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This quarterly newsletter is published the first Sunday in March, June, October and December. The **deadline for submissions for the next issues is May 14**. Please respect the deadlines for submissions. You may email your articles and high-resolution photos at any time to StAndrewsInAction@gmail.com.

Minister's Reflections

Rev. Dr. Karen Dimock

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone..."

Luke 4:1-4

Dear Friends,

As I write, Lent is almost upon us. Those forty days and nights (not including Sundays) that take us from our Pancake Dinner to Easter. In the Bible forty is often used to describe times of preparation. There were the forty days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism and before he began his ministry. There were the forty years that the Israelites spent in the wilderness before entering the promised land. There were the forty days after his resurrection and before his ascension that Jesus appeared to his disciples, preparing them for the ministry that was to come.

The forty days of Lent are not prescribed in the Bible, but they come from this Biblical understanding of a time of preparation and have been part of the tradition of the church since its very earliest days. Lent is the gift the church gives us, time to prepare for Easter and the good news that Christ has died and risen, conquering death and evil and returning to be us.

For me this is the good news of Easter that wows me every time. That he returned to us. And what a difference that makes. We are not just those for whom our saviour died, but those

to whom he returns time and again. The ones with whom he still walks.

Easter. Even though Jesus had spoken to his own disciples ahead of time about his death and resurrection, it was the last thing they expected. And like those first disciples who made their way to the tomb expecting to anoint a dead body, I sometimes suspect that discovering the living Jesus among us, with the forgiveness and peace, hope and healing, love and life he offers... well sometimes we are so immersed in lives that show us and tell us otherwise, that it is the last thing we expect ourselves. And I suspect that this is one of the reasons we have lent. Time to prepare...

In the early church Lent was a time for focussing on discipleship. Prayer, reading scripture, fasting and the giving of alms were common practices to be embraced in this time. For those who were joining the church, Lent was a particularly intense time of preparation as they got ready to make a commitment to following Jesus that sometimes meant leaving not just old ways behind but also family and job, and social status. Their baptism was held on Easter morning. As the new day began they went down into the waters, coming up with the rising son. In this way they understood themselves to be joined with Christ, in his death and in his life.

To this day, the baptismal vows often begin like this:

Do you turn from the ways of evil and death that separate you from God?
And do you turn to Jesus Christ accepting him as Lord and Saviour?

And I offer them to you as questions to ponder as we ourselves journey through Lent.

Some of you might be giving things up during this time. Fasting one day a week or giving up a special treat or food. In letting ourselves feel hunger and desire we are reminded of a hunger

and desire for God and given the opportunity to practice saying no to things that tempt us. Always a useful tool for those of us who follow Christ.

Some of us might instead be adopting a new practice during this time as well. Prayer, reading the Bible, keeping a gratitude journal. Saying yes to things that draw our attention to God at work in our lives, and strengthen us for Kingdom living.

The story of Easter is the story of Jesus and the good news that because he lives we too will live. As we enter Lent, may we find ourselves drawing close to Jesus, and renew our commitment to follow him. And may the things we say no to and yes to, help strengthen and encourage us in his way.

Grace and Peace be with you.

Shrove Tuesday

By the time you open this newsletter, Shrove Tuesday will have come and gone but we hope you had the opportunity to join your church family and friends in indulging in pancakes and sausages and companionship as we launch ourselves into the upcoming Lenten season. We were ably led by Rev. Karen and Sydney in prayer and meditation. A most sincere thank you to our chefs for the evening, who prepared everything so beautifully. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our Maundy Thursday dinner and time of worship.



White Gift Update

Jeanie H.

For the second year, St. Andreans supported Robert E. Wilson Public School (REW), a Kindergarten to Grade 6 English school, located in the heart of Vanier on McArthur Ave. This wonderful school has a population of 200, with many students who have recently arrived in Canada from other countries such as Syria, Colombia, Afghanistan and Somalia. They also have a large First Nations, Metis and Inuit population. Many of the students come from difficult family situations including poverty and single parent homes. Despite the challenges many of the students face, they arrive every day with smiling faces ready to learn with the incredible staff. It is a school with a very caring staff and

community. They strive to provide as many opportunities and experiences for their students as possible by using school funds and donations from community partners to access all of the wonderful opportunities the Ottawa area presents.



On Sunday, December 9, Todd spoke about his amazing school at both services. During Church School he spent time with the children and read to them. Thank you to everyone who supported White Gift Sunday at St. Andrew's this year.

R. E. Wilson Librarian, Shelly M., sent the following note of thanks:

“Today we had help from students unwrapping the bounty of beautiful books made possible by your generous parishioners - SO MUCH FUN! SO MANY SMILES! I feel extremely fortunate to grow our library collection with such quality and quantity, best of all, smiling photo evidence that our students are still really excited about books! Thank you to each of you on behalf of all of us at Robert E. Wilson P.S.”



Please see below for the full letter of thanks from the Principal at Robert E. Wilson Public School.

January 21, 2019

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
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Dear St. Andrew's Congregation,

On behalf of the Students, Families, Staff and School Council of Robert E Wilson Public School, we would like to thank again for your very generous donation of books to our school through White Gift Sunday and the mittens through your Mitten Tree. It has been an amazing experience to work with your congregation over the last two years. The generosity, thoughtfulness and selflessness of everyone involved is inspiring and humbling. We opened all the books with a group of students today and the joy they felt upon seeing such high quality, brand new books can't be put into words. The books donated are going to our library and classrooms and will go a long way in helping us provide quality books for our students. Our students don't always have access to new books so it is very special day for them to see these come into our school. The mittens will go into our Resource Room and they will make a huge difference for our students during these coldest days of the year.

As a school, we endeavour to work with our community to strengthen relationships and improve the lives of our students. Thank you for being an important part of our community and thinking of us for the White Gift Sunday and Mitten Tree initiatives. We wish you the best of luck in all the wonderful work you do for some many great causes.

Sincerely,

Todd Saunders
Principal

Stuart B.

July 31, 1927–December 19, 2018

Stuart B. was a legendary force in the handbell world in this province. He helped set up, and mentored many choirs in the area. He founded the St. Andrew's Ringers in the 1990's. In the fall of 2007, Stuart led a Wednesday evening series on handbells that led to the resurgence of the church's present handbell choir.

Stuart mentored three of our present ringers, in preparation for attending the national handbell festival in 2008, London, Ontario.

On a snowy February 2, 2019, the St. Andrew's Ringers joined other musicians in a Celebration of Stuart's Life, held at Trinity Presbyterian Church. There were handbell ringers from seven area churches.

Donations in memory of Stuart are being directed to the Ottawa Heart Institute and Trinity Presbyterian Church. Gifts to the latter will go towards the purchase of a handbell in his memory.

The Rainbow Communion is coming to Ottawa, April 4–6, 2019

The Rainbow Communion is a special LGBTQI listening group formed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada with members drawn from across the church, reflecting the diversity of the denomination and including two members who identify as LGBTQI. The Rainbow Communion mandate is to offer a safe and respectful environment in which confidentiality is assured, in order to encourage people to tell stories of harm done to them in the church because of homophobia, heterosexism and transphobia, and also to share stories of God's grace experienced by them and through them in Christian ministry, even in the midst of the challenges they have faced. All persons (people who identify as LGBTQI, as well as relatives, friends, co-workers, members of same congregation, ecumenical colleagues, allies and others) are welcome to share their stories of harm and grace with the Rainbow Communion. Stories can be submitted orally or in writing. When the listening process is completed, an appropriate response to the issue of homophobia within the PCC including recommendations for concrete actions to address it will go to the General Assembly for implementation within the church. Stories shared by individuals will only be included if permission is given by the individual.



If you wish to learn more or book a time to share your story, the rainbow communion can be reached confidentially at either rainbowcommunion@gmail.com or 1-800-619-7301 extension 300 or at www.presbyterian.ca/listening. The Rainbow Communion Listening Group is planning to be in the Ottawa Area April 4–6, 2019, but other times can be arranged as well. If you have any questions feel free to contact Karen Dimock (613) 232-9042.

St. Andrew's Scottish Tea and Christmas Bazaar - 2018

November 24th saw the annual tea and bazaar take place. As usual, there were lots of people present—selling, buying, browsing and enjoying tea. This event is put on by the Women's Guild but includes many more individuals to make it happen. At the Guild's December meeting decisions were made as to how to disburse the proceeds of \$10,000, received from the tea and bazaar. The following local agencies were the

recipients this year—the Emergency Food Centre, Odawa Friendship Centre, Interval House, Ottawa Innercity Ministries, Centretown Laundry Co-operative, the Mission, Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, Elizabeth Fry Society, Bethany Hope Centre, Caring and Sharing, Daybreak Housing, Hospice Care Ottawa, New Day Youth and Adult Service, Rape Crisis Centre and the Salvation Army. The costs of St. Andrew's Nursery Caregiver are also covered.

Please mark your calendar for this year's event, Saturday, November 30, and consider how you might participate.

Remembering 190 Years at St. Andrew's Church Ottawa

Elizabeth J. P.

In September of 2018, St. Andrew's Church celebrated 190 years on the corner of Wellington and Kent, the oldest Protestant congregation in our nation's capital. We all know the story, of how in 1828 Thomas McKay's stonemasons working on the Rideau Canal put their talents to work building 'The Scotch Church', which became our congregation's first home. The present building was completed in 1874, when the demand for more space initiated the construction of a larger, and more imposing, structure: our St. Andrew's Church Ottawa as it now stands.

We continue in this issue of St. Andrew's in Action to look back on some of the memorable members of our congregation. These short vignettes were used on table tent cards at our Anniversary Dinner held in October 2018; we thought you would like to read them again. Many thanks to Sheila U. and David B. for supplying much of the information gleaned from my many forays into our Archives cupboard; enjoy!

[Ella Webster Bronson \(1846–1925\)](#)

Ella was born in Norfolk, VA, the daughter of Prof. N.B. Webster (a cousin of the American statesman Daniel Webster). She married Erskine Bronson, a member of a prominent Ottawa family, in 1874. Erskine was well-liked, perhaps partly because of his constant efforts to help the poor. He served as an Elder at St. Andrew's for 47 years (it is of interest to note that for a span of 80 years, from 1873 to 1953, the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's always included one Bronson, and sometimes two). Ella, along with her mother-in-law Editha, put faith into deeds, week after week, through the Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Societies, and a number of Ottawa charities. Ella worked



closely with Lady Aberdeen to found the National Council of Women in Canada. During her 7-year term as vice-president of the Ottawa Local Council of Women, she served on committees which lobbied for the teaching of domestic science in Ottawa high schools, the creation of a free library system, and the set-up of cottages in which tubercular patients could convalesce. Perhaps her greatest achievement was to found the Ottawa Maternity Hospital in 1895. She served as president with an all-woman board of directors. The hospital, which had medical standards of the highest order, trained 600 nurses by 1920, and by 1925 had treated 10,000 patients. The Maternity Hospital closed in the mid-1920's to become part of the new Civic Hospital. Ella died Feb. 11, 1925, and is buried at Beechwood Cemetery.

Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce (1853–1932)

Dr. Peter Bryce, a highly respected physician who specialized in public health and the treatment of tuberculosis, was appointed Chief Medical Inspector in the Department of the Interior and Indian Affairs in 1904. During his sixteen years in that position, Dr. Bryce issued regular reports documenting the poor health and preventable deaths of many Indigenous children in the residential schools, and the unsanitary conditions in which they lived. He submitted his reports to federal politicians who funded the schools and to the churches that administered them. His findings were published in newspapers and magazines from Ottawa to Montreal to Victoria. And yet, virtually nothing changed—the Residential School System continued until the last school closed in 1996.



Dr. Bryce lived and worked in Ottawa, and was a member of St. Andrew's. The Presbyterian Church in Canada operated 11 residential schools, from Ontario west to British Columbia, from the mid-1880s until 1969. It was one of the first religious organizations to recognize its role in the painful legacy of the schools. Building upon work begun in the mid-1980s, the Church adopted its Confession—a formal apology to Indigenous Peoples—in 1994.

Senator Cairine Wilson (1885–1962)



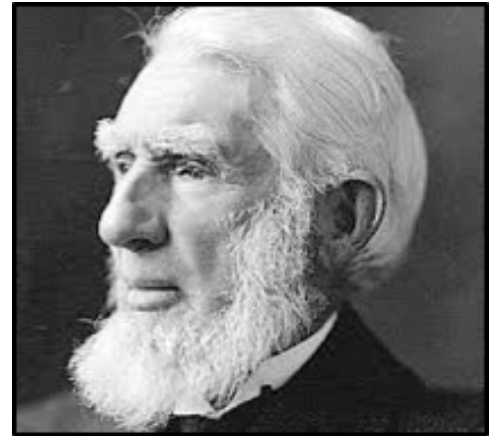
Cairine Wilson grew up in Montreal, where her father was a businessman and a Senator. Her family's Presbyterian roots and commitments stayed strong throughout their lives. After marrying Norman Wilson, a Member of Parliament, and moving to Rockland, then Ottawa, she began an interest in political matters, particularly those concerning women and youth. She founded the Ottawa Women's Liberal Club, worked with the National Federation of Liberal Women of Canada, the League of Youth, and the Local Council of Women. It was not her way to be politically aggressive, preferring to advance her causes through personal persuasion.

By 1930, she had 8 children, the youngest just 4. When Prime

Minister Mackenzie King wished to appoint her as Canada's first woman Senator, she was at first reluctant (this was a time, just after the Person's Case, when many people, principally men, still felt that women's place was in the home, not in the Senate grappling with legislation). Prime Minister King applied persuasion, and eventually she agreed. Her years in the Senate were extraordinarily busy and sometimes difficult. In 1938, when thousands of refugees were in desperate flight from Europe as war loomed, she met fierce resistance from both the government and the public when she sought to loosen immigration restrictions and permit Canada to give refuge to those in need. In this cause, she was supported forcefully by the minister at St. Andrew's, the Rev. Ian Burnett. However, she was saddened that her denomination and nation did not rally to assist the refugees with more commitment. After the war, she was able to help a number of families who came to Canada in search of a new life. In 1948, she was elected a delegate to the United Nations.

John Rudolphus Booth (1827–1925)

John Rudolphus Booth was born in the Eastern Townships, the son of an Irish immigrant. He worked as a carpenter for the Central Vermont Railway, and in 1852 he married Rosalinda Cook; by 1854, they arrived in Bytown "with a baby daughter, \$9.00 and an abiding faith in God". Booth found work as a machinist in Hull, eventually opening his own machine shop. His next venture in 1858 was a shingle mill; soon after he was awarded a contract to supply the lumber for the new Parliament Buildings. J.R. walked his forest along Constance Creek to select the trees, just as in 1872 he personally chose the 8 trees (columns) which still hold up St. Andrew's roof.



By 1904, he owned extensive forests, had formed the Canadian Atlantic Railway, moved into the production of pulp and paper, employed thousands of men, owned uncounted square miles of real estate, and eventually became one of the richest men in the British Empire. Rosalinda and J.R. had 8 children, 3 dying very young. After Rosalinda died of pneumonia aged 57 in 1886, J.R. donated the first stained glass window in St. Andrew's in 1895, dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Rosalinda. The window was created by the McCausland Company, Toronto. Rosalinda's sister Victoria, her husband Robert Booth, and their children, are commemorated in the adjacent Nativity Window. J.R. Booth died in December 1925; he is buried next to Rosalinda in Beechwood Cemetery.

News from Amkhut, India

Aisling B.

In the lead up to Christmas, First Church Amkhut tried something new: the members of the congregation hosted a sale on December 17th, where they sold food, clothing, and homemade crafts. I often share photos from our Scottish Tea and Christmas Bazaar, so I like to think we've rubbed off on them a bit. In reality they probably got the idea from the congregation in Jobat, who also host a similar market evening every Advent.



Christmas Day is truly a day of celebration, where the entire community plays games and eats together. This year the Amkhut youth group teams came second in both the girls' handball and the boys' cricket tournaments. They also had special visit from their own version of the "3 Kings"—well, more like the king and queen of the nearby town, Kathiwara and the queen of Limdi. They had expressed interest in visiting Amkhut, so the congregation formally invited them to worship on Christmas Day.



Everyone in the Vindhya-Satpura region is happy with the election of the new Bishop, Rt.

Rev. Manoj Charan, who hails from nearby Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh. He invited a number of youth from the area to dance at his consecration service in Indore.



Amkhut held its annual 5-day convention February 13–17, where they hosted upward of 2,500 people, including almost 450 children, for a spiritual retreat. Like last year, the congregation invited the region's Pentecostal congregations to join as well; they doubled the budget to 4.5 lakh rupees (almost \$8000CAD); part of this budget is for rice and daal which the congregation feeds to attendees, and also covers the cost of the guest ministers and praise band, who were invited from Damoh, MP and Rajasthan. The speaker for the children traveled all the way from West Bengal. Their theme this year came from Psalm 119: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Please keep retired missionary Pauline B. in your prayers; in early January she was admitted to the Jobat Christian Hospital. It has been slow progress, but her doctors are confident that she will soon be able to do load-bearing exercises. Everyday a number of women from the church keep her company and in the evening she phones family and friends in Canada, who keep her company through the night!



Women's Retreat

Plans are well underway for the 2019 Women's Retreat, taking place on **Saturday, April 27** at St. Andrew's Church Stittsville, under the theme "This Little Light of Mine". Come and be inspired to "shine this little light" of yours by exploring your gifts in worship, informal workshops, a speaker, and good conversation. Please keep an eye on the St. Andrew's website and the Sunday church calendars for final details. See Sydney Johnson (sj@standrewsottawa.ca) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Pneumonia Vests for India

Diane H.

What a nice surprise to get a phone call, December 20, from Pauline B. in India!!

She wanted to let me know that the latest shipment of vests had arrived and had been distributed to the hospital, school and a small village close to Jobat. She said the children were so happy to receive them and that the parents were pleased that their little ones had received a Christmas present. I thank God that people get so much joy from a small gesture of kindness. If anyone knows just where the need is greatest, it would be Pauline.

She thanked us for the knitting and I assured her that it came mostly from Barbara N. She thanked us for paying for the postage and I told her that the Mission and Outreach Committee, headed up by Rob S., paid the postage from their budget. Pauline wanted everyone involved to know just how much she appreciated this gift and to please let St. Andrew's Church know how much the doctors and people of Jobat appreciated the vests. I spoke with Rev. Karen and she suggested that maybe other knitters would like to knit the vests and that I should include the pattern with this article. If you need further information please call me. Thank you.

Pneumonia Vest Pattern

of stitches for a 12 month size # in (brackets) for small infant size

YARN – Use dark shades of synthetic yarn, worsted weight, for practicality in washing. Approx. 2 oz, of fine soft yarn required, use scrapes to make stripes for variation.

NEEDLES - 2 #8 or #9 (Canadian) or #3.75 or #4 (Metric) 2 stitch holders

FRONT – Cast on 60 (48) stitches. Knit 9 or 10 inches in garter stitch (9 for small)

NECK OPENING – Put 20 (16) stitches on stitch holder. Cast off next 20 (16) stitches for neck edge. Do not make this edge too firm to allow for stretching over the head. Knit on remaining 20 (16) stitches for 3 (2) inches for right shoulder. Put these stitches on a stitch holder. Pick up the 20 (16) stitches from the first stitch holder and knit 3 (2) inches for left shoulder.

BACK – On last row of left shoulder cast on 20 (16) stitches loosely for back of neck opening. Pick up stitches from first stitch holder. You now have 60 (48) stitches on needle. Knit back to correspond with front.

FINISHING – Sew up sides beginning at the bottom. Leave a space approximately 3 inches long (from top of shoulder to bottom of arm hole) for arm holes. Tidy loose ends.

Fabric Art at St. Andrew's

Elizabeth J. P., based on notes from Brenda D.

At the November 2018 meeting of the Women's Guild, we welcomed church members Morag L., Driesje P., Sheila S. and Billie S.. Each of these talented women had contributed to the needlework and quilted hangings throughout the church, and it was time to either learn more, or refresh some memories.

The following information will give you an idea of just how some of these beautiful works were created: make sure that you take another look at these lovely pieces the next time you are at the church!

Bible Sampler: The Holy Scriptures

Framed Wall Hanging, Arthur Currie Room.

Morag L. described how the nine people worked on this sampler, created in 1978 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Andrew's Church Ottawa. Enid P. did the research to get the correct order of each translation of the Bible. The work is cross stitch, using embroidery floss on linen. Different colours of thread were used by individual ladies who had a week in their home to complete their part, using a chart to keep all of the work consistent. Driesje P. designed the church and tree in one afternoon. Spacing was critical! The border was completed last, and shared among all nine ladies.



Jesus and the Twelve Disciples at the Last Supper

Framed Wall Hanging, Arthur Currie Room

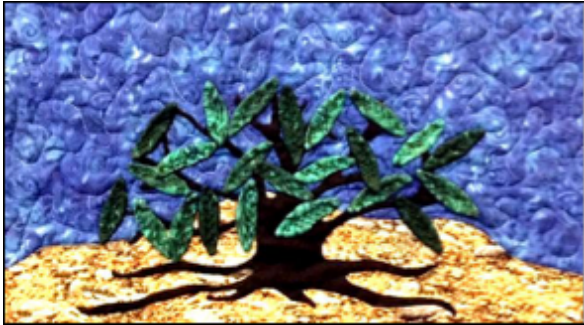
Driesje P. embroidered this large piece on her own, as she needed something to do at that time. Originally it was to be done in black but she felt shades of brown would be more effective and uplifting. She worked the table first, then added the items on the table, some with bits of gold embroidery thread to make them stand out. The outlines of the figures were worked next, leaving the faces to the end, with Jesus the last. The Memorials Committee had the piece framed a couple of years ago.



Pulpit Fall and Communion Table Runner

Sanctuary

Billie S. described how the pulpit fall came to be: she was a member of the Worship & Music Committee when it was suggested that a new fall was needed, and as a quilter she took on the challenge. She looked through books of liturgical hangings and her imagination was sparked to recreate the burning bush, but three dimensional: fabrics were chosen that had ‘movement’.



A small St. Andrew’s cross was added in the top left.



The Communion

Table Runner was made of blue material to match the pulpit fall, with trees on each end. She used a quilting technique called “recoll” to make the runner more interesting to the eye.

The Easter Pulpit Fall

Billie wanted this hanging to reflect the light coming to the World. She used plain, bright colours and added more light in the design as she worked with it. This fall is now used for both Lent and Advent.

Let the Amen Banner

Sanctuary, north-west wall.



A group of ladies from the Quilting Group took on this project. Margaret E. and Valda M. were part of the design team, determining that ‘Amen’ should be the focus with a musical theme. The musical staff was not to be straight but flowing. It was cross stitched mainly by Driesje P.

Ottawa Quilted Wall Hanging

82 Kent Street staircase

Designed by Ted R., the St. Andrew’s Quilting Group took on this project for the 150th Anniversary of the church in the late 1970’s. Each member did a section on this beautiful, vibrant hanging, depicting Ottawa, with its Parliament Buildings, St. Andrew’s Church, the Rideau Canal, with its bridges, running through the middle of the hanging, Dow’s Lake, and tulips representing the relationship of St. Andrew’s with the Netherlands.



Praise Banner

Sanctuary, south-west wall

Morag L., Valda M. and Driesje P. were the creators with the words of the hymn embroidered with the theme of 'Praise'. This cross-stitched banner depicts the notes of the last line of the hymn at the very bottom.

Canada 125 Wall Hanging

North narthex

This quilted wall hanging was created for Canada 125 in 1992, depicting flags of the countries representing members of the congregation at that time. Debbie O. and Simone C. were the creators.

Cross with Crown of Thorns Wall Hanging

Sanctuary on Good Friday

This hanging is quite old and was used only on Good Friday. The cross has actual thorns pieced into the cloth. It was created by our late church member Rene B., and is stored in the Sound Room behind the pulpit.

Geese Flying Wall Hanging

Sanctuary, for the month of May

Designed by Richard B., and created by the Church School, this hanging was hung in the sanctuary to coincide with the Tulip Festival. It was last used several years ago, and is stored in the Sound Room.

Spring Wednesday Evening Studies

We want to encourage everyone to consider joining us for our Spring Wednesday Evening Study sessions which have just begun. We have three studies this season to choose from, all ably led. Let us support our leaders with our prayers and active participation. For those who

haven't joined before, the evenings start at 6:00 p.m. with a communal supper provided by one of the study groups which gives us an opportunity to enjoy a time of friendship and a nourishing meal before heading out to our study sessions. These sessions run for six weeks concluding mid-April and provide us with a great opportunity to make an in-depth investigation into the session topics. We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you Tracey and wishing you best of luck!

Christian Education Committee

For the last six years, we have been blessed to have Tracey Stabback as director of our Junior Choir. Her talent, passion for music and faith have made an indelible mark on the children in the choir and our Congregation. Our Junior Choir's marvellous sound was the result of hours of practice and a true commitment which Tracey knew how to draw out of so many of the children. For the inspiration she gave all of us, last December the Congregation presented Tracey with a beautiful piece of glass art made by artist and Congregation member Rick Bond. We wish Tracey the very best of luck as she takes on new challenges!



The Junior Choir Director Hiring Committee

We are currently still on the hunt for a Junior Choir Director. The committee is made up by: Jeanie H., Alec T., Helaina B., Jonathan K., Jonathan M., Stuart M., Heather P., Karen Dimock, and Sydney Johnson. We have received three applications and have interviewed one applicant. We will be interviewing a second applicant hopefully in the next few weeks and are still accepting applications! Please spread the news to those you think would excel at the position.

VBS 2019

Vacation Bible School-ROAR 2019 "Life is Wild, God is good."

Come join us for a "wild" time this summer for a week of VBS at St. Andrew's Church from Monday, August 12– Friday, August 16! Look for registration on the website soon and mark your calendars to be a part of ROAR this summer. We need volunteers! Please email Sydney Johnson at sj@standrewsottawa.ca for more information on how to be involved with VBS-ROAR this summer. Looking forward to it!



St. Andrew's Trivia

Elizabeth Phillipson

How well do you know St. Andrew's? Here are a few facts to get you started. These were part of a quiz that I prepared for the St. Andrew's Anniversary Dinner back in October. Everyone had a lot of fun with it, so...enjoy! We'll share more of these in the next issue.

Where is the St. Andrew's Ceremonial Trowel kept at the church, and when was it used?

The trowel is in the display cabinet in Fergus Grant Hall; it was used in 1872 for the ceremonial laying of the cornerstone for the new church (seen in the north narthex), by The Rev. Daniel M. Gordon. A copper box was placed in the cornerstone, containing such things as: the coins taken from the old church when the corner stone was raised; copies of the Free Press and other city newspapers, both national and international; a copy of the act of incorporation of the congregation of St. Andrew's 1872; a list of contributors to the new Church to date; the last sermon preached by the Rev. D. M. Gordon; a photograph of the old Church; the Synod roll for 1871; the Constitution by-laws of the St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa.

What year was the church's bell installed, and why did it take so long to acquire it?

St. Andrew's marked the 60th Anniversary of V-E Day on May 8, 2005 by dedicating the first-ever bell in its land-mark spire. Norman and Sheila Lamont and their family came to Ottawa from Scotland in 1958, and chose in 2005 to give the bell in thanksgiving for all the years in which St. Andrew's Church looked after their spiritual needs. Mrs. Ann Crain assumed the considerable installation costs.

When our present church was erected in 1873 on the site of the first stone church, the steeple was built to accommodate a bell. However the 1870's were years of hardship and depression in Ottawa and the Valley, and it became urgent "to raise money for poor relief." In the 1880's, once again, thoughts of a bell were put on hold due to the pressing need for a Sunday School Hall, to be built (1894) where the Manse then stood and on the westward-extending lot on Sparks St. which the Ladies' Aid Society had helped purchase in 1883. In March 1898 at the Society's annual meeting, "Rev. Mr. Herridge suggested it would be nice to have a chime of bells for the tower." It was subsequently discovered that the cost would be from \$2,000 to \$3,000, "too high a sum for the Ladies to undertake to work for", but they did investigate 'tubular bells' as a cheaper alternative. More than a century would pass before a bell arrived at St. Andrew's; the steeple stood strong but silent for 127 years.

Why do we fly the Scottish flag, and what is its formal name?

St. Andrew's was originally a Church of Scotland church, first built on the corner in 1828. The name of the Scottish flag is the Saltire, or Cross of St. Andrew.

Who was the first Minister at St. Andrew's?

The Rev. Dr. John Cruikshank, who ministered at St. Andrew's 1830-1843.

When was the St. Andrew's Women's Guild formed, and what was its original name?

The St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid Society was formed in 1873, and changed its name to the Women's Guild in 1930.



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Mandy Grace '10