

Fire From The Bush

Minister's Message

Thinking of Lent

Advent prepares us for Christ's birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ's resurrection. Most Christian congregations have special services during Lent and Holy Week, but it is what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes the journey of this Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. The word *gospel* means, "good news."

There is a story of a college student who decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (the four gospels) for his Lenten devotional time. He was quickly fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumb-founded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant Son of God, who was only in his early 30's.



This is your invitation to get to know the good news, and you will understand the young man's amazement.

May the blessings of Lent and Easter be with you during this Holy Season.

HIS (Rev.) Ian K. Johnston

*Faith doesn't get us out of trouble;
Faith gets us through it!*



Annual Meeting

Don't forget to mark March 6, 2012 on your calendar as the date for this year's Annual Meeting. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. The Annual Report will be available at the church as of February 25, 2012.

Note from the Search Committee

The Search Team was formed in August 2011 by direction of the Session to take the lead role organizing our search for a new minister. Session appointed people to the team who represented diverse groups and demographic profiles within our church.

Our team is comprised of the following members:

Doug Cumming
Laurie James
Jim Johnson
Lyle Love
Tricia Morris
Christopher Olesen McCombie
Bob Ray
Ken Robinson
Kay Thorfinnson
Laura Ufimtseff
Ann Fahrnun



The team has gathered information from a variety of sources including focus group data, congregational surveys, letters from the congregation, and Session, to create a Congregational Profile. This document serves as the vehicle to advertise our vacancy to potential applicants. The document is called a Congregational Profile. We have completed a first draft that will be reviewed, edited and approved by Session, who will then forward the document to the Presbytery of Grey Bruce Maitland in March. Following this, the Profile will reach the National Office and then be distributed to applicants who are interested in being considered for ministry at St. Andrews.

The Search Team will review documentation and work samples from applicants. Once we have a “short list,” interviews will take place to narrow the field. Throughout the process we will provide regular progress reports. We hope that you will continue to pray for wisdom, patience and discernment to support our search process.

I feel proud to be a part of this hardworking team. It has been an honour to help create a document to convey the dynamic potential of ministry at St. Andrew’s. We are all looking forward to the next phase of the search process.

Submitted on behalf of the team by,
Ann Fahrnun, Chair



“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do”.

Edward Everett Hale

Lent at St. Andrew's

Pancake Supper - Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday February 21st at 5:30. As always, we need volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and clean up. If you are interested in helping out please either sign up at the office, or speak to Megan or Kristen.

Lenten Lunch Services

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd with a half hour worship each Wednesday in the Sanctuary. The worship services will be led by community clergy. Following the worship, everyone is invited to bring a brown bag sandwich and join us for lunch in the church hall. Soup and refreshment will be provided.

The theme this year is: *The Spirit of Christ to Mercy*. The central Scripture will be based on the Gospel message of Luke 4: 18-19.

February 22 - (Ash Wednesday) - *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*

February 29 - *Anointed to give mercy*

March 7 - *Anointed to Preach Good News to the Poor*

March 14 - *Anointed to Heal the Broken-Hearted*

March 21 - *Anointed to Preach Deliverance to Captives*

March 28 - *Anointed to Recover Sight for the Blind*

April 4 - *Anointed to Free the Oppressed*



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Join the Youth Group on Thursday April 5th for the Maundy Thursday service at 6:30.

This years theme will be *"It Was On A...."*

Curious about the theme? Make sure you join us to find out what its all about.

Good Friday - On April 6 at 10:30 a.m. we will remember the Passion and the Cross of Christ





Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday will begin with the traditional **Sunrise Service** at 7:30 a.m.; at Inglis Falls. In the event of inclement weather we will gather in the Chapel.

Breakfast will follow at or about 8:30 a.m.

Easter family worship will be at 10:30 a.m. – Celebrating the Victory of Christ over the grave.

Special Events and Worship to look Forward to.....

- March 24:** Stewardship Workshop on *Linear Giving*– 8 am – 2:30pm (See below)
- March 25** *Pastor Neil Orchard* – Stewardship Workshop Leader will speak at the 10:30 service
- May 6** *87th Anniversary Service* – guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Michael Knowles, Professor of Preaching, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton



Linear Giving Workshop Featuring Neil Orchard of Rivertree Stewardship Services

Linear Giving is Stewardship as you have never experienced it!

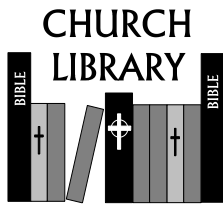
Change one word and giving in your church will never be the same!

A program of tools and exciting ideas will be presented at St. Andrew's on Saturday March 24, 2012
from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided by Nancy and Helen at \$5.00 per person and the cost of the workshop is covered
for the members of our congregation.

To register call: 519-376-7886 or e-mail general@standrewsowensound.org

Plan to attend; stewardship involves all of us!



ADULT SECTION:

BIOGRAPHY: BIO

(This category includes books of individual and collective biographies of missionaries, church leaders and Christians from all walks of life.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: CE

(This category includes Bible study materials, teaching helps & methods for Sunday School teachers such as crafts, drama, and leadership development.)

CHRISTIAN LIVING: CL

(This category includes guidebooks for the development of Christian character and collections of inspirational messages and personal experiences of various Christian authors.)

FAMILY: FAM

(This category includes books on marriage and preparation for marriage, divorce, sex education, child training, aging.)

FICTION: FIC

(Christian Fiction)

GENERAL: GEN

(This category includes books on life coping skills, cook-books, crafts, fiction, miscellanea, poetry, psychology, self help books)

MISSION: MIS

(This category includes books about missionaries faithfully serving in faraway places.)

MUSIC CDs

REFERENCE BOOKS:

Atlases: REF-A

Bibles: REF-B

Church History: REF-CH

Commentaries & Concordances: REF-C

Congregational Life & Growth: REF-CLG

Dictionaries: REF-D

Encyclopedias: REF-ENC

THEOLOGY: THEO

(This category includes books dealing with the functions of each Person of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)

It also includes such topics as baptism, salvation, angels and demons, Satan, heaven and hell, prophecy, death and resurrection.)

WORSHIP: WOR

(This category includes daily devotional books for all ages, books on prayer, poetry and music as well as Music & Worship DVDs.)

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SECTION:

YOUTH: YOU

(Books for young people)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: E

(Picture books & Easy reading, as well as videos, DVDs & music CDs)

You will also find a wide variety of DVDs in both the adult and children's libraries.



Sorry for any inconvenience as we make some changes in the layout of the library. New shelves are being added and the Children's library is being moved. The Fiction section of the library is being moved to the wall backing off the kitchen.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the library can do so by simply placing your cheque (made out to St. Andrew's Church) or cash in an envelope and leaving it at the office with Nancy or giving it to Dee. All donations will be credited to your church givings. If you would like to donate a book/DVD in memory of a loved one, please specify on the envelope the name of the person/persons that you are making the donation in memory of.

Dee Renaud, Church Librarian

Megan's Musings

*What's Love Got to Do With It?
Everything!*

Tina Turner in her 1984 hit, *What's Love Got to Do With It*, asks the following questions; "What's love got to do, got to do with it? What's love but a second hand emotion? What's love but a sweet old fashioned notion?" For many people we know the answer is that love has very little to do with anything. We often hear cynicism expressed about love. Not long ago I heard a young adult wonder aloud whether or not it was really possible to love somebody, and if not, they asked, why bother trying. This is an unfortunate sentiment. Love is something that we all need. It is something that we all crave. It is something worth pursuing and something that once we have it, we cannot imagine living without. Far from being a second hand emotion, or a sweet old fashioned notion, love is at the very centre of any healthy community, any healthy family, any healthy Christian.

God, we are told throughout Scripture, is at his very core, love. It is out of love that God creates us. It is out of love that he invites humanity to know him and to be known by him. It is out of love that God, at times, disciplines and corrects his people. It is love that motivated God to take on human form, in Jesus Christ, and take on our sins, enabling us to have new life. It is love that God asks us to show to one another as a sign of our new life in him. For us as Christians, the answer to Tina Turner's question, "What's love got to do with it?" is, everything. Consider the following words written by John to the early church. "My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him. God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life." *1 John 4:7-14a*

If John learned anything from his time with Jesus, it was the importance of love. It is love shown to one another that shows we have been given and are living a new life received from God. God is love, and those who know him and have experienced his love and grace, shown through Jesus Christ, will be people characterised and marked by love. Our congregation is a beautiful one. We are beautiful because of our great diversity in; where we have come from, what we believe, what we prefer in worship or programming, our opinions, and our desires. Yet, this diversity, when expressed selfishly and with an absence of the love that is to mark the Christian life, can become an ugly and destructive thing. We have been called to love one another, even when we do not like something another is doing, or something that is taking place in our church. We are not called or asked to love only those who have the same view or opinion as us. It is my prayer that each one of us will consider our attitude towards one another and will seek more and more to exhibit God's love towards one another, despite our many differences. The world will know that we are Christians by our love. What are our words and actions saying about us these days? How healthy is love in our lives of faith?

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." *1 Corinthians 13:4-8a*



Sunday School Thank You

Thanks to the following people for teaching our winter term of Sunday School; Penny Fenwick, Tina Buttineau, and Nancy Robinson. We really appreciate your commitment to serve God in this way!



St. Andrew's Garage Sale
 Spring cleaning? Please remember
 the next St. Andrew's Garage Sale
 is scheduled for Saturday April 21st

Sandwich Makers

The ongoing donation (bread, jam, canned meat etc.), as well as the cash donations are much appreciated. 7 loaves of sandwiches are made each week by a group of St. Andrew's volunteers for Union Pace. Union Place is a drop-in centre for folks with mental health issues. Helpers on Tuesday morning meet at 9:00 a.m. and you are always welcome.

Come in and see how
 it's done!



2011 Financial Report for St. Andrew's

The following is a summary of the income and expenditure amounts for St. Andrew's for 2011, as well as the budgeted amounts. A more detailed accounting of last years finances, as well as the proposed budget amounts for 2012, will be available in the Annual Report. The Annual Report will be available for pick up on February 25th.

	Budget 2011	Actual 2011
Income	\$ 378,350	\$ 381,047
Expenses	\$ 397,392	\$ 385,293
Income less Expenses	- \$ 19,022	- \$ 4,246

*Thank
 You*

Well Done!
**We were able to meet our budgeted
 income amount for 2011!**



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Maundy Thursday

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Super Friends Adventure Day

Looking for something exciting to do this March Break? Why not join us for our Super Friends Adventure Day!!



- When: Thursday March 15th from 9:00-4:00. Drop off begins at 8:30.
- Who: Children in JK-Gr. 6 are welcome.
- Cost: \$5.00/child, which includes lunch and two snacks.

There will be crafts, science, games, stories, and a Global Village!

Sign up at the Church Office. Bring your friends!

Helpers

We are in need of some help with our Super Friends Adventure day. We need help in the following areas:

- * 1 or 2 people to cook and serve lunch
- * 4-8 people to act as group leaders
- * 2 snack volunteers
- * a craft coordinator (to organize craft supplies throughout the day)

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please speak to Megan or Kristen.



YOUTH

Winter Camp Out

On Friday March 9 to Sunday March 11th, the Youth Group will be going to McGregor point for a Winter Camp Out. We will be staying in Yurts, and the weekend will include: faith discussion, exciting games, small group time, meal prep., campfires, and more! Interested in joining us? Anyone in Gr. 7-12 is welcome to join us, whether you usually come to youth group or not.

The cost is \$35/youth for the weekend. Call Megan or Kristen at the church to sign up.



St. Andrew's Data Base

We are updating the St. Andrew's Data Base with the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Type of Dwelling: _____

(House, Apartment, Retirement Home)

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birth Date: _____

Marriage Date: _____

Occupation/Retired. _____



Please clip this form and return to the church office or submit the information via e-mail with **Data Base** in the subject line, to general@stadrewsowensound.org. If possible please submit the information for all family members. If mailing, please send to:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

865 2nd Ave. West
Owen Sound ON N4K 4M6

Thank you!

Harvest Happening

As the winter settles in you might be thinking ahead to Harvest Happening 2012. Or maybe you are already planning what contribution you will make. For those of you looking to keep those hands busy throughout the winter, how about some knitting or sewing? Long scarves that can be doubled and draped around the neck are very much in style. And of course the texting gloves/mitts were a big hit. Whatever you do, it will be very much



appreciated.

For the jam makers..... maybe you make marmalade at this time of year? We certainly would be happy

for a few jars if you can spare them.

Thank you for thinking about how you can contribute to Harvest Happening 2012. Have a safe and healthy winter!!

Diane

P.S. We are going to need someone to takeover the Plants and Produce this year. Many thanks to Ellie Breen for 11 years of hard work for HH in this area. Please consider if you can help. Tutorials are being offered. Please leave your name with Nancy in the office.

**Reminder: Annual Meeting March 6, 2012
Communion is March 4, 2012**

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Presbyterian Record



The Presbyterian Record is a monthly magazine from the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Each magazine includes articles written by the editor, the moderator, news from the community, the world, mission plus book reviews, photos etc. Cost for a yearly subscription is \$30. Please make your cheque payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. You may bring it into the church office or leave it on the offering plate. Subscriptions are due March 30th. Copies can be found on the table by the church office.

In Remembrance

The following people who are associated with St. Andrew's have died since the November 2011 Fire From the Bush:

- Willis Henderson
- Hal Clement
- Art Mulder



Baptisms

- **Dana Davenport**, daughter of Julie & David
- **Laila MacVicar**, daughter of Rebecca & Robert
- **Constance Lowe**
- **Luke & Zachary Cumming**, sons of Shane & Connie

New Members

In December we welcomed into membership at St. Andrew's:

- **Barbara Floto**

