

The Salt

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Sackville NB



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St. Andrew's and St. James

Over the last few months, many couples marked their wedding anniversaries. As they celebrated, they might have reflected upon their years of marriage, the ups and downs, the journeys that their lives have taken, and the accomplishments that they achieved together.

Although a wedding, and subsequent anniversaries, mark the union of two persons, a marriage is also a union of two families. When I married Lindsay, I not only became part of her life but part of the White and Chapple families and likewise Lindsay became part of the Murray and McKay families. Our union was a new small branch connected to the greater family trees that each of us belongs to, and though our last name is Murray there are many hidden names that we identify with that point to the particular histories and characteristic that shape who we are.

It is the same for church anniversaries. Often when we celebrate our church anniversary we mark the events of "St. Andrew's," yet hidden behind that name are other names that we may identify with that point to the many histories and characteristics that shape who we are as a church. Even in this small enclave of the faith we represent a union of various churches and denominations.

One particular name that has been united with St. Andrew's is St. James. More recently, some of the members from the former St. James, Port Elgin have become part of the St. Andrew's family but there was once another St. James that became part of St. Andrew's.

On 19 May 1968, the Presbytery of Saint John held a Service of Amalgamation marking the union of St. James Church, Dorchester with St. Andrew's Church, Sackville. The Rev. L.E. Blaikie preached a sermon entitled "The Essential Character of the Church" and during the service the amalgamated congregations said in unison, "We dedicate ourselves to the worship of God and the service of His Kingdom."

Later in that year the church and land of the former St. James congregation were turned over to the board of St. Andrew's, and the property was sold to the Westmorland Historical Society for the sum of one dollar. The Presbytery of Saint John was asked to cover the legal fees and arrangements were made to hold services in the church on pre-arranged occasions. We are now in our 50th year as the amalgamated congregation of St. Andrew's and St. James Presbyterian Church.

As we mark our anniversary this year, we can consider how we are made up of those who come from St. James, Dorchester, as well as from other churches and denominations. They have all become part of our history, contributing a legacy and a character that has shaped us as a church family. Wherever we have come from, though, we continue to dedicate ourselves to the worship of God and the service of God's Kingdom.

Happy Anniversary,

Rev. Jeffrey Murray

Editor's Note: See page 5 for a photograph.

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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

Welcome to my first Clerk's Corner column! As you may have read in the April issue of *The Salt*, Sylvia Harris stepped down as Clerk of Session last year. I accepted the call to this position in early May. Sylvia held a number of responsibilities that have now been distributed among elders. Lew Clarke was named our Representative Elder, and Brian Neilson is serving as the alternate. Linda Trentini now has responsibility for Church bookings. Mona Meldrum is the new Roll Clerk and also has responsibility for the District List.



It was with great regret, but also with abundant thanks for her years of dedicated service, that we accepted Sylvia's resignation from Session, effective at the end of June, 2017. I am personally grateful to Sylvia for her wise counsel and support as I find my way into my new role as Clerk of Session!

In August we accepted Donna Capper's letter of resignation from Session, as she and Michael moved to Ontario. Their service and their presence will be greatly missed here at St. Andrews.

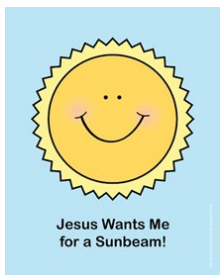
One of my tasks as Session Clerk is to record attendance counts at Church services. So if you see me furtively looking around at everyone (usually during the 2nd hymn), don't worry: I'm not checking to see whether your hair is combed, or who's not wearing a tie! I do find it a joy though, to see everyone gathered as a community of faith, lifting your voices in song!

Laura Snyder

Clerk of Session

Church School

Church School is picking up speed. This year we have three groups: Tweens, Middlers and Early Childhood. Each group is following its own curriculum. The Tweens are investigating Generation Why; "How to Read the Bible" with Brian Neilson leading. This is an exciting new curriculum for us and offers more challenging material for our older group. The Middlers are "Living In God's Light" with Barbra Clayton who is sharing the class. The Early Childhood group is currently led by Linda Trentini. This group is exploring Living in the Light "Being God's People" from the perspective of the very young age group. Elizabeth Craig has been leading music and helping in whichever class needs a leader or helper.



We continue to pray for others to join this youth ministry. If any of you reading this today feel drawn to offering help please speak with Brian, Elizabeth, Barbra or Linda.

Atlantic Mission Society and Ladies Group



The AMS and Ladies Group have had a busy schedule after the summer break. Two baby quilts have been completed by members this fall. One for Beth Cockburn-Savoie's granddaughter, Rayna, and the other for Hannah and Brian's grandson, Maxwell.

Sylvia Harris represented our Auxiliary at the 141st annual meeting of the AMS which was held from September 15-17 in North Sydney, NS.

On October 14th we hosted the Fall Rally of the AMS with the Rev. Don Shephard from St. John conducting the meeting and Abby Wood, from the Inter-varsity Christian Fellows as our guest speaker. Abby works with students here at Mount Allison and the University of New Brunswick.

This year's Craft and Bake sale will be held on Sunday, November 26th following the church service. Gingersnaps and hot apple cider will be served as usual. This year money raised will be divided between Open Sky and Servant Partners.

Our Christmas party will be held at Eileen Smith's home on December 9th and husbands are invited. There will be poems read, stories told and carols sung followed by a luncheon at noon.

Subscriptions to the *Presbyterian Message* are now due. Anyone who wishes to receive this interesting magazine, which is only \$12.00 for ten issues for the year, may let Eileen Smith know.

Our meetings are held once a month usually on the second Saturday morning at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

President: Julie Comeau; Secretary: Debbie Stewart; Treasurer: Eileen Smith; Past President: Sylvia Harris.

Eileen Smith
AMS Treasurer

Teddies for Tragedies

It has been a very good year for Teddies for Tragedies. We had 126 teddy bears dedicated last November by Rev. Murray, and they were then sent to the staging area where nurses and Doctors without Borders picked up the teddies, and took them to children in devastated areas. Many of these children have lost everything in the world, including their families, so having a teddy bear to hold and talk to is extremely important. We will have about the same amount of Teddies to be dedicated this year.

Unfortunately, we will be losing the expertise of Nita Robinson due to health reasons. Nita started knitting teddy bears with me about 15 years ago, and she will be terribly missed. Just imagine Nita how many children you helped comfort and love as a result of knitting for Teddies for Tragedies!! Thank you so very much.

I would also like to thank Jean Scobie and Terrlynn Allen for their service to this wonderful outreach project.

None of this would be possible however, if it were not for the generous donations from the members of St. Andrew's, and the Atlantic Mission Society.



Thank you and Blessings,
Julie Comeau

Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Income Statement Overview: January 1-September 30, 2017

Total Revenue, all accounts:	\$86,059
Total Expenditures, all accounts:	<u>\$84,230</u>
Net gain /loss:	\$1,829
Total Budget, all accounts:	\$119,690
% of Total Budget spent:	70.37 %
% of Year gone by:	75 %

This report completes the third quarter of the church's fiscal year. It is seemingly "on track."

Breakdown by Account, January 1-September 30, 2017

Operating Account

Revenue:	\$74,307
Expenses:	<u>\$77,821</u>
Net gain/loss :	(\$3,514)
Budget (Revenue):	\$109,690
% of Budget raised:	71%

Building & Reserve Account

Revenue:	\$8,425
Expenses:	<u>\$3,102</u>
Net gain /loss:	\$5,323
Budget (Expense):	\$10,000
% of Budget spent:	31%

The above figures for these two accounts, which run the church, show that we are "in the black", but just, and we are still \$7,000 in debt for the elevator. It is very much hoped that we can pay back at least one of the two chunks (a \$5,000 and a \$2,000) that make up that debt by December 1, 2017.

Memorial Account

This account has a balance of under \$5,000, of which \$700 is reserved for the Benevolent Fund. The rest of the funds in the account are held in trust for Session-sanctioned use.

Anne Miller
Treasurer

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



Photo from the Westmorland Historical Society. An article on St. James is online at: <http://keillorhousemuseum.com/museums/st-james-textile-museum/st-james-presbyterian-church-a-brief-history/>

The order of service and documents regarding the amalgamation were obtained this summer and are set to be deposited into the Mount Allison University Archives.



A Note from Toronto

Vivien Hicks has written to say her transition has gone well, and she's well settled at her new home. People are very friendly, and everyone, right to the cleaning staff, smiles and greets her. The meals are wonderful, and she was happy to entertain Lew and Barb Clarke a couple of weeks ago. Her [contact information is available upon request]. She says all the best to everyone at St. Andrews, and she would love to hear from folks back home!

Tech Support Request

Sylvia Harris is in need of assistance to set up her television (Citizen) and VCR/DVD player (Toshiba). She would be very grateful if a patient, and tech-savvy person could show her what she needs to do to make the equipment work, write down the steps for her, and then make sure she can run it on her own. If you can help, please contact her as soon as possible: cold winter nights are perfect movie nights!

Editor for *The Salt*

We're still looking for a new editor for *The Salt*. Our church newsletter comes out twice per year, at Easter and in the Fall, and is a much-anticipated way of keeping everyone updated on what we have been and will be up to as a congregation. If you would like to know more about what you would need to do please contact Elizabeth Millar.

Calendar of Events *continued*

Sunday 5 November – All Saints Sunday – Anniversary Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
– Sacrament of Holy Communion
– Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. P.A. (Sandy) McDonald
- 3:00 p.m. – Common Vision Singing to End Hunger Choir Event at the Mount Allison Chapel. St. Andrew's choir will take part along with other Sackville church choirs. Donations will go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Wednesday 8 November

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

Wednesday 15 & 22 November

- 7:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal

Monday 20 November

- 2:00 p.m. – Session meeting

Sunday 26 November

- 10:00 a.m. – Choir rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
- 12:00 p.m. – AMS Christmas Sale
- 3:00 p.m. – Service at the Drew Nursing Home



Sunday 3 December – First Sunday in Advent – White Gift Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
– Sacrament of Holy Communion

Wednesday 6 & 13 December

- 7:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal

Sunday 10 December – Second Sunday in Advent

- 5:00 p.m. – Congregational Potluck Supper at St. Ann's

Sunday 17 December – Third Sunday in Advent

- 10:00 a.m. – Choir rehearsal

Sunday 24 December – Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. – Family Christmas Eve Service
- 11:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service and Holy Communion



Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship