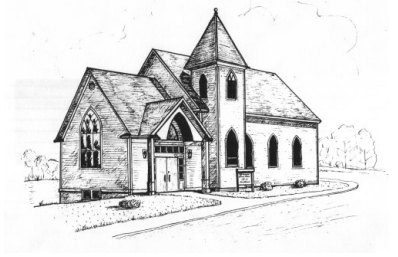


The Salt

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“The Lord has Risen Indeed”

It was after their walk with the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus and in sharing a moment at the table with Jesus that two disciples came to declare: “the Lord has risen indeed”, and they proclaimed to the other disciples how Jesus “had been known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

The event at Emmaus was an “aha” moment for the two disciples who came to see that the stranger among them was Jesus. While they walked and listened to Jesus their hearts were burning as he interpreted the Scriptures for them. It was Jesus’s interpretation of the Scriptures that helped the disciples make sense of the events that took place. However, the word proclaimed was not sufficient to reveal the risen Lord to them. It was in the breaking of bread that Jesus was made known.

One of the joys of this season is that we have two opportunities to gather around a table and partake in the feast in which Jesus breaks bread. As the disciples gathered with Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed we gather Thursday evening in Holy Week to share the feast in which Jesus turned to his disciples saying: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then following the night of betrayal and the events of Good Friday we return to the table on Easter morning to remember his death, proclaim his resurrection and await his coming in glory and we once again partake in the bread that is broken and given for us.

Every time we share the meal of bread and wine the Easter story is proclaimed to us reminding us

of God’s love for us that not only brings us into union with Christ but also brings us into union with each other as the body of Christ. In this sharing of bread and wine the body of Christ appears to us, as we are each members of Christ’s body coming together around the one table:

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. I Cor. 10:17.

In *Being Christian*, which was our Lenten Study for this year, Rowan Williams writes, “when we gather as God’s guests at God’s table, the Church becomes what it is meant to be – a community of strangers who have become guests together and are listening together to the invitation of God.” Now of course many of us are no longer strangers to one another, yet at one point we were strangers to this community and eventually we came to partake in this common meal of bread and wine becoming part of Christ and part of each other when we did. Every time we partake in the meal we not only encounter Jesus, welcoming him as a stranger among us, we also open ourselves to each other and the new life that God offers to our community of faith. The meal challenges us to see the risen Christ in each other.

To my fellow guests at the table, may this Easter offer you an encounter with the risen Lord in the breaking of bread.

Happy Easter!

Rev. Jeffrey Murray

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Our Purpose

*To see Christ more clearly,
Love Him more dearly,
Follow Him more nearly,
day by day.*

Clerk's Corner

We were sad to say goodbye to Bob and Cairine Heughan, who have moved to a care facility in Moncton. They had endeared themselves to our hearts and will be sorely missed.

During this season of Lent, participants are enjoying the study offered by Rev. Jeff on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. It is based on *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer* by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. The discussions are lively and invigorating! They give us a clearer understanding of what our Christian faith means in our lives and they deepen our sense of community as we take part together.

Yours in Christ's service,

Sylvia Harris

Clerk of Session



The Dykeman Room

Have you been in the Dykeman Room and wondered who the couple in the photograph is? They're Florence Cole and Nita Robinson's parents, Ralph and Marjorie Dykeman. They were long-time and active members of St. Andrew's who acted as honorary grandparents to the children of our congregation (who are now all grown up and having children of their own!).

Ralph served as Clerk of Session for over forty years. The wise leadership and counsel of this kindly unassuming man has left us an example of someone whose strong faith was shown in guiding the congregation through difficult times, as well as always being available when the Board of Managers required his very practical skills.

When the Dykeman Room was included in the extension project in 1989, little did we imagine what a valuable multipurpose room it would become! It has been used for everything from a meeting room for church organizations to Church School when the basement was being renovated. It continues to be used for meetings today, and, thanks to the connecting doors, also offers a corner of the sanctuary during Sunday morning worship for anyone who would like to sit or play there. Yes, that said "play." Parents of restless pre-schoolers might like to know that, if they wish to, instead of moving into the Narthex or going downstairs, they can use the Dykeman Room for a little privacy and elbow room for their little ones but still see and hear the service themselves. Given the Dykemans' love of children it's a perfect fit.



Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Income Statement Overview: January 1-February 28, 2015

Total Revenue, all accounts:	\$18,864
Total Expenditures, all accounts:	<u>\$20,802</u>
Net gain/loss:	(\$1,938)
Total Budget, all accounts:	\$114,974
% of Total Budget spent:	18%
% of Year gone by:	17%

These figures show a small **net loss** at this point in the year—spending is just slightly ahead of revenue.

Breakdown by Account, January 1-February 28, 2015

Operating Account

Revenue:	\$16,985
Expenses:	<u>\$20,653</u>
Net gain/loss:	(\$3,668)
Budget (Revenue):	\$112,024
% of Budget raised:	15%

Building & Reserve Account

Revenue:	\$1,879
Expenses:	<u>\$149</u>
Net gain/loss:	\$1,730
Budget (Expense):	\$2,250
% of Budget spent:	7%

The above breakdown shows that the Operating Account is the one that needs bolstering at present. With debentures paid off, and no big projects for Building & Reserve planned for this year, this is the way it stands.

Memorial Account

This account balance stands at about \$4,000, \$700 of which is reserved for "Benevolent Fund." These moneys are held in trust for Session-sanctioned use. Recent projects paid for with this account are: the new handrails up to the pulpit stage (\$1,385) and a new digital projector (\$905).

Anne Miller

Treasurer

From the Library (1)

Every Day is Malala Day, by Rosemary McCarney with Plan International

Illustrated with beautiful photography from around the world, this children's book is a letter written to Malala Yousafzi, a young Pakistani girl who was seriously injured by the Taliban while on her way to school. Written from the perspective of girls around the world who stand in support of Malala, this inspirational book is a reminder of the many obstacles girls experience and why a friend like Malala can help guide all girls to work towards freedom, equality and justice for children everywhere.

Submitted by *Lindsay Murray*

Greeting at St. Andrew's

Each Sunday, Christmas Eve and Good Friday we need to have two greeters (one of whom may be reading as well) to unlock the church, make everyone feel welcome and perform other duties before, during and after the worship service. They include:



- Unlock the church one half-hour before the service begins, and ensure it stays unlocked by securing the panic bar with the Allen key.
- Put up the numbers for the hymns (the numbers are on the table beside the organ).
- Turn on the power bar to the right of the pulpit for the public address system.
- Take the Bible to the narthex and mark the readings.
- Put glasses of water on the pulpit and on the shelf by the organ.
- Greet each person and pass out the bulletins, also answering questions about child care, giving out large-print hymnals, and inviting visitors to sign the guest book. Provide any other needed services, such as holding babies. Little children often prefer a "high five" to a handshake.
- When the minister gives the word, one greeter carries the Bible to the lectern while the other rings the bell to begin the service.
- Close the sanctuary doors.
- Sitting on the left aisle in the back row is good, so you can keep an eye on the doors and go to welcome and give bulletins to any latecomers.
- Collect the offering.
- Open the sanctuary doors.
- After the service, collect the water glasses, wash them, and return them to the table in the narthex.
- Wander up and down the aisle, collecting forgotten bulletins and putting hymnals, psalm books and Bibles back in their places.
- Make sure the front door panic bar is released with the Allen key. If you need to leave while others are still around, ask the counters in the Dykeman Room to do this. The door must be locked.

If you'd like to take a turn as a greeter, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or contact Mary Bogaard. Don't worry if you're a single in need of a partner—one will be found to join you.

Mary Bogaard

Greeter Coordinator

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

Author unknown

Flower Committee

Have you noticed the weekly roses at the front of the church? Have you noticed that each week during Lent that there is one less rose? The flower committee thought this was a way for all of us to “count down” to Holy Week and the anticipation of Easter.

If anyone would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on any Sunday in memory of a loved one, a special occasion or just because please feel free to contact a member of the committee.

Happy Easter,

Carol Sheehan, Donna & Michael Capper, Eileen Smith, Linda Trentini and Mona Meldrum



Atlantic Mission Society

Somehow, the AMS has managed to meet each month during this especially snowy and blowy winter. We generally gather the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Lately we have been meeting in the homes of members, as this enables those of us with mobility issues to attend. Sometimes “Auxiliary” or “Ladies Aid” is appended to the name which indicates that we are a changing group but still influenced by our past. We would love to have anyone interested in “Mission” join us. We also have associate members, those who cannot attend meetings but are interested in what we do. Mission Awareness Sunday is the 26th of April and the theme suggested for the Sunday Service is “The Good Shepherd.” We hope you will learn and share with us on that date.

At each meeting we have a devotional, a study, business and sometimes refreshments. This year the study is “Making Connections: Walking Side by Side: A Journey toward Healing and Reconciliation,” written by Barbara Strang.

Teddies for Tragedies are still being made under the encouragement of Julie Comeau. These knitted and stuffed toys are distributed to children in disaster situations, especially, where most of their belongings are lost. Of course we still foster a girl, Mint Aliyin Vatimetou, with World Vision. Locally, our group has donated funds for the purchase of a new stove for the church kitchen.



We were happy to host the 2015 World Day of Prayer Service held on the first Friday of March. Approximately 40 people were present for the service, written by the women of the Bahamas. It was gratifying to welcome those from the Sackville Inter-church community and to think how people all over the world were learning about and praying for the Bahamas on the same day.

Deborah Stewart
Interim Secretary

Hospitality at St. Andrew's 101

On the second Sunday of the months September through May, unless another special meal is planned for that month, we meet for a light lunch called Coffee and Conversation. Some of these lunches include a presentation on a topic of interest to our congregation. To provide the lunch, households of the congregation are divided into five lists. Committee members take turns being “in charge” and phoning one of the lists asking them to bring something. If you don't get a call, you don't need to bring anything—just come and enjoy yourself!

Please note: if you're new to St. Andrew's and are willing to be on a phoning list, please let one of us know. If you're on the list now but need to withdraw your name, please tell us.

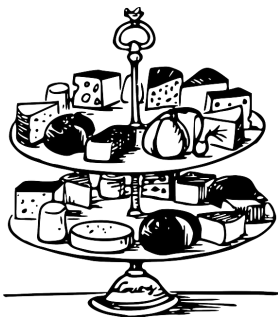
In June, July & August we have a social time with Lemonade and Cookies after church.

We have five other meals during the year:

- December Christmas Pot Luck Supper (food organized by a sign-up sheet)
- NEW: Shrove Tuesday Pancake/Waffle Supper (committee members brought food, and donations were requested to cover costs)
- Maundy Thursday dessert before communion (those who attend are asked to bring dessert to share)
- Easter Sunrise Breakfast (another sign-up sheet)
- June Church picnic (organized by the Sunday School, but Social Committee helps out)

Guidelines for the Social Committee:

- We use Fair Trade coffee and tea.
- We ask that if you bring food, that you take left-overs home or pass them on to someone else before you leave, so that no food is wasted.
- We want each person who comes to our events to find at least one thing they will be able to eat in each category of savoury, dessert and beverage.
- So far, we are aware of the need for: gluten-free, sugar-free, nut-free, meat-free, caffeine-free, lactose-free. Please help us by sharing your comments and suggestions for these guidelines.



*Mary Bogaard, Barb Clarke, Beth Cockburn-Savoie, Alice Folkins,
Debbie Stewart, and Linda Trentini*

Games Night

I am suggesting that we have a games night. The Cappers would host it on April 24th. If too many possible participants have a conflict, we can push one week to May 1st.

Participants can bring their own choice of game to play or come to learn or enjoy someone else's choice.

I would like a relatively early start time—7:00 p.m.? A tentative suggested age for participants might be about 9 and up—parents making some decision on whether their children can sit, learn and participate in the games taking place.

Kibitzers would be welcome.

We have checkers, chess and “Go” for those who wish to play pure skill games.

We have a rather challenging crokinole board.

Cards are also here for those who might wish to play cribbage, bridge, whist, hearts or euchre.

All of the above do not include board games. We have become quite fond of a board game called “Ticket to Ride” but that doesn't stop people from starting a Monopoly, Risk or other game.

Coffee and tea supplied by Cappers.

Any other suggestions?



Michael Capper

From the Library (2)

Kings Crossroads, by Michael Phillips

Behind every door is a life, and behind every life is a destiny fashioned by choices and crossroads. *Kings Crossroads* could be your town. It could be my town. Like any town, it is a microcosm of American life. Its politicians, preachers, contractors, teachers, and business owners, young and old, men and women alike, are about to discover that the terrorism of modern times can strike at the heart of small towns as well as large cities. When, as a result, individual crossroads beckon, and suddenly the shadow of an ancient cross falls across life's path, every man and every woman of *Kings Crossroads* will face choices, opportunities, and dangers that will write their own eternal destinies.

This is their story. . . a story about danger, about opportunity, and about what life means, and about what it ought to mean. Perhaps you will find yourself in its pages too.

The Lord is My Shepherd, written and illustrated by Regolo Ricci

One of the most comforting and reassuring passages of all time, “Psalm 23” is a celebration of life and rebirth. Here, for people of all ages, is a stunningly beautiful presentation of cycles and seasons, seen through the eyes of a wondrous array of creatures, great and small, strong and weak—all playing their parts in nature's intricate plan. Lavish paintings by Regolo Ricci, make *The Lord is My Shepherd* a keepsake that calls readers back again and again.



Submitted by *Beth Cockburn-Savoie*

Calendar of Events

Every first Sunday	11:00 a.m.	– Food Bank Sunday
Every Monday	7:00 p.m.	– Ladies' Study Group
Every Thursday	9:30 a.m.	– Parents and Tots
Every second Saturday	10:00 a.m.	– Atlantic Mission Society

Sunday 29 March – Palm Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. – Lenten Study, *Being Christian*, Chapter 4: “Prayer”
- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Thursday 2 April – Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. – Refreshments
- 7:30 p.m. – Sacrament of Holy Communion

Friday 3 April – Good Friday

- 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service

Sunday 5 April – Easter Sunday – *FOOD BANK SUNDAY*

- 6:48 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast at the church
- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
– Sacrament of Holy Communion



Wednesday 8 April

- 5:45 p.m. – Choir rehearsal

Sunday 12 April – Second Sunday of Easter

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday 15 April

- 5:45 p.m. – Choir rehearsal

Sunday 19 April – Third Sunday of Easter

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Sunday 26 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mission Awareness Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship led by the Atlantic Mission Society

Monday 4 May

- 3:00 p.m. – Session meeting

Wednesday 6 May

- 7:00 p.m. – Board of Managers meeting