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# Fire From The Bush



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## Interim Moderator Message

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. “ Philippians 4:4-7 NIV

I think Philippians is perhaps my favourite book of the Bible. Paul, who is imprisoned, pens these words of hope, joy and assurance. His call is for us to rejoice! Certainly you were able to do that as you joined together to celebrate with Rev. Ted as he retired after being your pastor for many years, and with Rev. Scott as God called him in a new direction.

However with that joy came perhaps, a bit of fear and trepidation as you entered a new stage of your church life, a vacant pulpit. This is something that has not happened here at St. Andrew's for many many years. God through Paul reminds us, “Do not be anxious about anything ...” This is a hard one to do, “to not be anxious.” Yet as I stepped in to be your interim moderator, I found a group of people ready and willing to take on this new challenge.

I would like to commend you for the work that you are doing. You are taking up the challenge of a vacancy with enthusiasm and confidence in our Lord. The Session has met a few times over the summer, the Search Committee has had it's first meeting on August 3rd, the board is making sure that the building is being looked after and the

finances are in order, and the staff has taken up the inevitable slack that comes with a vacancy.

I would also like to thank you the congregation of St. Andrew's for your patience, and for your prayers as we move forward during this time. The Session is working towards having an Interim Minister in place by the beginning of September for a period of one year (this will be tight, but I'm confident that we can do it). The Interim Minister would in fact become the minister of St. Andrew's for this period, performing the regular ministries of preaching, pastoral and crisis visiting, weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. This will enable me to work with the Session and the Search Committee to prepare a church profile and to search for a new minister for St. Andrew's. It would also give stability for you the congregation during the search.

As a congregation, I would ask that you continue to hold each other and your committees up in prayer. Paul says “... in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present you requests to God.”

God has been at work, and we are beginning to see Him slowly bringing things together. This is a time filled with promise, as we search for God's direction. Do not be afraid to boldly step out in faith as a congregation, trusting that Jesus is there.

Christ's Service  
 Rev. Jim  
 Interim Moderator

*Faith  
 Hope  
 Love*

# Coming this Fall

## Wheels to Meals

You are cordially invited to attend a "Wheels-to-Meals luncheon and entertainment at 11:30 A.M. Sept. 16 to recognize St. Andrew's seniors living in residences or alone at home.



This is the fourth year to offer a noon meal and entertainment as part of St. Andrew's outreach program. It is designed to bring together senior members who have, over the years, helped make St. Andrew's the special church that it is.

We welcome all who would like to be part of this event, whether as a guest or a committee member.

Senior residences have been contacted about this exciting event but senior members in their own homes are asked to contact the church 376-7886 if you plan to attend or need a ride.

There is no charge for this time of fun, food and fellowship. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 with music and entertainment over by 2:00 P.M. Hope to see you there!

## Welcome to our Interim Minister!

Rev. Ian Johnston has agreed to be the Interim Minister for St. Andrew's for one year, beginning September 1, 2011. Final approval for this appointment will be given by the Presbytery of Grey Bruce Maitland at their September meeting.

We look forward to working with Rev. Johnston over the next year.



## Calling all card players!!!



A dessert bridge and euchre is planned for Sept. 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the chapel of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 7:00 P.M.

Last summer's questionnaires indicated the congregation wanted more fellowship events to better get to know each other so a SMALL committee is testing the waters with a card party.

If you like yummy homemade desserts, if you want to brush up those card playing skills in a fun-filled environment then add your name to the sign up sheet on the counter.

We can use cards, players, workers, dessert makers, anyone who wants an evening of fun. Sign up FAST space is limited but fellowship abounds.

Cost is by donation so come on guys, make a date with your best gal and come on out. The Jays could be finished and the Leafs will excuse you for ONE night. You'll be glad you did.

Call Ann Kelly 376-8474 for further information.

## Rummage Sales

**CGIT** - The CGIT will hold their fall sale on October 1st here at St. Andrew's. This will be a combination rummage/garage/bake sale. Your items can be brought into the church the week prior to the sale.

### St Andrew's Garage Sale:

**Date:** Saturday November 5th

**Time:** 8:00 until noon

**Where:** St. Andrew's CE Hall

**What:** Clothing (especially childrens's and jeans of all sizes), household articles, tools etc.

**Drop off:** The first week of November

## Florence and Roy Busch Bursary Applications

Please note that the Florence and Roy Busch Bursary Applications are due September 5, 2011. This bursary is open to any member or adherent of St. Andrew's who is pursuing a post secondary education. For more information or to pick up an application form, please contact the church office.

→ DON'T FORGET!



## Harvest Happening

Saturday October 22, 2011

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's

### Harvest Happening is coming home to St. Andrew's on October 22nd!

Yes, we will be using the CE Hall for our lunch and some food sales, and have our other displays in the Chapel. Produce will be under the tent! This is the same great Fall event as always with all those favourites you love!! But we can't do it without you!!

We won't need truck loaders but we will need set up helpers for tables and chairs. If you might help in one of these areas: organizing our turkeys pie makers, manning the elevator, doing walk-about-advertising on the street, or something else, please let us know. We need people willing to make chili, casseroles, soup, baking, deli and more. Recipes are available on Cruising Sunday at the Harvest Happening table, as last year, for some of these items.

We are hoping for a soup -mix- making get together as well as a beet pickling one. If you can help us in any way (and we really hope you will), please call Diane Lewis at 519 372-0599. If you are a regular helper in past years you can also call the convenor of that event eg. collectibles, lunch helper, etc to sign on.

We still need contributions from our knitters (oh those pedicure socks!!!), as well as sewing and collectible contributions.

Watch our weekly bulletin for more information and get involved. It's good for you!!

## Recycling While Helping Others

### Zehrs Grocery Tapes

Each \$450 worth of Zehrs cash register tapes are worth \$1.00 towards your charity organization. The tapes are given to the Quota Club, who collect them across Ontario and the proceeds are given to one Ontario School for the deaf each year, to buy needed equipment.



### Campbell's Soup – Franco American - Pepperidge Farm - Prego Sauce – Swanson (canned or frozen) – V8 Juice:

Any "Labels and Bar Codes" from these products are given to The Quota Club and the reimbursed funds are used locally to help hearing and speech impaired individuals and kids, as well as disadvantaged kids.



### Used glasses and cases:

Are cleaned and sorted by Pearle Vision in the Heritage Mall, then sent to third world countries to be used again.

### Pop Can Tabs:

Are given to the Owen Sound Legion and the money received, pays for Wheel Chairs for the disabled. To date, the legion has bought 1,055.



# Look for it this fall



## Worship at St. Andrew's this Fall!

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer! Worship is our fundamental time of gathering together as a community and we extend an invitation to our worship times:

**Sundays @ Nine** is held in our CE Hall in an informal setting. Music is provided by Arlen Wiebe and our Praise Team. Messages take a variety of forms including discussion. We welcome prayer concerns during the service. Coffee and muffins are available each week. Why not "try us out"?

**10:30 Sanctuary Worship** includes our great Choir, singing hymns old and new, messages from our Pastoral Staff. Nursery and Sunday School are provided during this time as well.

## Cruising Sunday



Join us Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> for Cruising Sunday! Cruising Sunday is a great way to kick off the fall, to reconnect with those you haven't seen all summer, and to discover what is going on here at St. Andrew's as you cruise through displays from the various ministries of our church.

The day's events will be as follows:

- 9:00** Sundays @ 9 will restart in the Chapel
- 10:30** Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:45** Cruising Sunday Displays and Lunch in the C.E.Hall

A light lunch will be provided to enable everyone to have a look at the displays. See you there!

**See what's going on at St. Andrew's....**

## Fellowship Lunches

Our Fellowship lunches will begin again on the last Sunday of September. Please bring either a loaf of sandwiches or dessert to share with others in the CE Hall following the 10:30 worship service. Come and join us for lunch and an opportunity to get to know others in our congregation better.



Below is the schedule of the groups that will host each Fellowship Lunch.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Group</u>
September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Praise Team
October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Session
November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 <u>**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</u>	Monday Morning Bible Study Group
January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Men's Breakfast Group
February 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Board of Managers
March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Congregational Care Team
April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Sandwich Makers
May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Monday Evening Bible Study Group
June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Quilters

Host groups will be responsible for arranging the sandwiches and desserts on plates to be set out on a table in the CE Hall, making tea, coffee and juice and cleaning up afterwards. \*\* The CE Hall is already set up with tables and chairs for Sundays @ 9, and there are always lots of people to help put the tables and chairs away afterwards. (Please speak to Dee Renaud if you have any questions)

## Looking Forward to Christmas...

### Scenes of Wonder



Summer is quickly drawing to a close, back to school shopping has started and the evenings are getting cooler. What better time to remind you of the 6th Annual "Scenes of Wonder" crèche display hosted by St. Andrew's on November 25, 26 & 27, 2011.

As you are enjoying the crisp days of Autumn don't forget that plans for the display start in October and we'll be asking you if you can lend us your wonderful crèche displays.

Plan to attend, as you won't want to miss this year's theme entitled, "Journey to Bethlehem".

### Family Christmas/Fireside

Is your calendar filling up already? Before it gets too full, make sure you mark down Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> as the date for Family Christmas and Fireside. This event is a unique, enjoyable way to prepare for Christmas with family and friends.



#### Family Christmas

From 3:00 until about 5:00 there will be 10 - 12 crafts available for your family to make. Crafts are available for people of all ages and ability levels.

#### Fireside Potluck

At 5:00 we will begin our Fireside Potluck event. We will share a delicious meal together which will be followed by a talent show. Anyone can perform.

This is a great event to invite your friends and neighbours to. You don't want to miss this favourite event!

### Christmas Outreach



*Sleeping Children Around the World* is a special ministry providing "bedkits" for needy children in various countries. A donation of \$35. will enable one bedkit. You may donate a bedkit in memory of a loved one, or as a Christmas gift in the name of a family member. You will receive a photo of the child to whom your bedkit is given. Envelopes for donations will be available at the church office.

### Operation Christmas Child



Pick up a shoebox, usually around mid September, and fill it for a boy or girl to enjoy at Christmas. These boxes are distributed in many places around the world by the Samaritan's Purse Ministry.



### Did you know...

A Search Committee for our new Senior Minister has been chosen. We have begun the job of putting together a profile for a new minister that will reflect the congregation's needs. The members of the committee are: Rev. Jim Johnston, Interim Moderator, Lyle Love, Ann Fahrún, Laurie James, Ken Robinson, Doug Cumming, Laura Ufimseff, Christopher Olesen, Tricia Morris and Bob Ray.

*Megan's Musings:  
Whose Church is it anyway?  
Part 2*

In the May FFTB I began reflecting on the question, whose Church is St. Andrew's? The answer, in my view is threefold. St. Andrew's is God's church, it is our church, and it is my church. In my May musings I considered what it might mean for St. Andrew's to be God's church. This time around, I want us to consider together what it means for St.

Andrew's to be *our* church.

There is a song in our hymn book with the following verse and refrain:

*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!  
The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;  
The church is not a resting place; the church is a people.*

There are a number of ways that Paul describes the church in the New Testament. Often he describes the church as a body (I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4) in order to remind us that we are intricately and vitally joined to one another, in unity, by the bond of our shared faith in God. As *our* church, each one of us is responsible for the life, well being and health of St. Andrew's Owen Sound. We are all vitally important to the life and ministry of this congregation in our community.

In our unity together, as members of the body of Christ, we gain a new identity. We are no longer simply individuals facing the world alone, looking out only for our own interests, but we gain a new identity as part of the community of God. Paul reminds us in Eph 4:2 that living in unity together requires humility- not thinking more or less of ourselves than is reasonable; it requires gentleness- not aggressive attempts to get our way, through gossip, half truths or speculation, but gentle and sincere concern for the whole; it requires patience and bearing with one another in love- personal preferences, agendas or wants are not to become obstacles to unity, they are not to intercept or diminish feelings of love and affection between individual Christians, and congregations. Rather, mutual love is to be our standard for life together.

Often differences among people can lead to division, but this should not be the case within the church. As we move forward through this time of transition- towards interim ministry, the development of a congregational profile and the calling of a minister, we must not take our seeming unity for granted. We must be aware of the real potential for divisive cracks to begin to grow. You and I together, must do all we can- through total dependence on God and his grace- to ensure that we do not become a divided church. May we be a community that is committed to standing together as a unified witness to the power of God's grace at work in our lives. May people know that we are Christians by our love. Amen.

## Youth Group

Another great year will begin on Thursday September 8 with an "Around our Sound Scavenger Hunt" event! Highlights for this year include a trip to London for Maplenoise on Sept. 18, Winter Camping in January, as well as our annual Cyprus Lake trip.

Anyone in Gr. 7-12 is welcome to join us any Thursday to hang out, talk about our faith, eat some great food, and play some fun, active games. All you have to do is drop by after school and make sure someone picks you up at 7:00. If you are thinking about coming but



## Fall Sunday School

Fall Sunday School will begin again on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. The classes this year will go as follows:

Ages 2/3	Rumpus Room
JK-Gr.2	Upper Room
Gr.3-5	Mac Sinclair Room
Gr. 6-8	Lounge



## Walk With Me

For the last three years we have been using a new curriculum during Sunday School entitled *Walk With Me* in the JK-Gr.8 classes. We will be using this curriculum again this year.



*Walk with Me* is a biblically based, kid-friendly, easy to use curriculum that helps children grow in their faith, builds community, and has lesson plans that recognize the different ways that people learn.

Some of the goals of *Walk With Me* are:

- to encourage children to know, serve and love God
- to teach children the stories of Scripture from the whole Bible
- to equip children to live their faith in the community to partner with families in the work of nurturing faith

## Teachers Needed

*Walk With Me* is an easy to teach, and enjoyable curriculum. We are in need of Sunday School volunteers for all of the age groups, in all three quarters; Fall (Sept. –Dec.), Winter (Jan. –Mar.) and Spring (April-June).

If you are interested, please call or email Megan or Kristen at the church. The children of this church are a fantastic group, and this is your opportunity to get to know them and their parents better while making a difference in the spiritual life of a child!



## Nursery

One of the important ministries we provide at St. Andrew's is Nursery care during our 10:30 worship service. By providing Nursery care we communicate to the youngest members of our church family that they are welcome here, and are valued. Each week we require 2 Nursery volunteers to be with the children during worship. Your duties as a Nursery volunteer involve arriving at 10:15 in order to greet the children, playing with and reading to the children throughout the service, and waiting after church until they are picked up. Could you help out with 1 or more Sundays? Please speak to Kristen Hibma if you are interested or sign up in the C.E. Hall.



## New Staff

Did you know that since May St. Andrew's has hired two new staff?

### *Kristen Hibma-Christian Education Assistant*

With the retirement of Rev. Ted Creen and the resignation of Rev. Scott Sinclair, the Session and Board of St. Andrew's realized that Megan's workload would significantly increase. As a result, they decided to hire a Christian Education Assistant to help out on a part time basis throughout the transition time.

### *Heather Wiebe-Custodian*

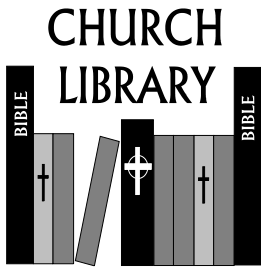
With the resignation of Sylvia Neerhof, after nearly 15 years of wonderful ministry as our custodian, the Board of Managers have engaged Mrs. Heather Wiebe to be our church custodian.

We are delighted to have both of these ladies join our staff team! If you haven't had a chance to meet them, or congratulate them yet, please make sure you do so.

## St. Andrew's Financial Report

(Year to date as of July 31, 2011)

	Actual	Budgeted
<b>Income</b>	\$ 198,901	\$ 210,112
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 219,062	\$ 236,695
<b>Deficit</b>	- \$ 20,061	- \$ 26,583



# CHURCH LIBRARY

## Objectives of Your Church Library

The first objective of your church library is to provide a quality collection of books and non-book materials designed to meet the religious needs of this congregation at all age levels.

And secondly, to provide books and other non-book materials, as the budget permits, in the following areas:

- Books/DVDs for Youth & Children
- Christian biographies and Christian life
- Christian/Family DVDs
- Christian Education
- Christian Fiction
- Church history and the church today
- Devotional literature
- Mission
- Music CDs
- Religious reference works
- Theology and Bible Study
- Worship & Worship CDs/DVDs

## About Max Lucado

Max Lucado loves words - written, spoken - it does not matter. He loves to craft sentences that are memorable, inspiring and hopefully life-changing. In almost 25 years of writing, more than 100 million products - 80 million books - filled with his words have been sold.

Max is the only author to have won three Christian Book of the Year awards - in 1999 for *Just Like Jesus*, in 1997 for *In the Grip of Grace*, and in 1995 for *When God Whispers Your Name*. In 2005, Reader's Digest magazine dubbed him "America's Best Preacher" and in 2004, Christianity Today magazine called him "America's Pastor." The product line for 3:16 - *The Numbers of Hope* sold more than four million units worldwide, including one million units of the cornerstone trade book of the same title (released in September 2007), making it the fastest selling Lucado product in his career. His latest, *Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference* (September 2010) hit both the Publishers Weekly and New York Times bestseller lists and has been featured on "Fox & Friends" and "CNN American Morning." He has participated on the "Good Morning America" Christmas Day panel in 2009 and 2010.

His works have appeared on every major national bestseller list including Publishers Weekly, USA Today, The New York Times, Evangelical Christian Publishers Association, and Christian Booksellers Association. He has been featured in countless media outlets and national broadcasts. Max's writings have been published in a wide array of formats including adult books, gift books, children's titles, Bibles, commentaries, calendars and devotionals. He is also the author/creator of "Max Lucado's Hermie & Friends" brand family, one of the most popular animated DVD series in the marketplace, with more than 5 million units sold to date. His words have also inspired a branded line of greeting cards and gift books for Hallmark/Dayspring that has sold more than 15 million copies since its 2001 debut. He is currently serving as a contributing editor for *Leadership Journal* magazine.

Your church library currently has the following Max Lucado books:

### Children's library

Small Gifts in God's Hands  
You Are Mine  
You Are Special  
Just the Way You Are  
The Crippled Lamb

### Adult library

#### Christian Living:

And the Angels Were Silent  
The Applause of Heaven/When God Whispers Your Name  
Cast of Characters  
Cure for the Common Life  
Every Day Deserves a chance  
Facing Your Giants  
Fearless  
He Chose the Nails  
In the Eye of the Storm  
In the Grip of Grace  
It's Not About Me  
Just Like Jesus  
A Love Worth Giving  
Outlive Your Life

#### Fiction:

The Christmas Candle

#### DVDs:

Christmas Child  
Wherever You Are

*Dee Renaud, Church librarian*

## Prayer Chain

St. Andrew's is experiencing a season of transition, in which we can expect changes and opportunities, not only for the church proper, but for the organizations within it. The Prayer Chain is one such organization that needs to change. The need for prayer, concerning all aspects of St. Andrew's, is especially great now and in the months ahead. Thus the prayer chain is vital but has very few members at present. Would you give this prayerful thought and consideration as to whether you might be of service in this way.



## St. Andrew's Senior Choir



St. Andrew's choir meets every Thursday evening from 7:15 to 9:00 from September to early June. We are a happy group of individuals who love to sing and share our musical gifts with the congregation. There are opportunities for solo work as well as small group work. We sometimes put on special concerts such as for Remembrance Day. If you are interested in singing and would like try us out please contact Nancy Stewart [sinoscc@sympatico.ca](mailto:sinoscc@sympatico.ca) 371-6559 or Laurie James [lauriejames@bmts.com](mailto:lauriejames@bmts.com) 371-0063. We would love to have you join us.

## WMS

The Women's Missionary Society will resume meeting in the fall, this first one being Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m.

Our Fall Rally will be held at Swinton Park on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be "A Banquet for Your Spirit".

Be sure to mark Sunday September 25th on your calendar. The WMS is having a Bake Sale of goodies for you to take home to enjoy. This will raise funds for the two projects of the WMS.

- To provide health care for women and children in Gaza.
- Action Réfugiés Montréal to find a building that is a safe home for detained refugees.

Everyone is welcome. You will have our heart-felt thanks for all donations received for these very worthwhile projects.



## Baptism

The following individuals were baptized since the May Fire From the Bush:

- Grace Johnson, daughter of Stephen & Alisha Johnson (Henrich)
- Randy Scherzer and Nicholas, Matthew and Mya Scherzer, children of Randy & Lori Scherzer

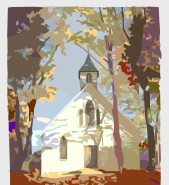
## New Members

- Elizabeth Lamont (Burlington)

## In Remembrance

The following people who are associated with St. Andrew's have died since the May Fire From the Bush:

- Mrs. Agnes Yeo
- Mrs. Audrey Ward



*Comunion Dates to Remember:*  
9:00 Service - first Sunday of every  
month  
10:30 Service - October 2  
- December 4

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## Steve Bell Concert

Our church will be hosting a Steve Bell concert on Saturday, September 24th at 7:30pm. Steve Bell is a Juno Award winner from Winnipeg. His concerts are intimate and anyone who has seen Steve, knows what an awesome performer he is. For those who haven't seen him before, you will be blessed and moved. Not only is he a talented musician and songwriter but a great storyteller with a sense of humour.



*You don't want to miss this event!*

For more info contact Kerrie Thompson at 519-794-4236 or [kerrieharris@hotmail.com](mailto:kerrieharris@hotmail.com). Tickets will be \$15 and you will be able to purchase them at the church or online. In September there will be a booth set up in the CE Hall on Sundays with more info, ticket sales and free sample CD's. To learn more about Steve Bell, go to [www.stevebell.com](http://www.stevebell.com)

## The St. Andrew's Quilters



The quilters can be found most Wednesdays in the Chapel, from 9:00 am to about 2:30. We do stop for morning coffee, and we bring our lunch. We also have 'work days', usually once a month on a Friday, where we work on projects to prepare for Harvest Happening. Occasionally we organize outings to quilt shows or quilt shops, and we enjoy a Christmas Potluck and a June Potluck lunch with the office staff and 'Wednesday Work Crew'.

Proceeds from our efforts are allocated to such causes as the Youth Ministry, Outreach Projects, and the Harvest Happening Fund.

Additional helpers are always welcome. If you are a novice quilter, we will teach you the needle-rocking technique on a small project of your own choice, and when you feel confident with your skills, you will be welcome to join us at the big quilt. Come for the fellowship as you practice your skills.

If you would like to join us, or if you have a quilt top that you would like to have quilted, call for details - Janet E. Price 376-6581