.
- Our Pastoral Care Team have had a name change to 'Ministries of Care'; our Stewards by Design Team have had a name change to 'Gratitude and Generosity'. We think these names better reflect the work of these teams.
- We are learning more about hybrid worship, and trying to ensure that we provide meaningful worship for those present in the Sanctuary, and for those who are participating via our livestreamed services.
- In May, we received the resignation of the Rev. Jared Miller, Associate Minister, Together in Mission effective July 5, 2021. Saying goodbye and expressing thanks for his work and ministry among us was made more difficult with Covid restrictions, but we were able to have a small group of people present in person at Rev. Jared's last service, and present he and Beth with gifts and our thanks.
- This fall, we were pleased to add the Rev. Peter Coutts to the roll of St. Andrew's Church as a professing member under the category of Minister in Association.
- This summer and fall we participated in 3 workshops, focussing on how we better work together on Session, and our roles & responsibilities as elders. These sessions were led by Rev. John Pentland, Ann Yates-Laberge, and Dr. Jean Morris. We are grateful for their leadership and wisdom.

As of **December 31, 2021** we had 22 elders serving at St. Andrew's, with Dr. Tim Archibald serving as Moderator:

Ed Braun	Dolly Forcade	Hugh McFadzean	Christine Pepper
Elaine Cantlon	Bill Judd	Loran McVittie	Janet Ridsdale
Audrey Cole	Lynn Judd	Cathy Millar	Joan Rowe
Judie Coleman	Sheila Kirkland	Craig Murray	Mark Rowe
Debby Dorcas	Kevin MacFarlane	Inge Murray	Annette Shaw, Rhonda Wishart

**On a Leave of Absence:** David Platt

During the year, Don Koch resigned from Session; and Jean Spotowski, Val Hall and Alex Grant retired.

We thank God for their dedication and service within our faith community.

Debby Dorcas, Clerk of Session





## FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF *Music* MINISTRIES

The Music Ministry at St. Andrew's has been bustling with activity this season and triumphantly returned to meeting and singing in person in September. Our time online was valuable and in addition to continuing to make music together, we formed new partnerships and connections to our community which we continue to build upon.

Here is a quick look back at some highlights from the this past season:

- We collaborated with students at the UofC on a Jazz Vespers service of Light and Love – it was a successful fundraiser enhanced by the delicious cheesecake offered up by the Ladies's Guild
- We produced numerous Virtual projects including our Premiere of "Growing Life Together with You" and virtual choir videos with our sister choirs at Knox Presbyterian and Grace Presbyterian
- We welcomed guest musicians including: Andrew Leitch, Hannah Pagenkopf, Ainsley Soutiere, Melody Courage, Dallas Hayes-Sparks, Laura Brandt, Liz Tremblay, Sara Far, Malcolm Lim, and Tayte Mitchell
- We have drawn upon our own musical talents at St. Andrew's and lifted up musical leaders within our teams
- We welcomed back the Kaleidoscope Ringers for a meaningful service of Remembrance greatly enhanced by their musical offerings
- We held a Christmas Music workshop and expanded the choir to almost 30 people for a number of special services
- We gave a recital of Lessons and Carols under the auspices of the ProArts Recital Series at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer
- We presented our second service of Lessons and Carols at St. Andrew's

The Music Ministry at St. Andrew's continues to make connections and grow in community. We have learned of a church in Maryland and one in Pennsylvania that are using our music resources to enhance their own services. We are thankful that our music can minister to the people of St. Andrew's and that we continue to reach outwards with our offerings of music.

Evan Mounce  
Director of Music Ministries





## FROM OUR *Communications* COORDINATOR

Why is the church communications' role an important part of our St. Andrew's staff team?

When the global pandemic first hit, everything changed. In the middle of uncertainty and fear, St. Andrew's had begun to create daily Vlog content for our YouTube channel. "Tim Talks, Evan's Virtual Choir Projects, Coffee Talk with Debby, Travellin' Thru with Dolly and Growing Gratitude with Geoffrey" were some of our team's creative contributions. As a congregation, we were strongly positioned to transition to online livestreaming during Sunday worship with relative ease.

The question ahead of us is what does St. Andrew's "new normal" look like "post" COVID-19? We live in a world where people can suddenly watch whatever service or pastor they want online. In the meantime, it is essential as our Comms. Coordinator that I continue to always underline our Vision: Growing. LIFE. Together. with God in meaningful ways. In order to Grow community - whether in - person or digital - engaging communications must be available throughout all of our church outlets to draw in and encourage new membership.

My goal for 2021 was to create strong engaging materials that would speak to / inspire our congregation as well as to our returning online worshipping community.

My strategy included establishing our church's visual identity by bringing our worship themes to life with strongly branded images and seasonal graphic elements. These images were also visible on our newly renovated website, as well as in our weekly Sunday Worship slide presentations. Each image was hand selected with intention to create an immersive experience for the viewer as well as breathe life into our Worship Leaders' liturgies and Children's Ministry.

Our ConnXions newsletter was also visually rebranded and I began attending the Convenors' meetings with Lorna Andronikou, our new magazine co-ordinator. Our aim is to work together bi-monthly to showcase

in each article how each ministry team is living out our church's Vision & Mission. We also feature upcoming congregational happenings and spiritual moments.

I look forward to working with you in 2022 to help create intentional content for all of St. Andrew's initiatives.

### COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR | MIKAËL M.

#### FROM OUR TEAM | FACEBOOK / LINX | KEVIN MACFARLANE

I have personally taken the lead in the implementation of the weekly "LinX," with strong staff support from Debby Dorcas. My daily Facebook posts have continued with a focus on highlighting events and website content. These are often supplemented with inspiring messages and photos posted by Alice Post. Not only is her last name perfect for this role but also is the love she shows for our church family in this work. An exciting feature which has recently been added through our Facebook feed is a result of the integration of Instagram and Facebook, but I will let Lorna explain that.

#### INSTAGRAM | LORNA ANDRONIKOU

For the past several months, the Communications / Social Media Team at St. Andrew's has been working hard to include more content via our Instagram account. Content focuses mainly on the upcoming events at St. Andrew's and the website, mention of various special events such as the Fall Fun Day in September 2021, and the Annual Pet Blessing in October 2021. Typically daily Instagram "stories" mimic the content provided in the weekly LinX email. Other content includes weekly worship services, and snippets from content during the services.

Of course, St. Andrew's would not have any content if not for the people who Grow.LIFE.Together.With God in this community! Our Instagram social media account can be located here: @stacalgary. Follow us, tag us in your photos - we love to "see" you there.

We would like to thank Judy Bridgemohan and Jamie Hodge, who both contributed greatly as volunteers on our Communications Team in 2021. And to Katy Takaoka for the social media audit she conducted at the end of 2020, which led to our improvements in 2021.





The St. Andrew's Christian Meditation community continued to meet throughout 2021, gathering together faithfully each Monday morning at 10:00, on ZOOM. As the Holy Spirit moves through the silence and stillness of our meditation practice, we have come closer to God, and to each other. This small group of meditators is a blessing to each of us as we **Grow LIFE Together With God.**

In our meditation we follow the simple guidance of Psalm 46:10, which encourages us to "Be still and know that I am God," thus opening our hearts to the silent presence of the Spirit of His Son.

For those who may be interested in learning more about the practice and the fruits of Christian Meditation, we encourage you to explore the amazing resources provided by the World Community for Christian Meditation website WCCM.org, and the associated Canadian Community for Christian Meditation site, [www.wccm-canada.ca](http://www.wccm-canada.ca).

For further information on the St. Andrew's Christian Meditation Community please contact [skmeditates@gmail.com](mailto:skmeditates@gmail.com). **All are welcome!**

Sharon & Ken Burrill, Leaders  
Christian Meditation Group



CHRISTIAN *Meditation*  
GROUP

With COVID-19 continuing to affect our ability to meet in-person throughout 2021, our ministry to children on Sunday mornings was delivered by church school online – Story Alive – bible stories made available by our FF team members.

By September 2021, feeling strongly about more direct connection with the children, the FF Team transitioned to church school on Zoom, Bible Buddies, where children and leaders could happily interact with each other.

On a lovely Saturday morning in mid-September, many children were able to gather on the church lawn with other children from the community for a Fall Fun Day, including the appearance of baby lambs, bunnies and goats from Butterfield Acres!

We were excited about the start-up of Youth Group in the fall, under the new leadership of Rev. Fiona Swanson, David Kurtz, Lauren Cole and Matt Nolette.

A highlight for many at St. Andrew's, was the Family Christmas Eve Service, an indoor/outdoor experience where a number of our families gathered to share in the joy of a live manger scene, beautiful candles, the making of crafts, story-telling and lively Christmas carols.

Adults had the opportunity to participate in several Book Studies throughout the year including The Art of Neighbouring, Living the Lord's Prayer, Experiencing God and Celebrating Abundance and many continued with the weekly Meditation Group led by the Burrill's. We are indeed blessed by both adaptable leaders and a congregation of families willing to experiment with new experiences!

Rhonda Wishart, Convenor  
Faith Formation

FAITH *Formation*





There always seems to be a burst of energy when St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church begins to clean up the flowerbeds. There are wheelbarrows, plants, water, rakes and lots of chatter. It is so nice to see all the weeds disappear. Many hands make light work when the new plants are placed into the ground.

When the flowers begin to sprout and the trees become full of leaves, the Church is a beautiful sight to see. One knows God is looking down on us.

There isn't a day that goes by that people in the neighbourhood don't stop to admire the beautiful flowers. St. Andrew's seems to be a welcoming place for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many helping hands who looked after the flowerbeds and the grounds of St. Andrew's: Flemming Nielson, Roger De Graff, Lynn Judd, Sheri Coutts, Pat and Duane Tritter and others.

If anyone is interested in helping with the flower beds or the grounds, please contact the Church office.

Lee Goss, Gardener  
Gardening Committee



This team consists of Elaine Cantlon, Kevin MacFarlane, Cathy Millar (Convenor) and Stephanie Werle. We began the year as the Stewards by Design Team and finished the year as the Gratitude & Generosity Team, a result of a name change approved by Session in October. The team feels the new name more appropriately reflects our purpose to encourage and inspire God's people to give thanks to God for the abundance we have received, and for which we are called to respond generously.

## Gardening COMMITTEE

Over the year we have endeavoured to help all members of the congregation support **Growing LIFE Together with God** by whatever means possible, be it through time, or talent or treasure. But we do readily admit our recent focus has been on supporting St. Andrew's financially through your treasure. We need your time, we need your talent AND we need your treasure too!

### Some of the highlights in 2021 include:

- A delightful fundraiser titled Light and Love at Valentine's, initiated by our Director of Music Ministries, Evan Mounce. The Gratitude & Generosity Team took it from the idea stage and brought it to life, with support from Evan and Fiona Swanson, who did an excellent job putting the video together for our entertainment. This new endeavour raised about \$4000 for St. Andrew's and also allowed the Ladies Guild to raise funds for their various projects. This was an excellent example of Growing LIFE Together, as many within our midst came together to make this fundraiser such a brilliant success! (CONTINUED)





## GRATITUDE & Generosity

(CONTINUED)

- Numerous articles on Giving by team members, and congregational giving profiles in bar chart format created by Kevin MacFarlane, provided through ConnXions
- A major donor initiative with humble beginnings in early 2021; G&G followed up with these individuals/families during the year to acknowledge and thank them for their generous support to our community of faith. Their faithful, recurring commitment over the next several years will help to ensure we will continue Growing LIFE Together with God as God intends us to do
- Kevin MacFarlane's work enhancing the OFFERING/DONATE profile on our church website. While there is more to do we did make significant progress with our online DONATE profile in 2021, with assistance from Mikael in the church office
- Stephanie Werle's inspiring personal testimony through her ConnXions article and video, encouraging each of us to grow in generosity out of our own gratitude to God for all that we have been blessed with
- An article titled "Does your offering time need an overhaul?" coming to our attention mid-year. G&G instituted a new offering practice on the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning in October. This initiative brings a special focus to our offering time during worship each month, raising our awareness of why our offering matters. In 2021, G&G, the Ladies Guild and the Mission Team each provided a special focus during the offering time.
- The special focus on Offering to remind us Offering is a symbolic act of worship expressing our gratefulness to God. It helps us grow in our Christian faith through thoughtful, intentional acts of gratitude in response to God's grace. Through our weekly offering we accept the invitation to invest in our VISION of **GROWING. LIFE. TOGETHER. WITH GOD** so that we can share Christ's love in our community and beyond.
- Our major fundraising event of the year "An Even Better Dinner You Never Had" held in October that raised close to \$12,000. Stephanie Werle and her family did an amazing job hosting this online event, with thanks to Fiona Swanson for her video production talents. We have many extremely talented people in our congregation and we are most grateful to all the performers who entertained us so beautifully!
- Between the two congregational fundraisers held in 2021 you helped us raise almost \$16,000 towards our Ministry and Mission, so we extend a sincere thank you to everyone!

We are truly grateful to all the faithful, cheerful givers at St. Andrew's. As a congregation we have been truly blessed through God's grace in ways too numerous to count. God is working in and through each and every one of us, and it is our prayer that each of us will continue to consider how God wants to use us to **GROW LIFE TOGETHER WITH GOD** in the months and years ahead. We thank you for your faithfulness and generosity, and we thank God for God's abundant blessings upon the people of St. Andrew's.



## SEXUALITY AND FAITH EXPLORED TOGETHER WITH GOD



As a result of Covid, our planned workshops and discussion activities with the congregation were postponed until 2022.

Lynn Judd, Convenor  
Human Sexuality  
Task Force (S.A.F.E)



*Legacy*  
FUND

The Legacy Fund has received, with thanks, very generous donations throughout the year from JoAnn and David Platt; Joan and Geoffrey Simmins; and the Haines family, in memory of Linda and Norm.

Results for the 4th quarter of 2021 are not typically available until some time in the 1st quarter the following year. As soon as they become available, they will be presented to Session and the congregation.

For comparison, the following 3rd quarter fund values are presented:

12 months ended Sept 30, 2017	\$ 613,023
12 months ended Sept 30, 2018	\$ 647,055
12 months ended Sept 30, 2019	\$ 641,727
12 months ended Sept 30, 2020	\$ 687,731
12 months ended Sept 30, 2021	\$ 825,163

In 2021, Legacy Fund support was allocated to:

### Mission

SAFE Workshop (to be held in 2022)	\$ 2,500
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 6,750

### Worship & Ministry

Antependias	\$ 300
Replacement of stolen AV equipment	\$ 3,900
Flowers and oil for Christmas services	\$ 985
Communication Co-ordinator	\$ 5,850

### Facility

Kitchen fire suppression upgrade (to be done in 2022)	\$ 14,533
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Many thanks to Dolly Forcade for her ongoing support throughout the year.

Legacy Team members are: Margaret Bates, Ed Braun, Merle Crawford, John Cuthberston, MaryAnne Quesnel, and Derek Wilkinson.

Ed Braun, Convenor  
Legacy Fund



*Memorial*  
FUND

In 2021 Memorial Donations were received in memory of the following:

- Grace Allen, George Amos, Bob Barclay, Shirley Davidson, Rita Elliott, Ruth Grant, Linda Haines, Grant Huber, Esmie Israel, Bill Macaulay, Malcolm Roberts, Oscar Schwab, Randy Schwab, May & Jimmy Shaw, Jason Tritter, Flora & Harry Taylor, Muriel Young and Ruth Young

Alex Grant, Treasurer  
Memorial Fund



Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; (1 Peter 5:2 NIV)

As part of the Pastoral Care Program Review this year, Rev. Geoffrey Simmins, Interim Pastoral Care Minister, and Judie Coleman, Pastoral Care Coordinator, looked at the name of this team "Pastoral Care." It was determined that Ministries of Care would dovetail with the new minister's job description, "Growth and Care," so it made eminent sense to change the name to Ministries of Care, which applies logically to all the sub-teams within that designation.

Many of the ministries of Care teams also experienced a name change. In part, this came from the time spent reviewing and updating team mandates and responsibilities to better reflect each of our Ministries of Care.

### Everyone can help extend the Ministries of Care

During 2020 and 2021, "doing" pastoral care was difficult. Often, before COVID-19 shut us down, the church grapevine would bring to my attention the needs of congregants. For obvious reasons, during these past two years, that didn't happen as often. So until we are worshipping together in full force, I am relying on everyone to "hear" and to "know". And when you do hear of someone who is in need of care, please listen and then ask them these questions:

- "Do you know that Rev. Geoffrey would be happy to be in touch with you? Do you want him to contact you?" If yes, offer to forward the concern to Geoffrey at [gsimmins@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:gsimmins@standrewscalgary.ca)
- "Do you want this concern shared with the prayer chain?" If yes, offer to contact Lorie Nielsen at [prayer@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:prayer@standrewscalgary.ca)
- "Would you like a prayer shawl?" If yes, please relay this to Annette Shaw at [runnerbob@shaw.ca](mailto:runnerbob@shaw.ca) and she will make sure a shawl is delivered.
- "Would it be helpful to have some meals delivered during this time?" If yes, you can offer to contact Joan Rowe, our coordinator for Care Share, at [mjrowe@telus.net](mailto:mjrowe@telus.net)
- "Do you know who your Care Connector (aka District Visitor) is?" If no, offer to contact the church

office at [office@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:office@standrewscalgary.ca) and ask for the Care Connector to contact this person.

Please contact Judie Coleman by email: [pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca) if you feel God calling you to reach out to your neighbour by being part of the Ministries of Care network.

More information can be found on the church web site under **Ministries of Care**.

Judie Coleman  
Pastoral Care Coordinator



Ministries  
OF CARE





## Support

Our Care Share and Family Ministry teams work together to respond to individual needs identified by ministerial staff, elders, office staff and the congregation. We provide short term support in crisis situations requiring food preparation, and/or other specific needs that can be met by a volunteer.

How can you help? Sign up as a Care Share volunteer. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 403-255-0001, or by email at [office@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:office@standrewscalgary.ca).

## Meal Train

'Meal Train' ([www.mealtrain.com](http://www.mealtrain.com)) is an easy way to let Care Share volunteers know when meals or individual needs are identified for someone in our faith family.

## Here's how it works:

When a need is identified, volunteers who have signed up for this ministry will receive an email with all the details (who is receiving the meals, allergies, delivery instructions, and dates meals are needed). As a volunteer, when you receive the email, you decide if you can help and select a date that works for you. It is an easy and effective way to organize meal delivery, and it is convenient for volunteers to sign up to deliver meals. During Covid, volunteers leave their meal on the recipient's porch in a cooler, so that there is very limited contact. Besides making meals, volunteers can also choose to give restaurant gift cards, Skip the Dishes, or ATCO Blue Flame meals.

## Why we help

Since the earliest days of the church, compassionate practical service has been a central component of the Christian faith community. The Gospels have stories of Jesus feeding hungry people, helping the sick, comforting the struggling. The book of Acts describes devout believers being consecrated to the task of overseeing food distribution to those who need it. Our Care Share and Family Ministry teams at St. Andrew's provide a means of continuing this same practical, caring service. Food is provided, support is given, immediate needs are met, relationships enhanced, and some concerns eased. Givers and receivers are both blessed in the sharing.

## Facts

In 2021, there were 4 family unit recipients with a total of 25 family meals provided. Thank you, volunteers, for your willingness to help!

## Notes of Thanks

"I am blessed by the ladies who have brought food to my house at this busy time of year. The food has

been delicious and plentiful. I am sure that these nutritious meals are helping with my recovery.

"Thank you seems so small. I want to thank everyone who has responded to our family's needs. This has been such a year of struggle. Those who have contributed meals and food may think that you have done a 'small' deed and that it is nothing. Please believe me when I say it is everything to someone who is unable to manage a meal.

## Let us help

If you or someone you know would benefit from a meal or short term support in crisis situations requiring food preparation, and/or other specific needs that can be met by a volunteer, please contact the church office at 403-255-0001; [office@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:office@standrewscalgary.ca) or Judie Coleman at [pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca)

Joan Rowe, Coordinator  
Care Share



## CONNECT WITH *Care*

During 2021 we recognized the diverse approaches for connecting with each other, and decided to rename this ministry Connect with Care. Connect with Care better describes this ministry, in part because the old geographic districts have disappeared, and also in part, because we “connect” with people in many different ways. These are through visits, phone calls, emails, texts and even virtual visits. Instead of having a District Visitor, everyone will have a Care Connector.

The gifted team of Care Connectors continued to respond to individuals and families by providing care as well as connection to St. Andrew's. Thank you for connecting with your families and individuals with such care and compassion through another year where it has been difficult to gather together. We appreciate all you do for the people of St Andrew's as we Grow. Life. Together. With God.

**Inge Murray, Coordinator of Care Connectors**  
**Connect with Care (formerly known as District Visitors)**



## *Hospital* VISITING MINISTRY

Pre-COVID-19, our trained hospital visitors endeavoured to visit anyone who was registered as Presbyterian, but they made a special effort to visit those from St. Andrew's. During the past two years, in order to keep everyone safe and follow the Alberta Health Services guidelines, only our Interim Pastoral Care Minister, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins, was permitted to visit and offer God's peace, comfort, and love to those in hospital. However, even if we could not visit in person, we were able to offer prayers for those whom we knew to be in hospital or recovering at home. We remain open to God's leading and spirit as we try in all ways permitted to reach out and be the hands and feet of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Arlene Young, a long time visitor for St. Andrew's at Rockyview Hospital, has retired. She was a good and faithful servant to this ministry and we say thank you!

We hope to offer training for this ministry once the pandemic permits. Please contact me by email at: [pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca) if you feel God calling you to reach out to your neighbour by being part of this ministry. More information can be found on the church web site under Hospital Visiting.

**Judie Coleman, Pastoral Care Coordinator**  
**Hospital Visiting Ministry**



## LIFE AFTER *Loss*

" When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure ".

This year the pandemic has impacted the ability of bereaved families to grieve a loss. The absence of comforting and familiar bereavement rituals has greatly complicated the grieving process, reinforcing a profound sense of sadness and loneliness, especially over the holiday season.

We hope our annual Celebration of Life service offered a safe place for people to express their feelings of sorrow. The service was held on November 29, 2021 in person and live streamed on the YouTube channel. Our guest speaker was Pastor Ray Matheson, the Congregational Care Associate at First Alliance Church. Ray delivered a powerful message of comfort and hope. The team wishes to thank all the people who contributed their musical and digital talents to make this service possible.

Team members continue to offer support to recently bereaved families through regular phone calls and written messages of encouragement.

Alice Williams, Convenor  
Life after Loss Team



*Prayer*  
CHAIN

As we come to the end of our second year of Covid, I appreciate more than ever the presence of God, of Jesus in my life, every day of my life. The responsibility of praying each day for those who contact the prayer chain with specific requests has become more uplifting, more meaningful than ever before. It is more than just a responsibility; it feels like a saving grace during difficult times. There is precious little that we can do for the world during these times. Praying for others, conversations with God on a deeper level, has meant the difference between just coping, and feeling God's presence in my life more than ever before. Our faithful

people on the Prayer Chain have been a comfort to me as well.

If you feel that this ministry is something you could be interested in for your own life, do get in touch. The rewards are greater than the responsibility. It is a powerful ministry for the receiver and the giver. We pray for people we know; and we pray for people we don't know and never will. We pray regardless of gender, race, or creed out of love for the Lord, striving to love like Jesus. My email for requesting prayer, as well as wanting to join the Prayer Chain, is [prayer@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:prayer@standrewscalgary.ca) or telephone 587-777-2444.

Lorie Nielsen, Coordinator  
Prayer Chain



*Prayer*  
SHAWLS

Wrap yourself in a prayer shawl; feel God's love

People in this ministry create hand-knit and crocheted shawls, filled with the power of prayer, for those in need. The shawls provide an enduring testimony of God's generous and enduring love. As in all acts of generosity, the giving of these shawls enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

Shawls, in many different colours and sizes, are available to anyone in our congregation or in our networks of families and friends. They are also made available during our annual fall Celebration of Life Service.

Making prayer shawls as a ministry at St. Andrew's began in 2008. Today, we still have a dedicated group of volunteers devoted to making new ones. Prayer shawls were first knitted by our Women's Missionary Society members (WMS) and continue to be created by women attached to this congregation. We also offer lap rugs for men.

The last Sunday in November 2021, the shawls were blessed during the worship service, as were the hands that knit and crochet each one.

Please feel free to contact the office if you would like a prayer shawl either for yourself or someone you love—or if you would like to give the gift of your own handiwork by joining in this ministry.

Annette Shaw, Coordinator  
Prayer Shawl Ministry



## Side BY SIDE

Side by Side is a program that cares for families living with dementia. Throughout 2021, we have continued with our online format, meeting for a one-hour Zoom call twice a week. Each time we meet, the time seems to go very quickly! We share in conversation, music and devotion time, as well as social time over games and activities.

As circumstances change and transitions occur, families attend as they are able. We have been glad and grateful to welcome some new families in our midst during 2021, and we continue to keep in touch with families who are not attending the online program, endeavouring to connect them with resources that may be helpful.

Side by Side would not be possible without the loving and willing hearts of the volunteers who show up and give leadership and care so faithfully. We give thanks to God, who continues to weave together the gifts and abilities of all who take part, drawing us closer in community and reminding us, through each other, that we are all beloved.

Alice Post, Program Coordinator  
Side by Side

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Stephen  
MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministers agreed to a three-year commitment when they were commissioned in May 2018 and they provided faithful service to numerous care receivers during that time. All of our Stephen Ministers have fulfilled their commitment and have retired. Plans were in place to train another group of Stephen Ministers in 2021 but the pandemic didn't allow that. When the Minister of Growth and Care position is filled, and in-person visiting is again a possibility, we are ready to seek and train a new cohort of Stephen Ministers. We remain open to God's guidance and spirit as we try in all ways permitted to reach out and be the hands and feet of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

We continue to send out Journeying through Grief booklets. These are a set of four short books sent to people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one.

Please contact me at [pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca) if you feel God calling you to reach out to your neighbour by being part of this ministry. More information can be found on the church web site under Stephen Ministry.

Judie Coleman, Pastoral Care Coordinator  
Stephen Ministry



TWO'S *Company*

As our new updated name suggests, the presence of one visitor makes for grateful company. Most of our recipients are isolated seniors alone in their homes or care centres. They miss the community of church, and like having the connection with a visitor who provides friendship and encouragement.

This was yet another quiet year as Covid restrictions curtailed visits. However, phone calls made and cards sent were most appreciated. In future, if requested, our visitors will arrange for Holy Communion to be served in a person's living space.

Presently, we have 11 recipients and 10 visitors. If you feel this is a volunteer job you would be interested in, I would appreciate hearing from you. Let us help others as we share God's love.

Two's Company (Homebound Visitation Ministry)  
Cathie Huber, Coordinator





## Wellness MINISTRY

This year our name change from the Nursing Health Ministry to the Wellness Ministry reflects our new mandate, which is to broaden the scope of health education information to groups and individuals, collaborating with other ministries within the church and community partners.

Our annual Health Fair was a victim of the ongoing pandemic restrictions. However, we did collaborate with various divisions of Alberta Health Services to access their data for the following Health Matters articles:

Levels of Senior Care, Spring clean your medicine cabinet, Mental Health, a priority for us all, and Fall Prevention facts. We have plans to team up with The Creek participants, members of the congregation and other community resources to offer diverse topics of interest.

In early Summer the Automated External Defibrillator was updated with a new battery and new pads, and the first aid boxes were checked and updated with supplies.

Alice Williams, Convenor  
Wellness Ministry

## Ministry RESOURCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

As reported in the 2020 annual report, MRA's goal in 2021 was to update and clarify the mandate for this team, and this work has now been completed. We wish to acknowledge the support of the General Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, for her support, wisdom and guidance during the process.

Our new Terms of Reference are provided here to help everyone better understand MRA's purpose and the scope of its responsibilities.

### Ministry Resource & Accountability Terms of Reference

The Ministry Resource and Accountability Team is a team of 3 – 4 elders providing support to all Ministers of Word and Sacrament serving in a called position at St. Andrew's.

#### Responsibilities:

1. Be a resource to assist St. Andrew's ministers in fulfilling the roles and responsibilities of their position descriptions, and in meeting the goals and objectives

- of their Session-approved ministry plans
2. Conduct the Lead Minister's annual review
3. Assist the Lead Minister, as requested, in his/her annual review of Associate Ministers
4. Assist the Lead Minister, as requested, in his/her ongoing role of supervising Associate Ministers
5. Meet quarterly or for emergent issues
6. Provide constructive feedback from Session and congregation for ongoing ministry
7. Support the ongoing health and well-being of St. Andrew's ministers
8. Approve vacation leave, in consultation with the Lead Minister, and discuss study leave requests
9. Provide regular reports to Session
10. Prepare a brief review of yearly activities for the annual report

#### The Ministry Resource and Accountability Team will:

- I. Include three to four elders, with recognized gifts to achieve the responsibilities, appointed by Session in consultation with the General Presbyter
- II. Include all called Ministers of Word and Sacrament at St. Andrew's
- III. Require individual members to serve a 3-year term, with at least one member rotating off each year and no more than 2 leaving in a given year when there are 4 members serving on the team

In 2021 Presbytery recommended to Session that MRA research and develop a 360-review process for use when annually reviewing the Lead Minister's Session-approved work plan. Significant work on that has begun and will hopefully be completed early in 2022. Again, we wish to thank Jean Morris for her guidance and support.

Ensuring our ministers have a good, healthy work-life balance is critical and so it is important we meet regularly as a team for discussion and to take appropriate steps as may be necessary to address any concerns. Each and every one of us has a responsibility to ensure our ministers have what they need to fulfill their call to serve the people of St. Andrew's with joy and enthusiasm! This is how we **Grow LIFE Together with God**. We should not accept anything less.

**Current team members include:** Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald, Lynn Judd, Cathy Millar (Convenor), Craig Murray and Christine Pepper

Cathy Millar, Convenor  
Ministry Resource & Accountability



## Mission TEAM

Small but mighty, the Mission Team, under new Team Leader, Judy McKearney, has been working at living out St. Andrew's vision and mission. Besides Judy, the Mission Team currently is made up of members Bill Judd, Brian Hawco and Brent Harding.

In October, as part of its desire to pursue reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours, the Mission Team invited Indigenous Elders to come to St. Andrew's to give their testimony about the effect that Residential Schools have had on their lives and their families. Hearing about these direct Residential Schools experiences was emotional and impactful. The Mission Team is planning to follow up on this event, continuing to help St. Andrew's work towards reconciliation throughout 2022.

On December 18, 2021, the Mission Team furthered its intention to be "woven into the neighbourhood" by providing hot chocolate (compliments of Tim Horton's Braeside) and candy canes for people coming to skate and enjoy the firepit at the Community Centre during the Haysboro Festival of Holiday Lights. We also handed out "Come Home for Christmas" postcards, which noted the many services that St. Andrew's offered during Advent and throughout the Christmas season. It was a fun evening and a great way for St. Andrew's to be involved in the community and for us to make connections with people and families in the neighbourhood.

The "Come Home for Christmas" postcards also were hand-delivered to many houses near the church in both Haysboro and Kingsland as part of our "neighbouring" efforts.

Throughout December the Mission Team campaigned to raise funds for Claire House. Claire House is located

in Kingsland and is an apartment complex providing housing for singles and small families who might otherwise be homeless. Thanks to the generosity of our St. Andrew's family, we raised \$3000 that allowed us to buy sixty \$50 gift cards as Christmas gifts for Claire House residents.

St. Andrew's also continued its work in 2021 through the Food Bank's Heritage Depot, now entering its fifth year of delivering food hampers every Saturday. A warm thank you is extended to Jayne and Amelia Martin who, after years of leadership, finished their service at the end of December. We express appreciation to Lucy Aburto, Sheri Coutts and Joan Rowe who have stepped in as Team Captains so that the Heritage Depot can continue to serve clients. We also thank Bill Judd for his continuing leadership and the many volunteers who faithfully work to fulfill this mission.

Finally, we would like to highlight Lynn Judd's efforts to support Afghan refugees settling in Calgary. In this mission, she has campaigned for donations of household goods to WINS and grocery gift card donations. This work also continues into 2022.

As we further explore ways to be a truly missional church, we invite people of all ages to join our Mission Team. We look forward to your ideas and enthusiasm as we live out St. Andrew's vision and mission in our neighbourhoods – and beyond.

**Lori-ann Esser, Coordinator of Growth & Care  
Mission Team**





## Personnel TEAM

Another year of Covid impacting St. Andrew's has made the Personnel Team even more aware how grateful we all should be for the staff who support the ministers and parishioners in keeping the church functioning.

At the end of August, Alex Grant and James Jerrard retired from the team leaving Elizabeth Dolan as convener and Murray Coleman as team member. Rhonda Wishart successfully recruited Kristi Millar and Merle Crawford to the team. They bring a new outlook and fresh energy to this group.

This year, the Personnel Team was charged with providing an Office Efficiencies Report to the Finance Team and Session. This was accomplished in the fall. The report detailed the work performed by our office staff which is exemplary and reminded all readers as to their worth.

Another outcome of the report, and the process of writing it, was a recognition of the need for greater understanding and communication between Finance and Personnel teams. The follow-up action is that the convener of the Personnel committee (or designate if she is not available) will attend Finance team meetings in order to develop better communication and awareness between these two groups.

The team began an in-depth examination of the roles of all the non-ministerial staff and is also developing an updated process for evaluation of their performance. This process may sound dry and tedious, but there is a greater intent with regard to the Vision and Mission of St. Andrew's.

The Personnel Team is active in the area of "Life and Vision" at St. Andrew's. We provide the behind-the-scene supports necessary to ensure that the staff

members, who are not in the ministerial stream, know they are valued in the running of our church.

Every member of the staff at St. Andrew's should have opportunities to Grow within their own area of work. We help achieve this by collaborating with them to clearly define their roles, strengths and goals for the work they are charged with.

Every member of our staff is integral to the Life of our church: it would not run without their skills, time, effort and faith. We try to ensure that they feel appreciated in their endeavours and that they receive appropriate compensation for their work.

Every member of our staff works Together as part of the team that makes St. Andrew's function smoothly. We try to help them know that they are an integrated part of the whole.

All the work provided by the staff of St. Andrew's has an end result of glorifying God and providing ministry to this effect. The Personnel Team helps them be a conduit to achieve this with God in their ministry, sharing this goodness with others.

**Elizabeth Dolan, Convenor  
Personnel Team**





## Re-opening TASK FORCE

St. Andrew's held its last pre-Covid in-person worship service in March 2020. Online services started the next week. Dr. Tim Archibald requested the establishment of a committee to prepare for the reopening of St. Andrew's and to ensure that any church activity would be compliant with Covid protocols.

The St. Andrew's community has been very cooperative and respectful for the need to keep everyone in our church community Covid safe.

The Covid Reopening Task Force members are Nick Drinkwater, Dolly Forcade, Lynn Judd, and Mark Rowe. Early in the pandemic, epidemiologists determined that churches can be a major spreader of the coronavirus, so the task force has moved forward cautiously. We have been closely following Provincial regulations and guidelines. These regulations and guidelines have been a minimum standard.

Limited in-person worship resumed in February 2021 with the online services continuing also. Depending on the Calgary Covid situation, capacity has been limited to one-third to one-half of our fire rated capacity.

- While we are no longer requiring worship pre-registration, registration at the entrance is still required.
- With Alberta introducing Vaccine Passports in October 2021, the congregation has been supportive of the vaccination requirement to attend in-person services.
- There is a group of members who have been comfortable with in-person service and another who have preferred online services.
- The church has had a limited re-opening. Pew cushions were washed and re-installed this summer. However, many in-person activities have been moved to Zoom.
- Singing in the sanctuary has resumed at this time, albeit with masks. The choir is adjusting what they do based upon the current Covid situation
- The church office has been staffed by Debby or Dolly, but has been open only on a specific needs basis.
- The Omicron variant has presented new challenges including our first reported Covid cases at St. Andrew's in December.

As a caring and loving community, St. Andrew's will move into 2022 continuing to balance the needs of the congregation with the need to be Covid safe.

**Mark Rowe, Convenor  
Re-opening Task Force**

## ReVision & RENEWAL TASK FORCE

The ReVision & Renewal Task Force has drawn its focus and inspiration in 2021 from our Vision – **Growing. LIFE. Together. with God**, a Vision created with the leadership of this Team and contributions and input from the entire congregation throughout 2019. Highlights for 2021 included the event Congregational Discernment 2.0 – From Vision to Mission and Values, moderated by the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall at VST. Dr. Lockhart helped us learn the potential of our new Mission Statement, **Woven into the Neighbourhood, Growing Disciples Who Love Like Jesus** and our set of 7 Values for the life of St. Andrew's. – Accepting, Compassionate, Courageous, Generous, Missional, Serving and Welcoming. This was followed by a sermon series by Dr. Tim to help us relate on a deeper level to our Mission Statement and Values.

The R&R Task Force directed its attention to Session Restructure in 2021, with an elder workshop led by Dr. Jean Morris in the fall, and the adoption of a new document entitled Criteria for and Responsibilities of Session Members. There was meaningful discussion on this topic at several Session meetings, including discussions on moving to term eldership, the regular invitation of new elders and the creation of different elder roles.

R&R also began working on strategies, ways of breathing life into our Vision of **Growing. LIFE. Together. with God**. by virtue of specific activities, events, gatherings and educational opportunities related to spiritual growth, mission and community engagement. It is our plan for the congregation to see more of this work on strategies throughout 2022.

We are blessed with the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Tim and faithful members, working hard collectively, to help St. Andrew's live into our Vision and Mission Statement.

**Rhonda Wishart, Convenor  
ReVision & Renewal Task Force**





## Search TEAM

The St. Andrew's Search Team has been very busy in 2021! We worked early in the year to review candidate profiles and to organize the interview process. In June of 2021 the work of the Search Team was placed on hold until a new Interim Moderator could be found, with new Terms of Reference, since St. Andrew's had two ministerial vacancies rather than one. After a brief hiatus, Session blessed us to continue with our work in September of 2021 after the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris was appointed as our new Interim Moderator.

The fall of 2021 has brought much Growth and discernment to the Search Team at St. Andrew's. Since September of 2021, the Search Team updated the Congregational Profile. The final version can be located here on the St. Andrew's website as well as here on the website of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Search Team is in the midst of the interview process and hopes to be able to invite a call for ministry in the first part of 2022. We will be providing further information soon about how the congregation can participate in the call process. We look forward to finding out who God is leading to St. Andrew's to help us **Grow.LIFE. Together. With God** – and with you!

The St. Andrew's Search Team consists of: Interim Moderator Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, Convener Lorna Andronikou, as well as members: David Kurtz, Kevin MacFarlane, Cathy Millar, Inge Murray, Bart Stolee, Thelma Wagner. The Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald remains an Ex-Officio member of the Search Team.

**Lorna Andronikou, Convenor  
Search Team**



## CONGREGATIONAL Statistics 2021

FAMILIES	2021	2020
NUMBER OF FAMILIES ASSOCIATED (DEC. 2021)	307	337

### THE MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 01, 2021	415	433
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### ADDED TO THE ROLL

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH	0	0
BY CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER	0	0
BY RESOLUTION OF SESSION	0	0
	0	0

### REMOVED FROM THE ROLL

BY DEATH	9	11
BY CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER	2	1
BY RESOLUTION OF SESSION	1	0
BY OWN REQUEST	28	6
	40	18

### COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31, 2021

### BAPTISMS

CHILDREN	0	1
ADULT	0	0
	1	1

### MARRIAGES

MEMBERS	1	0
ADHERENTS	1	0
OTHERS	0	0
	0	0

### FUNERALS

MEMBERS	5	9
ADHERENTS	0	3
OTHERS	2	0
	7	12

### IN MEMORIAM

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF OUR CONGREGATION DIED DURING THE YEAR:

BOB BARCLAY	DOUG MCMILLAN
GRAHAM BLAIE	VIDA MCMILLAN-MCKAY
SHIRLEY BREIDON	BRUCE MCVEAN
MARY CRACKNELL	ROBERTA STEPHEN
SHIRLEY DAVIDSON	MALCOLM WILCOX
MAVIS DRAKE	MARIE WILCOX
ESME ISRAEL	JOYCE YOUNG

Dolly Forcade, Office Administrator  
Congregational Statistics for 2021



**STEWARDSHIP, PLANNING & FINANCE****Facilities  
TEAM**

This has been a busy year for the Facilities Team. Don Koch resigned in late 2020, and I volunteered to lead the team until the end of 2021. A considerable To-Do list was inherited and reviewed by the team, and there were maintenance tasks, contracts, operational systems, and equipment needs to consider. In addition to the regular maintenance functions, new contracts had to be arranged for the following services:

- Removal of trash, compost and recycling
- Regular Lawn Maintenance
- Fire Alarm system and panel inspections
- Pavement patching in the east parking lot
- Janitorial services
- Quarterly inspection and maintenance of boilers, A/C-heating units, plumbing and sewer installations
- Snow plowing and sidewalk clearance and sanding
- Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan
- and several others

As the Trinity Hall renovation project was nearing completion, Lorne Kelly agreed to construct new storage cupboards for the back of the hall, and the beautiful result has been in use since the end of October.

As weather improved, metal railings on the east side of the church were sandblasted, doors were sanded, and all received a fresh coat of paint. A donated storage shed was re-assembled on the back lot and painted, and fifteen volunteers gathered one Saturday morning for work, fun and fellowship at the annual spring clean-up.

Discussions about the introduction of a Fire Prevention and Evacuation Plan led to the engagement of a consulting firm, which developed a 40-page policy document. It was approved by the Calgary Fire Department and registered with the City of Calgary.

The St. Andrew's membership is aging, along with the facility, and to avoid major capital costs in the future, a diligent maintenance program is essential. For the past year Facilities has operated with a total of 8 volunteer members; at the start of 2022 that number has shrunk to six. Volunteers with time, knowledge and maintenance skills are dwindling. For their generous support throughout the year, I want to thank Brad Chalmers, Otto deNooij, Danny Duncan, Alfred MacRae, Sean Pepper, Mark Rowe and Brent Werle, plus the faithful members, who would answer my telephone summonses with a cheerful: "Sure, I'll be there . . ."

**Flemming Nielsen, Interim Team Leader**

**Stewardship, Planning & Finance: Facilities Team**







St. Andrew's tech team has recently been reconstituted. Doug Thornborough has been volunteering on the team helping with technical issues as they arise with an occasional assist from Tom Spoering. On occasion, we have paid for outside assistance.

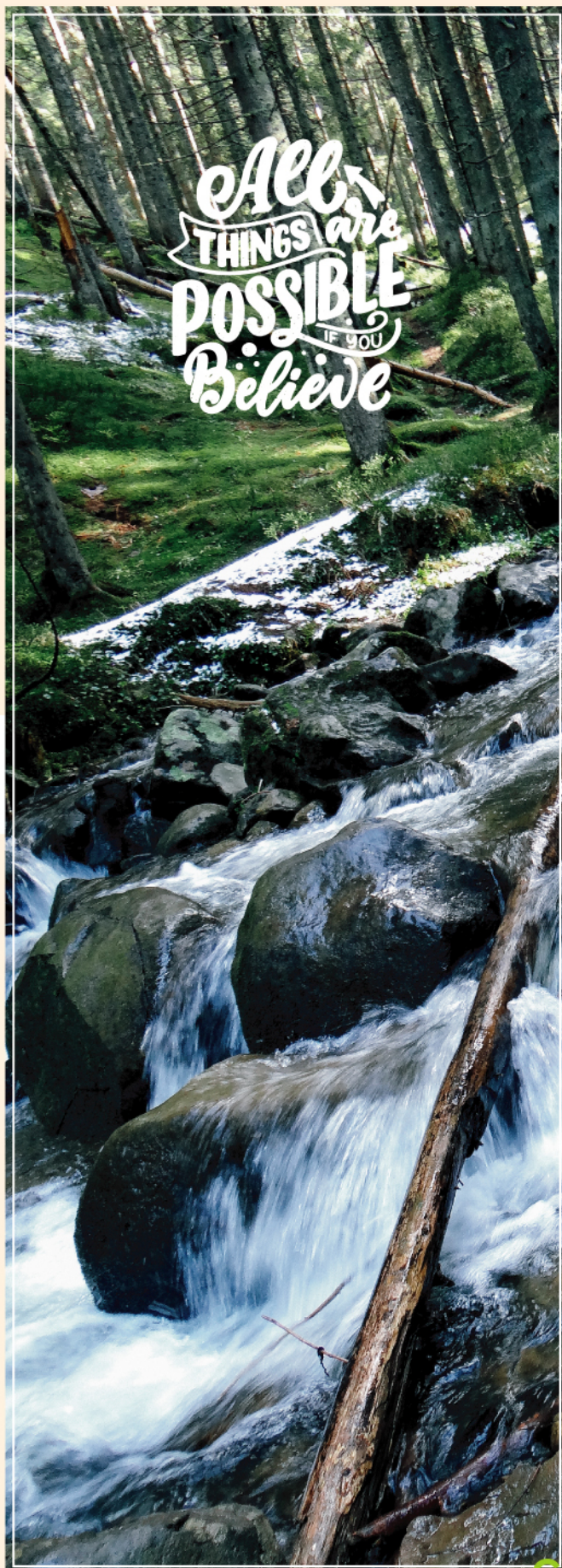
Currently Doug has been dealing with mostly troubleshooting for the office computers. The office is extremely grateful for his help in this area.

**In the past, the tech team has been responsible for:**

- providing technology services such as setting up and maintaining the church network, office computers, and AV computers
- replacing equipment as necessary
- ensuring data is secure and backed up
- licensing the appropriate software and maintaining passwords
  - supporting the ministers and office staff if they have questions or concerns
- any other IT related services as needed around the church

This may sound like an onerous list, but the framework is in place and not all of these services are needed all of the time. We would really like to build our Tech Team up with a few more members, to ensure the consistent and smooth operation of our equipment without overburdening the volunteers.

Dolly Forcade, Office Liaison  
Tech Team







In a period of radical change, 2021 well exceeded even our imaginations! We experienced more change than we could possibly see coming!!

In times of challenge, it becomes even more important to hold fast to our vision, mission and values. As a ministry extension of St. Andrew's, theCreek shares the vision of Growing. Life. Together. With God, and seeks to extend that vision to communities south of Fish Creek. The mission of theCreek is to help people find themselves in the story of God, and to do that in ways that express our values of gentleness, complexity, presence and grace.

The values of theCreek are inspired by the qualities of a creek. As a water source with gently flowing movement, a creek streams through and between communities. The subtle sound of moving water becomes a constant presence that represents new life and new beginnings. A creek is an inviting place to gather. With easy access all along the banks on either side, it allows each to approach from their own angle and perspective with grace. One can walk alongside, dip a toe in, or splash right in!

With Rev. Jared's resignation in May, and the subsequent departure of team members who have been an integral part of the formation of theCreek, continued focus on these foundational elements of theCreek's identity served to help us through.

We are grateful for all who have been part of the journey and have so faithfully followed the leading of the Holy Spirit as theCreek was brought to life to share in the mission of God south of Fish Creek. We give thanks for Jared's thoughtful, energetic and passionate leadership, Carolyn Jerrard's faithful and creative dedication, and Bob and Lisa Fuenning's active enthusiasm and energy. We are grateful for the enduring expressive and caring gifts of Kim McLachlan and Stephanie

Werle, who took part in the Round Table discussions held by Presbytery over the summer before resigning from theCreek team in October. Remaining members of theCreek Team are Desiree Henrichsen, Stephen Henrichsen, Alice Post and Audrey Cole (liaison to Session).

Before we encountered this deeper season of change, much was accomplished:

**Alpha** – working together with the Alpha Team at St. Andrew's, theCreek shared in leadership of the Alpha Course in January.

Importantly, theCreek continued to offer AfterWords worship gatherings, both as small in-person gatherings (safely within applicable Covid restrictions) and as virtual gatherings online. AfterWords provided the opportunity to deepen fellowship, share in communion, and engage more deeply with the messages introduced in videos on theCreek's YouTube channel.

**Food and Faith** – in March, the Creek offered its first Food and Faith experience of preparing a meal together online, and sharing in fellowship and faith conversation while eating together.

**Via Crucis** – one of the most meaningful experiences of the year, Via Crucis "the Way of the Cross" was an interactive outdoor art exhibit that took participants through the fourteen stations of the Cross in a meaningful way. Held outdoors at Fish Creek Provincial Park, Via Crucis was a visible presence in the community, and a public faith practice that invited participation in the outdoor worship service held on Easter Sunday morning.

In November and December, theCreek team successfully offered another Food and Faith event, and together with St. Andrew's, delivered warmth and joy to our communities through the Free Little Mitten Trees. Today theCreek flows on, because the mission of God flows on.

**Alice Post, for theCreek Team**  
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## THE Guild

The Guild continued to gather together virtually in 2021. Our focus was to support and encourage each other to remain energized and strong to fulfill our mission for the work of the church, the community and the world.

This year we held on to our tradition of fostering a sense of community within St Andrew's. Generous life continues to flourish at St Andrew's, and God is using the generosity of each person to make a difference for good in someone's life today.

We served together to complement the Valentine's Jazz Concert with Decadent Cheesecake Dessert, we made Soup and Samosas to bring warmth during the cold of winter, and we expanded the No Bazaar? No Problem event with many more choices.

Through the generosity of St Andrew's, we were able to continue reaching out to support others, just as God calls us to do. Many programs within our church and the community were supported through these events totaling \$7800. **A few examples include:**

- In our neighbourhood, we contributed to the student emergency fund in 5 Calgary Public High schools. These funds can provide, among other things, food and transit passes to students in need.
- We provided lunches on a weekly basis through the Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids program, to an elementary and junior high school where there is food insecurity among children.

- And we provided monthly dinners at Ronald McDonald house for families from outside the city who have a child receiving medical care.

The Guild is a faithful and dedicated group of amazing people who are able to find possibilities with God as we strive to support our church and community.

**Inge Murray, Guild Member**

**The Guild**





## Worship TEAM

The goal of our worship team is to ensure that services are carefully planned and conducted to provide meaningful, creative and thoughtful worship experiences that invite us to experience God's glory, and nourish the spiritual growth and transformation of our members. Knowing that we cannot meet the worship needs of each person all of the time, the work of the Team is carried out with prayer, care and sensitivity.

In community, we offer opportunities to learn together and practice behaviours that deepen our experience of God. As we Grow Life Together with God, we share, support, encourage and nurture one another to grow as disciples who love like Jesus in order to build a strong community of Christians who are woven into the neighbourhood. (excerpted from our team mandate)

In early 2021 we were able to resume limited in person worship with Covid protocols in place. We conducted a Worship survey and had support to adapt our service time and Covid protocols to include vaccine requirements. Thankfully we have been able to continue both online and in person services throughout Advent and Christmas. We are grateful to our AV coordinator David Kurtz and the sound and camera folk who provide the technical know-how for our live streaming that helps us stay connected as a worshipping community.

Rev. Tim as provided exceptional leadership through the planning and conducting of our Worship services, especially memorable sermon series such as The Art of Neighbouring that have helped us to regather and recommit ourselves to God's work in our world.

We have been blessed to have Evan providing musical direction, leadership and inspiration for our services

and it has been wonderful to have the choir present again in the chancel.

Thank you is also extended to those who have served as greeters and ushers during these challenging times – we appreciate your dedication and commitment.

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