

The Salt

The Newsletter of the St. Andrew's Church Family,
Sackville NB



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The Church of Christ



“We were all poor, very poor.” These are the words Mrs. Helen Craise Beale typed as she recalled the conditions of the church hall in the late thirties, in *The History of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Sackville, N.B., 1939-1984*. With a

leaking roof and other frustrations with the building the church knew that “something had to be done, and soon” but they were poor.

Well, between 1939 and 1942 our very poor church began to raise funds. By 1942 a congregational meeting was called to discuss a building project to remodel the church hall that you see pictured above.

In 1943 plans were presented to the congregation and the major renovation of the church hall commenced, which included a plan to turn the hall from a north and south position to an east and west position. The turned hall underwent further changes that included lowering the roof, adding a tower, putting in Gothic windows, adding pews, and many other changes (see 1946 picture of the church below).

Following the renovations, October 8, 1944 was designated as Dedication Sunday and three services were held on the Sunday during that Thanksgiving weekend. “It really was Thanksgiving Day and the Presbyterians in Sackville had much for which to

be thankful”, recorded Mrs. Beale.

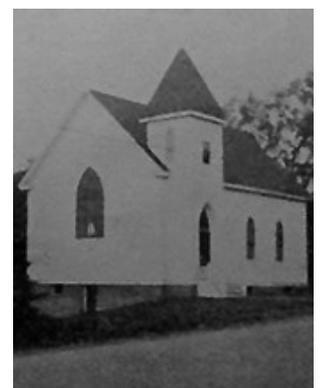
The celebration was such a special occasion for the congregation that the Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was invited to preach and the sermon he offered was entitled, “The church of Christ.”

This year we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of this significant undertaking in the life of our congregation on Sunday, October 26th. Though the church may have been “poor, very poor” back then, the church was very rich in determination and dedication to continue being the church of Christ on the corner of Bridge and Squire. With the challenges before them they were determined to “turn themselves around” not just for their generation but also for future generations.

As we are part of the future they had in mind, we get to enjoy the fruits of their labour. We have the wonderful opportunity to be the church of Christ today, facing what challenges come before us as we keep the future in mind. With the example of the saints of St. Andrew's who have come before us, let us share their determination and their dedication to serve Christ; for indeed we have been richly blessed yesterday and today!

Yours in Christ's
service,

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.

The Salt Update

The Salt is going online! Beginning with this issue, you'll be able to access our church newsletter along with all the other information about us on our website, sapres.ca. Your **privacy is important**, and we don't wish to make anyone uncomfortable with this decision. If you want a family update to be in the print and emailed PDF versions only, just let me know when you send it in and I'll take it out of the online edition. As always, if you have any comments about *The Salt* please do send them along.

Elizabeth Millar

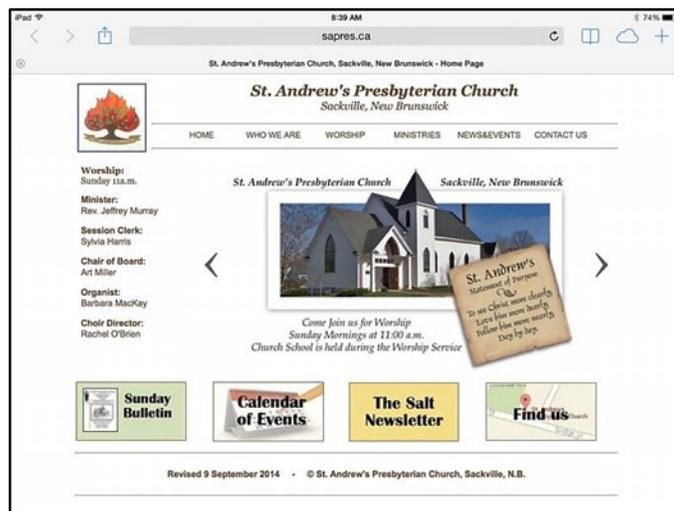
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Church Website – sapres.ca

The church website has had a makeover with new information and pages added. On the homepage you will find a picture slideshow that contains worship information, and features upcoming events, such as our Anniversary Sunday.

Along the top of the homepage you will find a menu with links to take you to the various pages on the website, and at the bottom of the homepage there are quick links to the most recent "Sunday Bulletin", "Calendar of Events", the latest edition of "The Salt", and a "Find Us" link.

Some of the new pages include a "News" page, which will feature some news events that have happened at St. Andrew's. This page also contains the Annual Reports from 2011 to the present and the newsletter starting with this issue of *The Salt*.



Atlantic Mission Society

Our September Atlantic Mission Society meeting was held at Jean Scobie's home on September 13th; a time of reflection of the summer months by members present. This was followed by a light pot-luck lunch.



As our finances are in good standing we were able to make a donation of \$250.00 to Camp Geddie, and support our foster child, Vatma Mint Ely, who is now eight years old. Her latest report card indicated that she is now in grade four and her favourite subjects are reading and arithmetic. She is in good health and her home duty is washing pots, but she enjoys playing cards.

Our group study for the coming year is "Making Connections: a Journey Towards Healing and Reconciliation." We plan to continue to meet once a month on a Saturday morning at the homes of members, and the October meeting will be held at Cairine Heughan's on October 4th.

If anyone is interested in joining us for our study and fellowship you would be most welcome. Our president is Hannah McNally, and she can be reached at 536-2424 or at the church on Sunday mornings.

Eileen Smith

AMS Treasurer

The Lord gave us two ends—one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most.

Ann Landers, Columnist

Church Community Garden

Our community garden has actually produced crop for the Family Resource Centre!

The original plan was to grow peas, green beans and yellow beans as last year they were difficult to procure for their "fresh for less" program. Unfortunately, the garden's peas and beans have been disappointing as to volume this year.

The secondary plan was to grow some tomatoes, beets and squashes. Tomatoes and squashes are going to return very satisfying crops. The Sunday after the first killing frost, the Sunday School, having helped plant the garden, will also harvest in the squashes for drying before delivery.

I feel that the garden has done less well than expected as a result of the dryness of the soil. The plan is to move the garden about three feet away from the roots of the back hedge and to dig in vegetable matter to help the ground retain some of the rainwater for longer periods of time, thus promoting growth. To accomplish this, the plan is to dig/roto in the compost pile as well as leaves this autumn.

With thanks to the community volunteers, the Sunday School, and church members, the budget of the garden has been met—cost free. The only expected future cost will be a bag of lime, perhaps as much as \$7.00, which will make the soil somewhat less acidic and thus more fertile. I would expect the garden to grow a similar variety of crop next year unless directed by the annual general meeting to close the garden.



Michael Capper

Project Coordinator

Thanksgiving Riddle

Divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter, and what do you get?

Pumpkin pi.

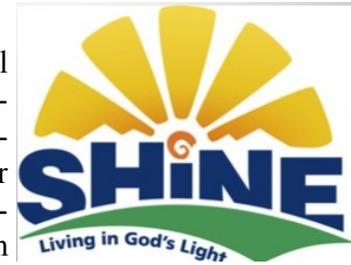


Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

from *The Salt*

Church School

This is an exciting time for those of us leading Church School. Several challenging changes have stoked this feeling. This Fall we start holding Church School during the Worship service. Following the children's story time the children will go downstairs where they will meet together for songs, prayer and the Bible story for that Sunday. Following this time together the group will split up into two groups - Heidi Dawn Griffin and Sharon Griffin will lead the older children, and Linda Trentini and Alice Torrance will lead the younger group. Elizabeth Craig will lead the music, prayer and Bible story time. Children three years old and younger will be part of the Child Care offered each Sunday. A new section of the basement has been set up for Child Care, with the larger space divided between the two Church School classes. Safety of the Child Care section has been bolstered by additional cushioned flooring. Moving the book case and filing cabinets has also helped in removing some of the sharp edges from the Child Care area.



Our curriculum this year is a three-year, multiage offering called "Shine: Living in God's Light." The 2014-2015 year is titled "Becoming God's People." The Fall lessons begin with Creation, The First Families and Exodus.

Shine depicts itself as Bible-story-based with wondering and reflection following each story. It emphasizes thoughtful theology and is grounded in the belief that children are partners in ministry. Shine is co-published by Brethren Press, publishing ministry of the Church of the Brethren, and MennoMedia, publishing ministry of Mennonite Church Canada. It bases its call on three Biblical references:

Isaiah 9:2 "The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in the land of deep darkness - on them light has shined."

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city built upon a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Please keep us in your prayers that we may walk with the Lord and do his work with our young people.

Linda Trentini

Church School Liaison

Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Income Statement Overview: January 1-August 31, 2014

Total Revenue, all accounts:	\$78,708
Total Expenditures, all accounts:	<u>\$80,009</u>
Net gain/loss:	-\$1,301
Total Budget, all accounts:	\$118,939
% of Total Budget spent:	67%
% of Year gone by:	67%

Though showing a **small net loss** at this point in the year, it is encouraging to have “% of budget spent” equal to “% of year gone by.” However, see my note below.

Breakdown by Account, January 1-August 31, 2014

Operating Account

Revenue:	\$68,864
Expenses:	<u>\$73,478</u>
Net gain/loss:	-\$4,614
Budget:	\$112,739
% of Budget spent:	61%

Building & Reserve Account

Revenue:	\$9,636
Expenses:	<u>\$5,096</u>
Net gain /loss:	\$4,540
Budget:	\$5,200
% of Budget spent:	98%

Note: Donations to the Operating Account are behind where they should be (61%, and should be 67%). The bills are being paid, but are depleting the Building & Reserve Account. Luckily, we know of no big expenses for the building in the near future. I will be paying back the last debenture (manse kitchen project 2012) of \$2,000 soon.

Memorial Account

This account has received donations totalling \$200 in this calendar year. The new handrails up to the pulpit stage came out of this fund this year (\$1,385), and a new digital projector is slated to come out of this fund (\$1,000) before the end of the year. This account is also now the repository for “special” benevolent funds, and has spent \$50 of that this year. The **net loss** on the account for the year to date is \$1,234.

Anne Miller, Treasurer

Board of Managers

The Board can now report on several projects which took place during the Spring/Summer of 2014.



- Hand rails to the pulpit area were installed. This project was funded by the Memorial Account, as approved by Session.
- New (larger) gutters and downspouts were installed on the front of the Church.
- The existing oil tanks were replaced with a single modern fiberglass tank.
- The Church sign was updated with finials. As well, the text was modified to reflect the new time for Church School.
- A digital projector was purchased with funding from the Memorial Account, as approved by Session.

The Church Treasurer, Anne Miller, has continued to handle the church finances in a most conscientious way, and this has allowed the Board to administer its duties with confidence. The Board wishes to thank all those who have contributed to lawn mowing during the summer months.

Art Miller

Board Chair

Music at St. Andrew's

Over the summer we were blessed to have a few of St. Andrew's musicians offer their talents in leading the congregational singing and service music. Our thanks go to Laura Snyder, Elizabeth Craig, Beth Torrance, Margaret Torrance, Alice Torrance and Charles Torrance for sharing their gifts of music with us.

A warm "welcome back" to Barb MacKay as organist and choir accompanist. She even returned a week early from summer break to accommodate us. Thank you, Barb!

This year we welcome our new choir director Rachel O'Brien. When asked for some details about herself, she responded, "My hometown is Truro, NS, and this is my first formal conducting experience. I've sung in school choirs and girls choirs. I also played for many choirs and singers, and vocally directed musical theatre ensembles. I'm in the Bachelor of Music program with a major in piano. I'm very excited to have been given the opportunity to work closely with such a lovely group of people and musicians." The

choir presents an anthem once a month from September through April, weather permitting!



The singing of hymns and responses by the congregation continues to be our primary musical offering in worship, but additional music is a joy to us. If you are able to present solo or ensemble music for a service from time to time, please speak to Reverend Murray to find a date.

Mary Bogaard



Selections From the Library

Butterworth, Nick and Mick Inkpen. *Favorite Parables From The Bible: Stories Jesus Told*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zonderkidz, 2012. 213 p. ISBN: 9780310724322.

Jesus was a wonderful story teller. His stories helped people see new things and to understand God's love in new ways. Superbly told and delightfully illustrated by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen, this collection of eight biblical parables invites young children to experience the simplicity, humour and inspiration of Jesus' artful storytelling.

Phillips, Michael R. *Kings Crossroads: A Parable of the Cross*. Shippensburg, PA: Destiny Image Fiction, 2003. 269 p. ISBN: 9780768421521.

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. But 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 a story about danger, about opportunity, about what life means, and about what it ought to mean.

Wright, H. Norman. *Helping Those Who Hurt*. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 2003. 173 p. ISBN: 9780764227424.

Often we don't say anything because we don't know what to say. Or even worse, we say or do the wrong thing. *In Helping Those Who Hurt*, H. Norman Wright offers practical ways to help friends when they go through a crisis or suffer trauma. You'll learn when to listen rather than speak and know the words that comfort, not hurt. You will learn how to pray, when to share Scripture, what to write in a note, and other compassionate ways to reach out. Norm addresses this theme as a therapist with many years of counseling experience, but just as important, he speaks as a father whose son died at a young age. He knows the impact for good that caring friends have as they help sustain someone going through trauma or grief.

Rock, Lois and Richard Johnson. *Five-Minute Bible Stories*. Oxford: Lion, 2004. 96 p. ISBN: 9780745947570.

This book is a collection of twenty of the most popular Bible stories retold with sincerity and good humour. Each one can be read in just five minutes! Find five minutes in your day to spend with your child and enjoy stories like—Noah and the Flood, Joseph and His Dreams, Jonah and the Big Fish, The Lost Sheep, The Good Samaritan and more. You will be glad you did! This book is a great way to introduce your child to stories from the Bible.

Submitted by,

Beth Cockburn-Savoie

Calendar of Events

Every Sunday	11:00 a.m.	– Morning Worship and Church School
Every first Sunday	11:00 a.m.	– Food Bank Sunday
Every second Saturday	10:00 a.m.	– Atlantic Missionary Society
Every Monday	7:00 p.m.	– Ladies' Bible Study
Every Thursday	9:30 a.m.	– Parents and Tots



Sunday 5 October – World Communion Sunday, Food Bank Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Rev. Jeffrey Murray
– Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 2:00 p.m. – Celebration of Ministry at St. James' Presbyterian Church, Port Elgin

Monday 6 October

- 3:00 p.m. – Meeting of Session

Sunday 12 October – Thanksgiving Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Rev. Jeffrey Murray



Wednesday 15 October

- 5:45 p.m. – Choir rehearsal

Sunday 19 October

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Rev. Jeffrey Murray

Wednesday 22 October

- 5:45 p.m. – Choir rehearsal

Sunday 26 October – Anniversary Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Rev. Jeffrey Murray
- 12:00 p.m. – Coffee and Conversation following Worship

Sunday 2 November – All Saints Sunday, Food Bank Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Rev. Jeffrey Murray
– Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 3:00 p.m. – Service at the Drew Nursing Home



Monday 3 November

- 3:00 p.m. – Meeting of Session

Wednesday 5 November

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