



The Salt Newsletter

Fall Anniversary Edition

Calendar

Oct.31 - All Saints' &
Anniversary Sunday.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Nov. 7 - Brian Neilson
Leading Worship

Nov. 12 - Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 14 - Brian Neilson
Leading Worship

Nov. 19 - Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 26 - Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec. 3 - Choir Rehearsal



For all the Saints'

This year we mark 116 years of Presbyterian Witness on the Corner of Bridge and Squire and over 178 years of being a community of faith in Sackville.

Once again we celebrate our Anniversary on All Saints' Sunday as a way to celebrate and give thanks for the saints of St. Andrew's who have gone before. We give thanks to God for our founders who established a Presbyterian preaching point, for the builders who provided us a place to gather for worship and ministry, and for the faithful stewards who fundraised and worked through hard times to create the beautiful sanctuary that warmly invites us and inspires us. We also pause to remember with gratitude the many servants of our church who nurtured us in the faith, offered comfort and encouragement over the years, and formed us to be who we are today.

For our Anniversary service the sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated inviting us to "join our voices with all the faithful of every time and place to give glory to God" and in our prayers we will commemorate the saints of St. Andrew's who have departed from us since last November. And since it is Halloween, or All Hallows Eve, a special treat is planned. It will not be candy...but something small to remember the saints and loved ones whom we remember and miss dearly.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labours, and their works follow them.

Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray

Clerk's Corner

Since the last issue of *The Salt* we have been saddened by the passing of two of our church members. Edward Allen passed away on July 2, and Helen Lawrence passed away on September 28. My thoughts and prayers are with their families as we mourn these losses in our congregation.

It seems like St. Andrew's has been in a constant state of change, as we continue to adjust and respond to the latest shifts in provincial pandemic rules. While it's all too easy to become mired in the details of seating plans, attendance lists, and vaccine mandates, the Session is devoting some time this year to longer-range thinking and planning! At our September meeting, Rev. Murray introduced a process of discernment – through which we will be considering the question: What will the next year-- two years-- five years-- look like for our church? We plan to reflect on this throughout the year, within Session and perhaps with the congregation as a whole. We will be considering who we are as a church, what we are called to be, and what gifts we have to offer. Passages from scripture, poems, and hymn texts will serve as sources of inspiration as we move forward with this discussion. We welcome your prayers as we embark on this journey of discernment.

It has been a real joy to return to singing our full complement of hymns and responses during services again! Singing while masked may dull the sound a bit, but it clearly hasn't dampened our enthusiasm. I am thankful that many have been able to return to church in person, while others continue to join us virtually, through live-streamed and recorded services.

May God grant us health and peace.

Laura Snyder

Clerk of Session



Breaking the circuit, but not the choir

Our choir at St. Andrew's still wears masks and keeps a distance. Caitlin helps us pronounce our consonants as carefully as we can and make our voices more resonant, to think about the words we're singing and to project them. It's a challenge to do this with confidence because we can't hear each other as well as we would if we were standing in a tighter group. However, being at one meter distance, we feel almost "huddled together" compared to last spring, when we were 2 meters apart! This is better! The choir will be singing in three more services before the New Year: October 31, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5.



Guest Preacher



For our Anniversary Service on Sunday 31 October, Rev. Wendy MacWilliams will be celebrating with us as our guest preacher.

Wendy serves as Minister of Word and Sacrament within a regional ministry consisting of St. James, Hanwell and St. Paul's, Woodstock. This year she is also serving as the Moderator for the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Although originally from Prince Edward Island, Wendy called Greater Moncton home for most of her life. Prior to ministry, she worked in community and economic development for over a decade, working in not-for-profit business support organizations and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

Wendy is very passionate about ministry, helping others encounter and experience God, and building up the church community. A developer at heart, she especially enjoys encouraging individuals and congregations to discern and explore ways to grow in faith and service.

Atlantic Mission Society

We started our first fall meeting at Open Sky in September, a place we all enjoy visiting. We were told about some of the differences made mentioned by the new executive director Laura Hunter, who, after the meeting gave us a tour to see the two new donkeys and new goats! We also saw the size of their garden. Amazing! Of course we also had the opportunity to buy fresh vegetables, pickles, jams and jellies. On one of the jars of pickles I bought was listed the ingredients, and finished with “made with love”.

The meeting was a bit more somber, as that same day our associative member and very dear friend Edward Allen had the rest of his ashes scattered by Terrlynn and her family. A memorial prayer was said.

We donated \$200.00 to Open Sky, as this year they have seventeen students attending their programme.

We also donated \$100.00 to the Dorchester milk programme, as a few of our Sackville students attend there.

During our meeting in October we voted on sending \$150.00 to the Indigenous ministry through PWS&D. We also distributed coloured piggy banks to each member. At the end of the year they will be turned in, emptied and then given back. They have a removable snout! The money will be divided in half: one half going to the food bank and the second half going to the breakfast programme at Tantramar high school.

Next month on November 13th we will be having at our meeting an in-gathering service. Everyone is invited.

And just think! This is only October!

Blessings,
Julie Comeau,
President



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Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church

Income Statement Overview: January 1-September 30, 2021

Budget Revenue, Main & B&R:	\$83,379
Budget Expenditures, Main & B&R:	<u>\$62,326</u>
Net gain /loss:	\$21,053
Total Budget, Main & B&R:	\$102,500
% of Total Budget spent:	60.8%
% of Year gone by:	75%

The nice net gain is due largely to under spending of the budget due to the pandemic.

Breakdown by Account, January 1-September 30, 2021

Operating Account

Revenue:	\$65,471
Expenses:	<u>\$58,170</u>
Net gain /loss:	\$7,301
Budget 2021:	\$90,500
% of Budget raised:	72%

Building & Reserve Account

Revenue:	\$9967+\$7941 = \$17,908
Expenses:	\$4,156
Net gain /loss:	\$13,752
Budget 2020:	\$12,000
% of Budget raised:	149%

The B & R account is nicely bolstered here by a surprise donation from an estate! The \$9967 is our regular donations, and they are right on target.

At $\frac{3}{4}$ (75%) of the year, we have raised only 72% of Operating Account budget, but a full 150% of the B & R regular budget. Operating is "in the black" because only 66% of its budget has been spent!

Memorial Account

The Memorial Account has a balance of about \$12,000, of which \$1,680 is, at present, the amount reserved for the Benevolent Fund. The rest of the funds in the account are held in trust for Session-sanctioned use.

Extra to Budget In-come and Out-go

As of September 30, 2021

In-come:

Presbyterian Sharing	\$2535
PWS&D	\$3430
AMS	\$863
Sackville Food Bank	\$25
SRRC	\$0

Out-go:

\$3035
\$3430
\$863
\$
\$0

Since this is the end of a quarter, all earmarked funds have been sent to their respective missions. The total of these mission items to date is \$6853 (about \$2000 more than last year).

Anne Miller, Treasurer

