"Great us the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."

Psalm 145:3

Welcome

2015

St. Andrew's had a busy year in 2014 with special events and services, the Grand Concert, our annual garage sale, yard work, and fundraising for the youth mission project to provide water well in Kenya.

May 2015 be a blessing to our congregation and our community.

## SCOTTISH DINNER JAN





THE **HAGGIS** 



JOHN LOVE GAVE THE TOAST TO THE HAGGIS



WINNIE SAID GRACE



BARB GRAY PLAYED AND CLIFF HUGHSON AND SHIRLEY COCHRANE LED THE SINGING



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## A Special Celebration





They married on February 10, 1945

Rachel and George Gibson's 70th Wedding Anniversary Luncheon - February 8, 2015



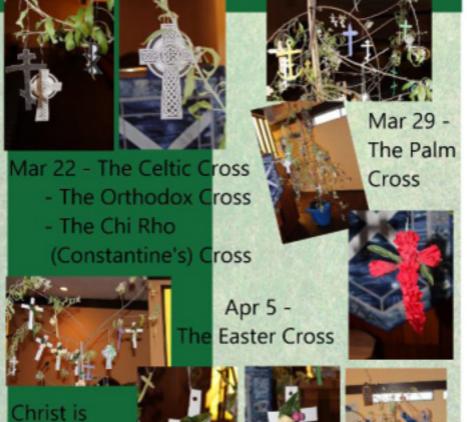




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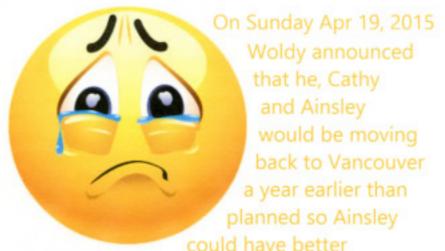
# The Lenten Tree Our Journey To Easter



risen! He is risen indeed!







opportunities to purse her figure skating. Cathy and Ainsley will move in the summer so she is settled for the new school year and Woldy will stay in Salmon Arm until Oct 31.





















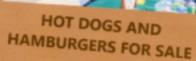
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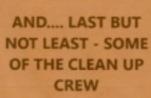










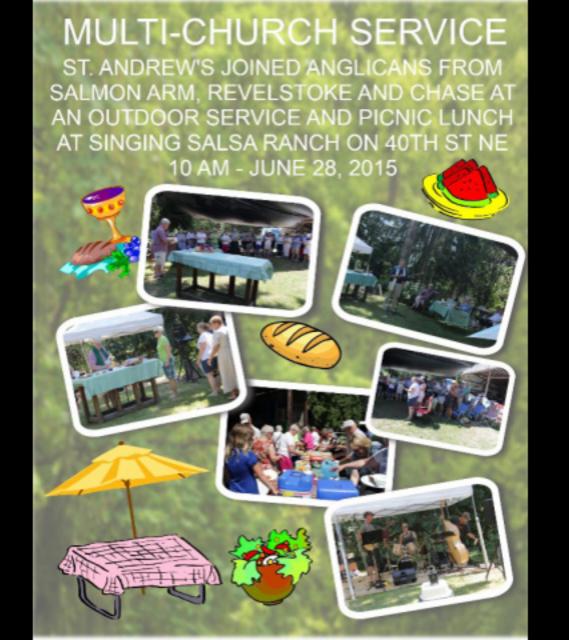




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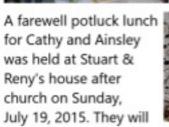












be moving to Vancouver on July 31.





We were saddened by the sudden passing of Don Russell in the early hours of Oct. 4, 2015 at his residence. Rev. (Retired) Shirley Cochrane presided at the funeral service held in St. Andrew's on Oct. 24. Rev. Woldy Sosnowsky and Rev. (Retired) Doug Swanson also participated in the service.





"What is under the purple cloth?" Woldy would ask during The Conversation part of the service.

Rev. Woldy Sosnowsky led his final service and preached his final sermon as Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Salmon Arm on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015. He cut his five year term of service short by one year to move back to Vancouver where his granddaughter Ainsley could take advantage of better opportunites to pursue her figure skating.



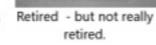
The Peace of Christ be with you.



Farewell until we meet again and thank your for serving our members and community so well during your four years in Salmon Arm. God Bless your future endeavours.



Final photo with the Elders - Clerk of Session Lynda Menzies is missing from the picture.

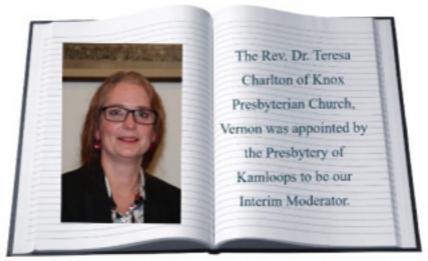




Jim Burden was unexpectedly ushered into the presence of His Lord and Saviour on the morning of November 5, 2015. His cheerful smile will be missed here at St. Andrew's.



# THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER IN THE LIFE OF ST. ANDREW'S

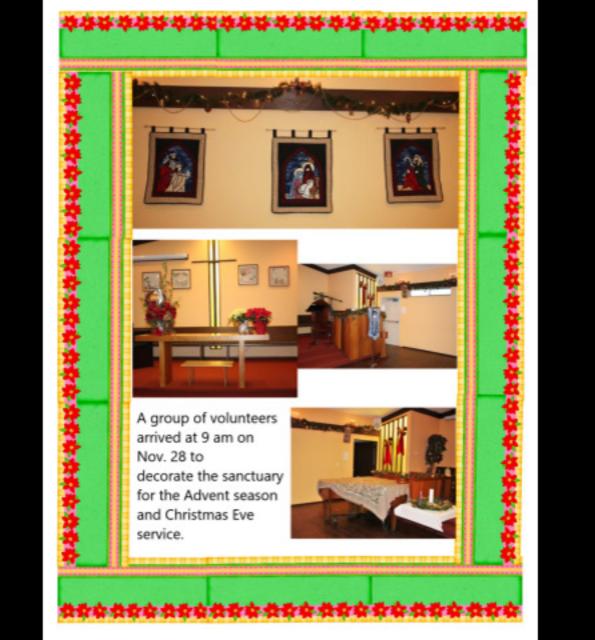




Sunday, November 15, 2015 Teresa "preached the pulpit vacant" as required by the Presbyterian Church in Canada as the first step in the search for a new minister for our congregation.

During "The Conversation" portion of the service Rev. Charlton urged patience and persistence during the process - "Don't rush the process and keep the activities of the church ongoing in the interim."













On Saturday morning, Dec. 19 John and Stuart Hanna, John Love and George Macdonald put up the creche at the corner of the parking lot by the church sign.





## **EASTER WEEK 2016**





#### PALM SUNDAY -

Rev. Shirley Cochrane, Interim Minister, "spread cloaks on the road" as we followed Jesus' journey into Jerusalem

**GOOD FRIDAY -** We were blessed by the voices of the Children's Choir led by Musical Director, Andrew Stoney





Rev. Cochrane led a communion service at Mt. Ida Mews Residence. She was assisted by Activities Director Kathy. John and Janet Hanna helped to serve.

















**Traditional Easter bonnets** 

made an appearance at Sunday's service.





At one of the Congregation Conversation meetings it was suggested that one wall of the Greening Room be painted an accent colour and that the library books be sorted and tidied.

John and Janet Hanna decided to do the job and spent three days from April 6-8 painting all the walls, sorting the library books and the children's craft materials, and sorting and cleaning the cupboards and coffee cabinet. Much of the room was rearranged in the process and the carpet was cleaned before everything was put back in place.





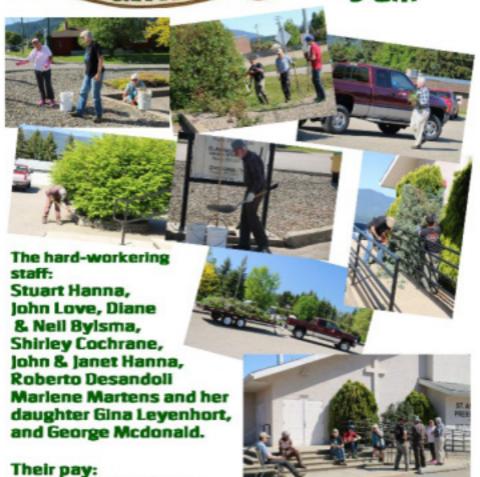
Andy SIYA WELCOME TO ST Sunday, May 1, 2016 Interim Moderator, Rev. Dr. Teresa Charlton welcomed Mr. Roberto Desandoli to St. Andrew's. Roberto is attending Vancouver School of Theology working toward his

working toward his Master of Divinity. He will be working and preaching here as a student minister for the next four months.



In proper Presbyterian tradition a hearty lunch was enjoyed after the service.





Coffee & Muffins

### GRAND CONCERT MAY 29, 2016













#### A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR ST. ANDREW'S

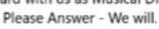
Our Music Director for the past three years, Andrew Stoney, will be attending Trinity Western University in Langley this semester. His sister, Natalia, a very accomplished cellist, after a meeting with the Music Committee, has agreed to become our new Music Director.

Rev. (Rtd) Shirley Cochrane welcomed Natalia to St. Andrew's and her new position at the September 4, 2016 Worship Service.

A portion of the committal service said: "We are very thankful that she has offered her gifts to us.

Natalia, I now commission you to this trust and task and ask you in the presence of this congregation to affirm your consent to be St Andrews' Musical Director for as long as God calls you to fulfill this position.

Please Answer - I do
And to the congregation... Do you
promise to uphold Natalia in this ministry
and support her in prayer as she goes
forward with us as Musical Director.













# Tina Nieuwenhuizen moved from Moose Jaw, SK to Salmon Arm a year ago and has transferred her membership to St. Andrew's. Rev. Shirley Cochrane and the elders officially

welcomed her to

the family on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9, 2016

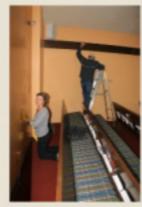
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#### Our sanctuary on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 10, 2016





Let the preparations begin: Monday, October 24. Moving, removing, washing and rinsing in preparation for painting.



Reny Hanna



Marlene Martens



Joseph Hanna



Janet Hanna



John Hanna

#### Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 & 26 Two coats of paint.



Tina Nieuwenhuizen



Marlene Martens



John Hanna



Reny Hanna & Janet Hanna, \*



John and Janet's son Joseph and his wife Carrie came to assist.







# THE 'NEW' IMPROVED SANCTUARY

October 27 - everything painted, cleaned-up and put back together.





A very big thank you to all of the helpers. It looks GREAT!



### HERE WE GO AGAIN....

Oct 31, 2016

### The entry - before:

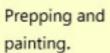
























Thank you -John Hanna Janet Hanna Joseph Hanna Reny Hanna Marlene Martens and Tina Nieuwenhuizen

# November 4, 2016 - The painting was completed in the entrance and hallway:









Thanks for the bright new look.





### HARVEST DINNER -NOVEMBER 5, 2016



WORD SEARCH PUTTLES
AND COLOURING PAGES
KEPT EVERYONE
ENTERTAINED UNTIL A
DELICIOUS DINNER OF
HAM, TURKEY AND ALL
THE TRIMMINGS WAS
SERVED TO 44 PEOPLE.





At the beginning of the worship service on November 6, 2016 a Time of Remembrance was held to honour those who fought, were wounded, or died in the Great Wars. John Hanna and Karrah Cochrane laid wreaths in front of a 1915 Ensign from a Canadian camp in Belgium.

Lynn Francis set up a memorial display in the narthex and Rev. Shirley Cochrane attached a poppy to the end of every pew.



"At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."









Reny Nanna purchased holiday fabrics and sewed new tablecloths for all the downstairs tables. She also purchased seasonal felt 'doilies' and put ornaments in vases to create lovely centerpieces.

While browsing in a couple of antique shops she came across two tables that she thought would fit into some spaces at the church - namely the handicap washroom upstairs and the wall by the elevator in the basement.

All of these decorations and furnishings

All of these becorations and furnishings really go a long way to brighten, freshen, and spruce up our rooms.

Thank you very much Reny!

















### November 30, 2016 was decorating day at St. Andrew's.

John and Janet Nanna, Chuck and Lynn Francis, Diane Bylsma and Reny Nanna put up all the lights, garlands, decorations and banners in the sanctuary and even added a few holiday touches to the basement hall.



### ornaments













### The Upgrades Continue...

Don and Maye Cann picked up two pre-made counter tops to fit the downstairs washrooms; both of which have remained unchanged since the building was constructed in













While Don Cann and John Hanna installed the first new countertop, Maye Cann and Janet Hanna put a coat of paint on the peeling stage wall. The panels used to enclose the stage are a melamine board and when it was originally painted the paint did not adhere so it peels easily and will need to be sanded and re-painted.

Plans are to 'do it right'









Cliff Hughson designed and built cupboards and a countertop for the Greening Room to replace the TV stand and little china cabinet that were being used for coffee supplies and other storage. He, John Hanna, and Don Cann brought them to the church and spent a couple of days installing them. The countertop goes right over a new beverage fridge. Thank you very much Cliff. You did a great job



creating a very useable space for our after-service coffee time and meeting room.









December 14, 2016 More new countertops:



John Hanna and Don Cann also changed the countertop in the men's washroom. The old orange one was very long and caused a bottleneck in the room so John and Don made it shorter, moved the far left sink to the other side of the one on the right and then boxed in the pipes, creating a small shelf, and much more room. The room will be re-painted in the spring.

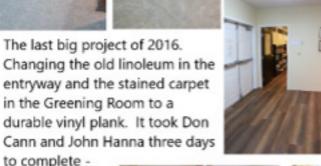


in the Greening Room to a

























# 2017



2016 has come and gone and the Lord has continued to bless and provide for the congregation of St. Andrew's Salmon Arm. We are still in a period of transition but have been very blessed to have consistent pulpit supply provided by Rev. Shirley Cochrane. Our Interim Moderator Rev. Dr. Teresa Charlton has completed a congregational profile and it has been posted on the Presbyterian Church of Canada webpage. We will continue to pray for God's leading as we seek a new minister.

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15

## Recent Birthdays





March 9th was Anne Paulson's 93rd Birthday.



Vern Dyck's Birthday was on March 12.

Jan 10, 2017 was Helga Dodds 90th birthday. A surprise party was held for her on Jan 14 at the Salmon Arm Legion. Marlene Martens was in attendance and shared some photos.







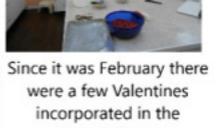
A hearty spaghetti dinner was prepared by Don and Maye Cann on Saturday, February 4, 2017. The by-donation meal was a fund raiser for a new part-time minister and \$500 was raised.

Thanks so much Don and Maye for planning, providing, and preparing the dinner. Forty

people attended.









LENT 2017 - beginning the first Sunday of Lent on March 5, Rev. Shirley Cochrane extinguished a candle each week through to Palm Sunday on April 9. A short meditation pertaining to the Lectionary readings for each Lenten week was read before each candle was snuffed.





On Good Friday, April 14, all the candles were re-lit and extinguished one at a time as passages were read from Matthew's gospel telling of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion.

The final candle, the Christ Candle, was put out at the end of the section where Christ died.













Menu:

Saturday, March 18 at 5 pm a traditional Irish Dinner was held at St. Andrew's with 25 people attending.

## IRISH eyes a smilin'



Reny Hanna's beautiful decorations set the mood.

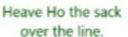














Toss the gold coins into the pot.



A delicious selection of 'green' desserts were brought by the guests.





Chuck and Lynn Francis celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, March 30, 2017. A special cake marked the occasion at the regular luncheon after the service on April 2.











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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15 A SMALL GROUP ENJOYED AN AFTERNOON PARTY

THERE WERE
TASTY GOODIES,
GAMES, TRIVIA
QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE
EASTER STORY
AND, ALL IN ALL,
EVERYONE HAD
A GREAT TIME.



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George Mcdonald



Don Cann



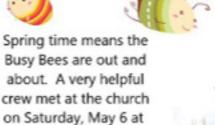
Stuart Hanna and Neil Bylsma



Spring time means the Busy Bees are out and about. A very helpful

9 am to clean up the shrubs, weeds and pavement. Many hands made light work and it

was coffee time at 11:30.





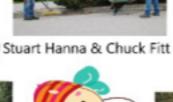


Winnie Ewing



John Hanna







A big thank you to all the busy bees.



Diane Bylsma



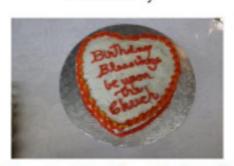
Gloria Fitt, Winnie Ewing, Diane Bylsma







Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017 Shirley had "Balloons in Church" as the title of her sermon. Since balloons are displayed often at birthday parties, Shirley provided some for the birthday of the Church. There was also a lovely birthday cake to enjoy after our pot-luck luncheon. Thanks Shirley.





The service on June 18 was blessed with three musical numbers by the St. Andrew's Children's Choir. It was their last performance before summer break.













John Hanna, in conversation with a fellow fire-fighter who is employed by the City of Salmon Arm at the Recreation Center, learned that the city had many chairs in storage as they had been replaced by new ones. He received permission to pick up 100+ chairs for St. Andrew's. Don Cann and John went to the storage container and selected about 130 chairs, and brought them to the church.

On Tuesday morning
June 20 Don & Maye Cann,
John & Janet Hanna, Reny
Hanna, Winnie Ewing and
Diane Bylsma gathered to
clean the chairs.

An 'assembly line' system of scrubbing, rinsing and upholstery cleaning was soon set up.

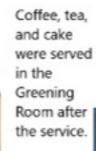
It took four hours and many sore hands and backs but all of the chairs were

cleaned. A BIG, BIG
'Thank you' to you all!















### 2017 HOPE Garden (Helping Other People Eat)



### A weekend of preparation.



Friday, Dec 1 the church was decorated. Thank you Marlene Martens, Diane Bylsma, Reny & Stuart Hanna, Gloria & Chuck Fitt and John & Janet Hanna



Saturday, Dec 2 Gloria Fitt presented "The Afternoon Before Advent." There was hot chocolate, lots of cookies, singing, poems, readings, and devotionals. We were introduced to the Jesse Tree and given a hand-out to make an 'ornament' to hang on the tree each day throughout the season of Advent.



Several people brought their Nativity sets to display.



Thank you very much Gloria for a lovely, meaningful afternoon.



















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#### CHRISTMAS 2017







December 17, Natalia Stoney on cello and Lara May McCallum on piano presented some special music.



Each week throughout the Advent season Gloria and Chuck Fitt shared stories from a special family Advent book. The paper ornaments that were given out at the Advent party were hung on the tree each Sunday.



With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday in 2017 the Session decided to only have one service at 3:30 pm. Coffee, hot chocolate, and Christmas goodies were served at 3. The talented Stoney family provided a wonderful string accompaniment to all the hymns.

Andrew played piano, Cherish, Nathan and Lance were on violin and Natalia and Madelyn played cello.



Rev. Shirley Cochrane led the service.





Karrah Cochrane on the flute concluded the service with "Silent Night", backed up by the string ensemble.



#### ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR FIRST CONCERT DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 7 PM.

A good-size audience was on-hand for the first concert performed by the Children's Choir. Most of the 18 children from the choir were able to attend.

Good job everyone! It was a very enjoyable evening.





Original choir members Kyndra and Porter Johnson and Madelyn Stoney, along with Natalia sang two numbers





The children signed a card of appreciation to Andrew's for sponsoring the choir and the use of the building for rehearsals. The card was presented to Rev. Shirley Cochrane.



the choir, sister Madelyn presented Choir Director Natalia Stoney with flowers at the end of the concert.

On behalf of







The Lord has remained faithful to our congregation. We have been blessed by the ministry of Rev. Shirley Cochrane during these past two years of vacancy, our church members continue to gather in fellowship each week, and to work throughout the community with many different organizations and charities. The Prayer Group meets faithfully Monday morning, we had a study series, and several social activities. May 2018 be another year of growth, outreach and ministry in our community and in our lives.

The recent break-in at the church and subsequent loss of many items, big and small, prompted the Board to buy a motion-sensor security camera system. January 17-20, 2018 John Hanna, assisted by Don Cann, installed six cameras inside the building. Two in the Sanctuary, one each in the back and front entryways, the office, and the Greening Room.





The cameras are on a continuous video loop with 2 terabytes of storage.

Approximately one month of activity in the building can be recorded before it is re-written.

Any movement in the rooms or entrances will activate the cameras, at which time an email will be sent to John and Don's computers and cell phones. The authorities could then be alerted if necessary.



All of the cameras can be accessed via the church computer. John and Don also have remote access to the system via their home computers.

It was a lot of work and a job well done. Thank you very much!

### A new year and a new member.

Gloria and Chuck Fitt and Chuck's mother Ruth began attending St. Andrew's in January 2017 after they moved to Tappen, and quickly became faithful attendees with willing hands and hearts. Gloria now plays piano one Sunday per month for services and she organized our very first Advent Party.

On January 28, 2018 Gloria renewed her Profession of Faith and became an official member of St. Andrew's Salmon Arm.





BUSY, BUSY, BUSY. We kept Rev. Ena van Zoeren on the go during the weekend of Feb. 2-4, 2018. Rev. Ena came from Airdrie, Alberta to preach for a Call into half-time ministry at St. Andrew's.



She was picked up at Kelowna airport by Rev. Shirley Cochrane on Friday afternoon and that evening she attended a lasagna dinner at Stuart and Reny Hanna's house with the Session, Board and Music Committee.



Saturday was for touring. Gloria Fitt picked Ena up at her hotel in the morning and took her to see Salmon Arm. They visited Mt. Ida Mews, the hospital, the Rec Center, thrift shops, shopping centers, apartments, and several neighbourhoods.









A congregational pot-luck dinner was held at the church

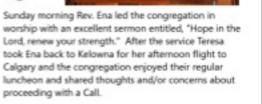
on Saturday at 5 pm. After a fabulous dinner, Interim Moderator Rev. Dr. Teresa Charlton introduced Ena and then Rev. Ena gave a brief synopsis of her life, ministry, and goals. A short Q & A period, followed by singing led by Chuck and Gloria Fitt concluded the evening.













On recommendation from the Session the Board purchased an AED Unit. It was felt this would be a good piece of safety equipment to have in the building in light of all the people who attend concerts, recitals, etc.

Cliff Hugson built a cabinet for the unit and John Hanna painted it and installed it in the Narthex.







Another simpler, safety item was installed in the handicap washroom - a drop-down support bar. This bar is attached to the back wall and will give people who need it stability on both sides of the toilet.



We were very saddened by the passing of Rachel Gibson on February 9, 2018. She and George, her husband of 73 years, moved to Salmon Arm in 2006 and were faithful attendees of St. Andrew's until failing health made it too difficult. Rachel was admitted to hospital a couple of weeks earlier and passed away peacefully in the wee morning hours. She

was 92.





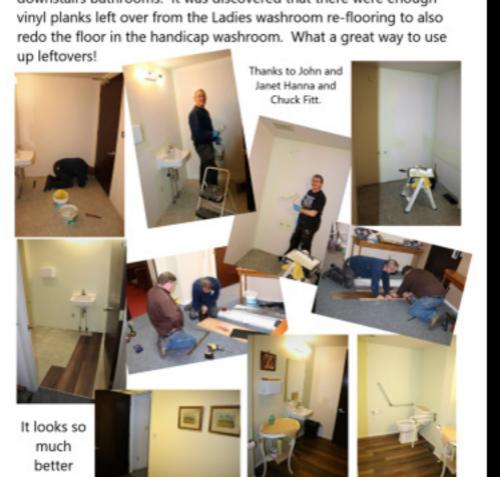


A Celebration of Life service will be held at St. Andrew's

Saturday, March 31 at 2; with 'Tea at Three.'



One more of the rooms in the church received a needed face lift the week of February 26 - March 3, 2018. The handicap washroom on the main floor was repainted using left over paint from the Greening Room. There was not enough to do all the walls the light green shade so two of them were painted using the neutral colour from the downstairs bathrooms. It was discovered that there were enough vinyl planks left over from the Ladies washroom re-flooring to also redo the floor in the handicap washroom. What a great way to use





Instead of just a paint job they ended up doing a complete renovation.





The desk came out

The Secretary's Office needed updating. John and Janet Hanna planned to give the space a fresh coat of paint during the week of March 19-24, 2018.



The cupboards came out











wall.





Voila! A whole new, more useable office space.







The Minister's Study received a reno March 19-21, 2018

Don and Maye Cann had painted the room last year. John and Janet Hanna spent a few day reorganizing the space by moving the big bookcase to the opposite wall and rearranging the furnishings.



# 2018 Lenten Season





The Jesse Tree of Advent became the Easter Tree for Lent. During each of the



40 days of Lent, participants read a Scripture text and message of repentance and hope that was printed on small papers, which were then hung. Sunday by Sunday on the tree.





The Mountainview Baptist congregation held the Good Friday Service with readings and hymns and special music.





# Caster

Easter Morning the repentance cards were replaced with white ribbons signifying the cleansing forgiveness we have received from the risen Christ.



Some of the ladies wore Easter bonnets: Lyn Francis, Gloria Fitt, Marlene Martens, Diane Bylsma, Rev. Shirley Cochrane and Janet Hanna.

A RECOGNITION SERVICE FOR REV. ENA van ZOEREN was held at St. Andrew's on Monday evening at 7 PM on April 30, 2018. Representatives from the Presbytery of Kamloops -Kamloops, Penticton, Prince George, and Vernon - attended the service.

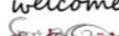
Rev. Colin Cross, Moderator of the Presbytery led the service. Rev. Dr. Teresa Charlton (our Interim Moderator) read the Scriptures and Rev. (Ret'd) Shirley Cochrane presented the sermon, Rev. Herb Hilder, Clerk of Presbytery assisted Rev. Cross with the 'official business' of recognizing the appointment of Rev. Ena to our congregation. Musical Director Natalia Stoney and the three original members of the Children's Choir sang "Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah"





The "Right Hand of Fellowship' was extended to Ena by the members of Presbytery and Rev. Cross invited the members of the congregation to come forward and greet her

as well.



At the close of the service Marlene Martens called Teresa Charlton and Shirley Cochrane forward to present them each a gift from the people of St. Andrew's in recognition of all of their dedicated service and hard work during our lengthy vacancy.







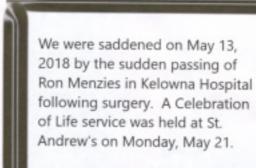








Three symbols of Shared Ministry were



Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Lynda and all of Ron's family and many friends





# In Loving Memory



"Captain Ron"



# **'TWAS A "GRAND** CONCERT" INDEED.





Musical Director Natalia Stoney organized an excellent evening for the 19th Annual Grand Concert to benefit the SAFE Society. Just over \$750 was raised from donations at the door.



very ably performed the duties of MC.





St. Andrew's Children's Choir performed three numbers, and then the three 'founding' members of the chier, plus Natalia sang "Lift Thine Eyes" from Mendelssohn's Elijah'



Sograno Andrea Roberts sang an early Italian aria from the 17th century. She was accompanied on piane by Grace Neudorf.





Sandy Cameron and friends Bill and Colin played two instrumental jazz numbers which were followed by two more numbers sung by Andrea Roberts.



Emily Wark concluded the evening with two outstanding classical numbers.



Twas a Grand Concert Indeed, Thanks very much to all the performers who generously donated their time and their talents. Great job Natalia. We look forward to another wonderful evening in 2019.

# ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR YEAR-END CONCERT JUNE 8, 2018 AT 7 PM.













The musical skill of the choir has advanced to threepart harmony. The children sang three songs as rounds. There were several sacred songs, two numbers by the original three choir members - plus Natalia - and a selection of songs from "The Sound of Music."



It was a most enjoyable concert. Well done Natalia. Well done choir.

#### Bruce Samuel Bourne

November 22, 1930, to June 26, 2018



Bruce Bourne was born in Toronto to parents Walter and Margaret (Pearl) Bourne. Growing up in Toronto, Bruce showed his athletic abilities as a lifeguard and enjoyed camping and caroeing with his risends. He loved animals and while he did not realize his childhood dream of becoming a veterinarian, he always had a dog companion throughout his life.

Bruce married his childhood sweetheart, and lifelong soul mare. Agnet Wilson, then began his working life as a stock boy for Maher Shoes in southern Ontario. Quickly gaining positions of greater responsibility in the company, he moved from London to Windoor and to St Catherines, Ontario.

this work as the sales manager and several years he and supervisor keeping him on the isad in the area, but always trying to keep his family of three children close by. He and Agnes were faithful attended to Calgary, Alberta to open his own shoe issue which soon became a successful chain of 13 stores spreading out to Saskatchewan and B.C. His members of our

love for the water and forests of B.C. prompted him to buy old farmhouse at Eagle

Bay on Lake Shussup and there built their retirement home. At age 55, Bruce sold his business and retired, now spending winters in Phoenix and summers at Shusswap.

Always energetic and a hard worker full of great ideas, he went back to work, this

time as a realtor with NRS Real Estate in Salmon Arm. Bruce and Agnes eventually moved into Salmon Arm where he enjoyed full retirement and spent his remaining years. Bruce was active in the Salmon Arm Rotary Club, and enjoyed lunches with the

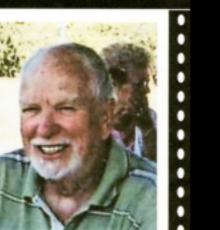
Probus group. He was also active in the Crossroads Methodist Chrach. Bruce leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Agnes Bourne, as well as his three children, Brenda Baradoy and her husband Gary, Thom Bourne and his wife Sandra, and Cheryl Bourne, through whom he had 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

his sister Margarite Pipher and her husband Eldon Pipher. He is survived by his brother Harold Bourne and his wife Gail presiding in Ontario.

Bruce passed away after 87 years of a full life. He is much loved and will be greatly missed.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents, his brother Doug Bourne and his wife Toni,

Online condolences may be sent to the family through Bruce's obituary at www. bowersfuneralservice.com.



Bruce Bourne passed away on June 26, 2018. For several years he and his wife Agnes were faithful

members of our congregation at St.
Andrew's. For the past few years they attended
Crossroads Free Methodist
Church.

Bruce and Agnes had begun to experience health issues and recently moved into Shuswap Lodge Retirement

Home. With the passing of Bruce family members have moved Agnes to Calgary to be nearer family.

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Reny Hanna made a lovely display for the Thanksgiving Sunday Service.

Our annual Harvest Dinner was held on Thanksgiving weekend. We served 41 people a full turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings and wonderful desserts.

Karrah Cochrane entertained everyone with several beautiful musical pieces on her flute.



The Board is planning to redo the stage space in the basement and install a good storage room for the tables and chairs, plus a classroom. We decided to hold a "What's in the Box?" auction to raise some of the needed funds.

We had 40 unidentified wrapped boxes donated for the auction.



By the time Gloria and Chuck Fitt had auctioned them all off we raised \$1,461! This is almost exactly what we estimate the renovations will cost. It was a lot of fun too.





# "Entering the Belly of the Whale" Seminar October 26, 27 and 28 Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts



We were blessed to have Peter come from Calgary to lead a seminar on "Choosing Change." We explored reasons why church attendance is declining. looked at common attitudes to change, considered what it means to 'be relevant' in today's society, and were challenged as a congregation to decide whether we might lean more to being 'spiritual' or 'missional' as a congregation; and then to become intentional in our focus of service.



We had 16 attendees to the two-hour Friday night session and 14 persons from 8:30-3:30 on Saturday. Rev. Dr. Coutts continued the theme at Sunday morning worship which was followed by a potluck lunch.



Many points of discussion were presented, and we were given many ideas to ponder. It was an excellent learning experience. Thank you very much Peter for

WHAT A TREAT! WHAT A JOY! The St. Andrew's Children and Youth Choirs, along with pianist Grace Neudorf and the Cantabile String Ensemble presented a wonderful evening of music and song on December 8, 2018.

Choir Director Natalia Stoney has done a fabulous job with the two choirs. She welcomed everyone and introduced the special musical guests.



It was a full house at St. Andrew's for the concert.



music

\$392 was raised for "The Nest," a new program under the Shuswap Children's Association to provide therapy and assistance for autistic children under the age of 6 along with support for

their parents.





Cantabile String Ensemble.





The basement renovation is complete! And it looks fabulous. We now have a very spacious storage area for all the tables and chairs with shelves for other items. There is a new classroom that can be used for Sunday School or meetings. The basement hall now looks clean and bright. Thank you very much to all those who helped with this project.



October 13, 2018 -Demolition Day. The crew: Don Cann, Chuck & Gloria Fitt.

John & Janet Hanna. Stuart Hanna, Diane & Neil Bylsma.

After the old stage was removed the wood was reused by John Hanna and Don Cann to frame the new walls. Chuck Fitt, assisted by Don Cann, completed all the necessary electrical wiring. The Board hired a professional to do the drywall as they can do the Job better with less mess. Janet and John Hanna did the painting. And John Hanna and Chuck Fitt laid the vinyl plank flooring in the classroom.





# 2019 HAPPY NEW YEAR

St. Andrew's was blessed in 2018 with the April appointment of Rev. Ena van Zoeren to half-time ministry. Rev. Ena came to us from Calgary and has settled nicely into Salmon Arm and our congregation. She provides excellent sermons at worship and speaks once a month at Mt. Ida Mews Residence. During the fall she led a 10-week series on prayer and Making Space for God.

As we go forth into another year, may the Lord continue to provide for the needs - both spiritual and financial - of our congregation. May we grow in faith and become strong witness for the love of God among our families, friends, neighbours, and community.



### Vision to SEE

# Faith to Gelieve

# Courage to do

The members of the Board of Managers and the Session of St. Andrew's met at Fairhaven Christian Retreat Center near Vernon. Those in attendance were: Rev. Ena van Zoeren, Shirley Cochrane, Reny Hanna, Lynn Francis, Marlene Martens, John and Janet Hanna, Diane Bylsma and Gloria Fitt. The only members absent were Board members Don and Maye Cann, who were on holiday, and Board Chair Neil Bylsma.





Dinner was at 5:30 and then the first session began with a devotion and prayer led by John, Ena asked: "Where are we? Where do we want to go?" "How do we get there?" After some discussion we played



Bible-opoly



Monday, April 1, 2019.

Tuesday morning dawned bright and sunny. Breakfast took place in each group's cabin. They gathered in the main building at 9 am to begin the work of determining avenues and directions by which St. Andrew's can glorify God and be a source of help and light in our community. Diane shared a devotion and led the group in prayer; and Gloria led a time of singing.



Unfortunately, a haze of dust and smoke blurred the beautiful view of Okanagan and Kalamalka Lakes.



Ena introduced SWOT - a technique used to look at the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (or challenges) that St. Andrew's has, potentially can pursue, or needs to overcome or resolve. First, they listed the Strengths and Weaknesses. Many items were written down then posted to the walls. Each person was given eight stickers to place beside what they considered to be the top four strengths and top four weaknesses.

#### STRENGTHS

- Very welcoming
- Great fellowship
- Hospitality
- Have a number of committed people
- Spiritual depth
- Biblical focus - We are flexible
- We have a good building
- An openness to share
- The building has good acoustics
- We have a great kitchen
- We give to needs outside our fellowship - We have a depth of theology
- We are still young enough to take on projects
- Baby grand piano
- Children's choir - Very reasonable rental rates and several groups
- that rent our facility - Elevator and handicap ramps
- HOPE garden
- Most people in the church are doing something
- We have many qualified to lead worship
- The decorations, ante-penda, banners, seasonal arrangements are attractive & welcoming
- We have multiple users of our sanctuary - Projector/Screen
- -Technology
- Innovative
- We have some dynamic women
- And some mighty men
- Our extra lot
- We do lots of small mission projects.
- We have a mighty prayer group
- Active in Thrift Shop/Neighbourlink/Second Harvest
- Services at Mount Ida Mews



#### WEAKNESSES

- The entryway 'tunnel' is not welcoming
- We have a 'fuzzy' identity in the community
- We hide our light under a bushel
- We are struggling in the area of music
- We have low numbers of people - The form of worship can be perceived as stodgy,
  - boring or having little joy or celebration
- Our people are getting older
- People take frequent lengthy vacations
- Most people are doing something, but some do
- We have multiple users of the sanctuary and building
- Projector and screen can also be off putting for
  - some or distracting when it doesn't work
- Our dynamic women - A lack of men
- No worldwide mission/PWS&D projects
- Many small mission projects not focused
- Not forward planning
- Don't promote our part in events
- Only hear the Children's Choir once a year
- Limited seating
- Lack of promotion of our selves
- No imigation for the HOPE garden
- Stuff happens and people are not informed
- The bulletin
- The Thrift Store has been an issue for some.



Sticker selections of our STRENGTHS -

- 5 Very welcoming
- 4 Depth of theology
- 3 Giving to needs outside of the congregation
- 3 Many qualified to lead worship
- 3 We have a number of committed people
- 3 Spiritual depth
- 2 Most people are doing something
- 2 Biblical focus
- 1 Hospitality
- 1 Flexibility
- 1 Children's chair
- 1 Multiple uses of the sanctuary and building
- 1 The extra lot
- 1 Lots of small missions
- 1 Mighty prayer group

- Sticker selections of our WEAKNESSES -
- 6 Struggling with music
- 5 No worldwide or PWS & D mission projects
- 4 The number of people
- 4 Lack of promotion of ourselves
- 3- Congregation is getting older 3 - Fuzzy identity in the community
- 2- Frequent lengthy vacations
- 2 Don't promote events
- 1 Lack of information sharing
- 1 Bulletin
- 1 Only hear the Children's Choir once a year



A delicious lunch of chili and salad concluded the morning's work. The afternoon session was opened with singing led by Gloria, a devotion by Marlene, and prayer by Shirley. The next portion of SWOT is Opportunities and Threats. Another brainstorming session resulted in a long list of opportunities.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Expand HOPE garden - Deliver produce to shut-ins or needy
- Advertise activities St. Andrew's rental groups
- Community garden
- Create garden plots for rent
- Low cost housing- tiny houses, or co-op housing, or student housing, or build-to-rent
- Healthy eating classes
- Community kitchen Give instruction to millennials on home canning, bread making, guilting, knitting, etc.
- Have a pre-school
- Host a spring break VBS
- Advertise at campsites that we have pet-friendly worship
- Create 'Free Little Pantries.' - Host special mid-week worship for Senior's with all the old hymns, etc.
- Host a 'Blessing-of-the-pets' on St. Francis Day
- Provide ESL (English as a second language) classes
- Have a Chili Cook-off between branches of the First Responders
- Hold a Family Day Fair



- Hold a Classic car event

- Change the church's name

- Enter a float in the Fall Fair parade

- Have a book swap

- Send our old hymn books to another congregation

- Remember 'everything is a photo-op'

- Free wool exchange for knitters - Build a solar panel farm on vacant lot

- Create a labyrinth in the parking lot

- Teach seniors computer safety and basic skills

- Build a training restaurant

- Begin a Side-by-Side ministry

- Have a 'man-shed' ministry (build a woodworking shop)

- Put solar panel tiles on roof

- Put on plays/dramas for Easter and/or Christmas

- Sponsor a refugee









All of the pages of possible OPPORTUNITIES were posted on the wall and each person placed a sticker beside their four top choices which created the following selections:

6 - Advertise activities

4- Chili cook-off

3 - HOPE garden

3 - Community garden

3 - Free little pantry

3 - Senior's worship services 2 - Family Day fair

1 - Send away old hymnals

1 - Everything is a photo-op

1 - Senior's computer safety (basic lessons) 1 - Healthy Eating / Community kitchen

1 - Pet friendly worship / Blessing the pets

1 - Solar panel roof 1 - Easter/Christmas plays

After a short break for coffee or tea and a snack, Gloria led the group in a selection of songs and Ena prayed for quidance and discernment. The group then went through the opportunities and discussed the potential challenges or difficulties of each.

#### THREATS

- Fears
- Physical limitations
- Age
- Finances

#### THREATS continued

- NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard)
- Irrigation
- Change in mind-set
- Privacy issues
- Volunteers
- Possible allergies, fears, or distraction created by pets
- City ordinances, business objections, builders and stocking volunteers (pantries)
   Cooperation of nursing homes, many volunteers needed, traffic jam at elevator
- Need for several new computers and ipads, plus very patient instructors
- Need for several new computers and ipads, plus very patient instructor
   Money for lots of topsoil
- Security
- Bylaws, costs, partnering with governments
- Partnering with dietician / food safe certification / food safety laws / liability
- Qualification classes for chefs / food inspections / building requirements / finances / regulations / zoning
- · May need another congregation to partner and/or work around other stakeholders

One more round of selection stickers prioritized the major challenges facing the implementation of the preferred opportunities as:

- 6 Volunteers
- 4 Rules or regulations or bylaws of hydro, city planning, etc.
- 4 Fears
- 4 Finances
- 3 NIMBY
- Physical limitations / Age
- 2 Food safe certifications
- 2 Change of mind set
- 1 Cost

Each of the opportunities were then categorized as one, three, or five-year possibilities.

One-year items included - Advertise our activities, Chili cook-off, Senior's worship service, pet friendly service, send away old hymnals

Three-year items included - Community garden, Free little pantry Five-year item - Solar panel roof

One or Two years item - St. Francis service blessing pets

One to Three years - Special plays/dramas One, Three and/or Five year projects - HOPE garden, Everything's a photo op, Healthy Eating/Community kitchen.



building.



There was a short break for a walk or relaxation before dinner. After the meal the final session was begun with

singing, and a devotion and prayer led by Shirley. Each of the selected opportunities was individually discussed and 'first steps' were chosen along with who would undertake to do them.

1) Advertising - make changes to our weekly ad. Create an ad for the summer edition of "101 Things to do in the Shuswap" that mentions our elevator and ramps and that we are pet friendly. Diane will look after this. Natalia creates posters for the Grand Concert. Janet will get a photo of the choirs to use to promote the event. Gloria will mock up a three-fold flyer that can be handed out to people at events and put in the Visitor's Information Center and perhaps other places. This flyer will include information about our time of worship.

amenities including the elevator and that we are pet

friendly, as well as mention the groups that use our

 Chili Cook-off — A date of September 21 was chosen. Ena will draft a 'challenge' letter to be sent to the RCMP, Fire department, EMS ambulance, and Shuswap Search and Rescue. This will be sent the end of

April. Depending on response a letter will then be sent to the Mayor, MLA and MP asking them to judge the chili prepared by the first responder groups. The congregation will be asked to donate the items

needed to make a chili dinner which will be available by donation to anyone who wishes to come. The winning group will receive all of the donations to be given to the charity of their choice. John, as a fire fighter, will promote the challenge in an article in the newspaper in August.

 HOPE garden - some expansion is already planned for this year. Janet will take a photograph when the plot is being prepared and interview the gardeners for a newspaper article.

Community garden - This fall Diane will enquire about bylaws, etc at City Hall.

Free little pantry - These would be similar to the little book libraries but contain some crackers, a pull-

top can of tuna, etc. Diane will ask City Hall about any regulations. In the spring, some possible locations

will be selected and nearby property owners or businesses contacted for permission. Then building plans, and further details will be worked out depending on the answers from the city and the business owners. 6) Seniors Worship Service - Lynne will call the senior's residences and ask about interest and the schedule of their buses. The first service may not happen until next year. Posters will need to be put up in

the residences. Tea, cookies and finger sandwiches (which Gloria will make) will be arranged at a later date. 7) Send old hymnals to a needy group - Where can we send them? Mariene will ask Teresa at Knox where they sent their old books. Once a location is found, the books will need to be boxed and taken to

8) Community Kitchen / Healthy Eating - Diane will research the existing program in Enderby for ideas and information we could use. Over the next months we can ask about grant monies that may be available, get details on Food Safe Certification, and talk to a dietician.

9) Solar panel roof - 5-year plan - Janet will get information from her neighbour who recently installed solar panels on her roof, and the Board will be asked to do some research. Dramas / Plays for Easter, Christmas. etc. - Ena has written a musical play that has all the 'old' hymns

in it. She will locate it. If it is decided to do it, work can begin on sets, costumes, actors, etc. 11) Blessing of the pets service - St. Francis of Asissi Day is in November. Ena will get actual day. This can

be a photo-op for newspaper exposure.





the post office. Make this a photo op.



God. A list of prayer requests was made up and posted on the fireplace mantle for everyone to consult as they entered into a time

WE PRAY: that the Holy Spirit moves

- for congregational support and understanding

- the right tone and words when sharing information

- support in the community and involvement

openness of city officials and employees

- God's will in our vision - God's blessing as we faithfully do.

 sustained energy - gifts and skills in us

finances

of prayer.

grunts (workers and volunteers)

- open hearts to receive in the congregation and the community

in everything we show the love of Christ.

that the congregation find these activities fulfilling.



# April 18, 2019



Both the Children's Choir and the Youth Choir performed during the service.









Easter Sunday bonnets graced the heads of many ladies in the congregation, including pianist Gloria Fitt and soloist Shirley Cochrane as they presented a special number at the worship

service on April 21.

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The choirs are busy preparing for the Annual Grand Concert which will be held May 24th and took time during their regular Tuesday practice on April 30 to give a performance at Mt. Ida Mew's Senior's Residence. The Children's Choir performed several numbers, then it was the turn of the Youth Choir to sing several hymns and two spiritual songs. The finale was a combined choir three-part round, of the Latin hymn, "Jubilate Deo," which means Rejoice in the God.







St. Andrew's member
George Gibson is a resident
at Mt. Ida and was present
at the concert. Marlene
Martens took his photo
with two of the faithful
founding members of the
Children's Choir - Kindra
and Porter Johnson.



We were saddened to hear that George Gibson passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Mt. Ida Mew's Seniors Residence. George was born August 3, 1923 and



George had suffered failing health the last few years, especially since the loss in 2018, of Rachel, his wife of 73 years. He was in and out of hospital quite often due to falls and trouble with his legs but had settled into Mt. Ida Mews over the last 6 or so months.

George and Rachel moved to Salmon Arm in 2006 and were faithful members of St. Andrew's for many years. George was also Chair of the Board of Managers for three years.



Jasmin Schweitzer & Emily Wark



Shujazz Trio : Sandy Cameron (Clarinet), Colin Spence (piano) & Bil Lockie (Bass)



MC John Hanna presents the proceeds of the donations to Bree of the SAFE Society.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Children's Choir and Youth Choir



ANNUAL GRAND CONCERT MAY 24, 2019



Clea Roddick and Craig Newnes





Emily Wark



Cantabile String Ensemble: First Violin: Carmen Stoney, Cherish Stoney, Emily Wark, Second Violin: Beth Ralston, Susanna Wark,

Viola: Nathan Stoney, and Cello: Madelyn Stoney (Cello)



Piano Quartet: I to r - Holly McCallum, Eva Mosher, Robyn de Wet and Jessica Neudorf.



# **SHARING THE WORD OF GOD**

At the Session and Board Visioning Retreat held in April 2019, one of the things decided upon was to donate our old no-longer-used bibles. Marlene discovered that the Church's Thrift Shop has an agreement with a fellow from Calgary who comes by several times per year and collects bibles. He takes them back to Calgary and sends them to various mission organizations.







Natalia and the Children's Choir and Youth Choir presented another wonderful concert on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7 pm.

The well attended concert raised over \$260 for "The Nest," a program of the Shuswap Children's Association that provides support for families and resources for children under the age of six who suffer from autism.







### 4-lines St Andrew's

& Youth Choir

# Spring Concert

7 pm

June 7, 2019 St Andrew's

Presbyterian Church





The basement hall flooring was originally a rust colour. In 2000 the stained, worn carpet from 1976 was removed and blue berber the same as the upstairs entrance was installed. The narrow brown baseboards that were taken up with the old carpet were never replaced. Eventually the blue berber carpet also became stained and worn and was replaced with vinyl planking in 2013. But; still no baseboards. The Board of Managers authorized the purchase of enough baseboard to do the hall and the new classroom and during the days of June 12-15, 2019 John and Janet Hanna painted and installed the baseboards; giving basement a more finished look.







A small but appreciative group enjoyed the Strawberry Social on June 22, 2019. The event was organized by the Board of Managers as a fund raiser to pay for baseboards on the basement hall. The material cost \$125 and the Social raised \$140.50. The residue will be designated to the offset the overage for the construction of the basement classroom and storage area.



#### IT WAS TIME A NEW ROOF

When the church was renovated in 1998, in time for the congregation's 100th anniversary, a new pitched roof was put over the original slightpitched roof with the skylights.

Moss was growing on the east side and the shingles were approaching the end of their suggested lifetime.

The Board of Managers many years ago began to set aside money when able into a Long Term Maintenance Fund so that unexpected or necessary large expenditures would not create a financial burden on the congregation.

It was agreed that it was time to replace the roof before there were any issues. We received three different quotes and had accumulated sufficient funds to have the job done. The board selected a roofing company to do the work. They completed the job in early July 2019 and also put a new roof on the garden shed and the garbage bin.



# Hymn Sing and Afternoon Tea

One of the suggestions for outreach that came out of the April Planning Retreat was an old-fashioned hymn sing-a-long and afternoon tea for seniors.

Lynn Francis organized an event for Wednesday, Aug 14 at 2 pm. Most, but not all, of the 25 guests were from Arbor House.



Barb Gray played piano and Gloria Fitt and Shirley Cochrane led the singing.







Gloria Fitt made lovely fancy sandwiches and several ladies provided the 'sweets.'

The event was a great success and people were asking when we were going to do it again.



Mariene found the perfect 'thank-you' gift for Barb

# ONE MORE ROOM RENOVATED

When the kitchen was renovated a few years ago part of the next door Sunday School classroom was used to make the kitchen larger and a more useable space. When Mountainview Baptist Church began renting our building the smaller room was given to them as a study for the pastor. After Mountainview moved to their own property July 1, 2019 it was decided to renovate the space and make it cleaner, brighter and more useable for another minister should we have a second congregation rent the church.



The entire back wall was taken up with a large shelving and cupboard unit, which John Hanna removed.



Patching and painting the walls. The closet shelves were made more useable and the concrete floor was painted.



John added carpet where the big cupboard unit used to be.





It looks SO much better now





We were blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart of St. Andrew's Hall at the University of British Columbia lead us in an all-day workshop on Missional Leadership in Today's World. The workshop was held on Saturday, October 5 from 9-4 and was attended by ten









Dr. Lockhart presented the sermon "Family Treasures" and joined us at the Lord's Table on World Communion Sunday.

Our regular pianist Gloria Fitt was on holiday so Music Director Natalia Stoney and her sisters Cherish and Madelyn accompanied the hymns with a violin and cellos trio.





The first Sunday of each month is Loonie Sunday when we take an offering for a special or local need. October's offering was designated to the Lunch Program at St. Andrew's Hall. At the potluck lunch following the service Clerk of Session John Hanna presented Ross with \$146.65.



We were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear friend Betty Kennedy. Betty had worshiped at St. Andrew's for many, many years and was a quiet, yet faithful member of our fellowship. Betty walked into the arms of her Saviour Jesus Christ during the night of

October 9, 2019.



Even after Betty lost her eyesight she rarely missed a Sunday Service and also attended many of the social events of the church. She partook of Holy Communion the Sunday before she went home with the Lord.





Services of Committal and Remembrance were led by John Hanna on Saturday, October 19.





On Sunday, November 3, 2019 Marlene Martens gave her last Presbytery and Synod reports as our Representative Elder. Marlene was elected to Session in 2002 and has acted as our Representative Elder for many of those 17 years. She stepped down as an active elder on October 31.



At the conclusion of her reports Clerk of Session John Hanna presented Marlene with a beautifully crafted Celtic Cross wall hanging that was made by Shirley Cochrane's son Sean. Members of the congregation also signed a 'Thank You' card.



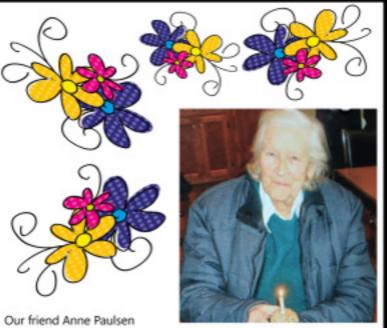
Dessert at the after-service potluck lunch was a delicious chocolate cake





On November 6, 2019 a one-year rental agreement was signed between Living Waters Community Church and St. Andrew's. They will begin moving in now that the lease is signed and worship services will start at 9 am on November 17.





walked into the arms of Jesus, her Saviour, on October 19, 2019. A Memorial Service was held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, November 23 at 2pm, officiated by Rev. Ena van Zoeren. A time of refreshments and sharing was held in the basement hall after the service.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

May this new decade of the 21st century be an opportunity for us to grow in faith and trust, as a church, and as individuals in service to our Lord.

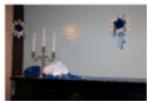
### All aboard! Cruise Night set sail on Friday, January 17, 2020



The lower hall and tables were beautifully decorated thanks to the talent of Reny Hanna.



Gloria Fitt, Stuart Hanna, and John & Janet Hanna assisted with set-up for the evening. There was an appetizer bar complete with champagne flutes for the sparkling juice, and separate tables for the potluck dinner and











Another snow strom and prior obligations prevented some folks from attending. Many of those who were able to attend were 'dressed to the nines' in formal wear. Appetizers were served at 5:30 and a delicious dinner followed at 6.



After dinner there was a slide show church and a lively competition comprised of contributed photos from a holiday or favourite cruise port-of-call.



Shuffleboard brought to the for high score ensued. Gloria

Rev. Ena had her Dutch

Fitt was declared the winner with a score of 117 and received a prize of Dutch wafers.



All the dishes and tiding was left until the end of the evening and many hands (and the dishwasher) really did make light work of the task Fancy dress did not prevent the floors from being cleaned either.





Firefighter Steven St. Denis led an AED/CPR instruction session on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 9:30 am. Seven people from St. Andrew's and three from Living Waters attended.

Over the course of two hours Steven explained the steps to properly administer CPR and use an AED on an unresponsive victim. Each person attending had the opportunity to practice on the Fire Department dummies.



Storage, storage, storage. Is there ever enough storage? Living Waters congregation needed a place to put their musical instruments and the Board had already been discussing the idea of building a closet in the unused nursery space to be used to house our silk flower arrangements. It was decided to give over the larger closet space to Living Waters to use as a secure spot for their keyboard and other musical items and to build a smaller closet on the side wall for the flowers. Enough space could be gleaned by moving the doorway over sixteen inches. which in turn would widen and simplify access to the handicap washroom. The new flowers closet could also provide a home for the vacuum, broom and bucket. John Hanna did all the construction. Janet Hanna helped with the painting and the two closets are a great addition to the church's storage; plus the added bonus of making the narthex























## The 2020 World Day of Prayer was hosted by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on March 6 at 1:30 PM.

The main organizers were Shirley Cochrane and Lynn Francis with music provided by Gloria Fitt. Representatives from several Salmon Arm churches took part. The women of Zimbabwe had created the program for the 2020 World Day of Prayer and a short video about the country was part of the service.





The theme was "Rise, take up your mat and walk."





Every guest was given a 'mat' to take as a remembrance of the service and the words of faith spoken by Jesus and accepted by the crippled man who lay beside the pool at Bethseda. From John 5:2-9a











A yard clean-up day took place on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Chuck & Gloria Fitt, Don & Maye Cann, Diane Bylsma, Stuart Hanna, Frank Hasselaar, and John & Janet Hanna spent the morning killing weeds, sweeping sand from curbs, trimming shrubs, clipping edges, removing old roots and dying cedars and removing the three large shrubs near the entrance doors.





























where the congregation was invited back to the building to worship.



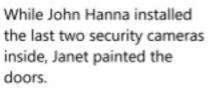


World Health Organization declared a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19, as it was named, killed over 400,000 people and affected more than 7 million by the middle of June. All public gatherings and facilities, many stores and businesses, all sporting events and concerts in Canada were cancelled as of March 17. There was unprecedented economic fallout as well as the social structure we all accepted as normal was tossed upside down. The church was closed to all regular events, including worship services. All the music groups that rented the facility had to cancel their rehearsals. The annual Children's Choir concert and Shuswap Music Festival were all cancelled. St. Andrew's converted to an online worship service via the webpage and Facebook. It was not until June 14, 2020 that we held a worship service again; and that was a mini-service with only Board of Managers and Session members and their

households to do a "trial run" of the new distancing and sanitizing protocols. June 21 was the first service

A previously unknown form of coronavirus appeared in China in late 2019 and by March of 2020 the

When the large shrubs near the front doors were removed during the May yard clean-up it was felt that the church doors just sort of disappeared as they were the same colour as the stucco. At the June Board of Managers meeting it was decided to paint them "Presbyterian" blue and the a colour was selected.











We were joined throughout 2020 by the congregation of Living Waters Community Church. The gathering restrictions imposed by the BC Ministry of Health due to the COVID-19 were difficult for them.



They gave notice at the end of their lease that they were goin to share space with the Five Corners Pentecostal Church which would allow them more freedom of worship time and numbers permitted to gather in the building. They vacated the church on December 1 and sadly, due to further curtailment of worship gatherings have not yet been able to become established in their new home.

We thank them for joining us over the past year and pray for God's blessing on them all when they can meet together once again.



2020 was a year of unprecedented change and disruption. The coronavirus dubbed COVID-19 created a global pandemic that began in February and continued to cause illness and death for thousands every day. Social and

economic hardship, cancellation of events, parades, sports, fairs, concerts,

and worship services became "the norm."

Through it all God was faithful to His church and the congregation

of St. Andrew's Salmon Arm. John Hanna became an adept videographer and web master. A text copy of each Sunday's service was posted online and the sermons video recorded and then added to St. Andrew's web page so as to provide both written and audio/visual worship. Gloria Fitt mailed weekly letters of encouragement during the first lockdown and many members made concerted efforts throughout the year to phone and connect with others.

During the summer we were allowed in the church for worship services, with health and safety protocols in place. However a further curtailment of gathering as a group was instituted in late October and continued until year's end.

Two vaccines have been approved for use in Canada as the year comes to a close and we pray that we will soon be able to gather together again in 2021.

# Welcome to 2021

We step into the light of God's love and move forward with anticipation into the dawn of a new year. 2020 was a year of change and difficulty on many levels and yet was also punctuated with joy and hope and many small acts of kindness. May the Lord continue to shine His light on each of us as we walk into the path He has prepared for us as individuals and as a congregation of His church.

