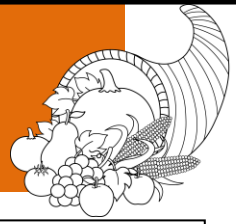


Awareness



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie, ON

Autumn 2021

From our Minister...

Dear St. Andrew's family

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

Last week in August my family and I drove out east to enjoy the beauty of the Atlantic Ocean, and experience the warm hospitality. It was an intense 2 weeks of taking in all the tourist sites like walking on the ocean floors at Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park. It was pretty cool!

We say goodbye to Summer and say hello to Fall. Children and youth are starting school and hopefully this time around, they are able to attend school all year round. Church committees have slowly started. Even though we are still unable to meet in person we don't mind meeting via Zoom as we are now experts in using this technology. We are taking small steps at a time to make sure people feel safe in returning to church services. We will have our long awaited in-person worship on September 19 at 10 am.

When we entered Step 2 where outdoor social gathering was allowed, St. Andrew's hosted in July and continues to, invite church members and folks walking by to "Come to the Circle" fellowship on Sunday afternoons. This one hour on Sunday afternoon has lifted up many church members to come out almost like a reunion. It is also a wonderful opportunity for David, Robyn and Jayden and me to get to know the church family. In fact, I feel Sunday afternoons at the circle has strengthened peoples' faith journey as we come to share our week to week concerns and hopes.

We will continue to gather right after our in-person service and we will keep you updated as to when we can gather inside for fellowship time. We will embrace the "new" normal as we offer hybrid worship. You are welcome to join us on Sunday morning at the church or you are welcome to join us online if you prefer. Either way we are all worshiping and praising our Creator!

As Apostle Paul wrote to the faith community in Corinth saying "All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it," let us be reminded that we all come with different gifts, but we come together to worship the one and true Lord, our Saviour and Friend.

Your friend and minister,

Joanne



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For announcements, upcoming courses and worship services at St. Andrew's, pictures of events like Coffee and Chat, memories from the past and links to Facebook and other Presbyterian web sites, check out our web site at: www.standrewsbarrie.ca

From the Membership Team

Submitted by Ruth Millar



Long Term Members

On May 2nd at our 172nd Anniversary service the following long-term members at St. Andrew's were recognized:

- Kent and Connie Hall and Liz Letourneau for 60 years membership
- Rose Boldt for 50 years membership

**Welcome to our Communications
Coordinator**

We are pleased to welcome Laurie Watt as our Communications Coordinator. She started in June and we continue to appreciate her expertise in social media, writing and graphic design.

Laurie is looking after posting on our new LED sign, an outreach ministry into the heart of the city. She also works with Brenda Stanley at Heart of Business to develop and expand our new website. Laurie maintains our Facebook page - our public face on Facebook - and is an administrator of our private Facebook group (our safe space on Facebook).

Share your photos and ideas in our group or send them to Laurie at:

communications@standrewsbarrie.ca.



Pastoral Care

Arna Atkinson

The Pastoral Care team has been busy providing support on behalf of St. Andrew's to those who are ill, living in long term care facilities, those who have been recently bereaved etc. Many phone calls, cards and socially distanced visits have been made by members in recent months.

These members are: Penny Barker, Joan Jarvis, Ernie Cotton, Sharon Cotton, Brenda Cripps, Ellen Heikkila and Kathy Tutty.

Many thanks to those who let us know of any concerns so that we are able to follow up in a timely fashion. Thanks to all those who share God's love by reaching out to others in the church as well. Please remember in your prayers the families and friends of the following people who have passed away since our last Awareness as well as others in our congregation who have also lost loved ones.

- ❖ Bob Johns
- ❖ Lona McBoyle
- ❖ Lawrence McQuay
- ❖ Don Roulston
- ❖ Norma Lalonde
- ❖ Helen Hopkins
- ❖ Joanne Rudachyk

We also offer a big thank you to Reverend Lee who has been very busy with phone calls and visits to families of the people mentioned above as well as others in the congregation.

Change of address / telephone number

Please let Barb know if you change your address, telephone number or email address. It is so important that we have your proper contact information so we can keep you informed about the happenings and opportunities for worship and learning at St. Andrew's.

Board of Managers

Andrew Douglas



The Board of Managers is looking forward to another busy year in the life of our Church and neighbouring properties. After a somewhat restful summer, it's time to get back to business, and take on some more significant projects which have either been placed on hold for the past few years, or scaled back due to costs and other issues. The following projects are some examples of what the Board of Managers has participated in recently.

The large stained glass window and sill project has been completed and there were no major unforeseen issues to deal with.

The new electronic sign at the front of the Church is working well, and a beacon to all who pass by.

The re-furbishing of the organ is almost completed, and this work should help prevent further break downs and other issues from occurring as often.

We've recently added a 2nd video camera to the Sunday morning service and it has helped make the Sunday production more enjoyable and appear more professional.

The Church and its buildings require constant attention, and upkeep. With your support and prayers the Board will continue to work at keeping it going strong.



From the Clerk of Session

Cheryl Anderson

An update from the Presbytery of Barrie:

Our Presbytery heard reports from our 3 ministers, 4 elders and 1 young adult representative (YAR) who attended the 146th General Assembly through the online platform PC-Biz. They had 2 years worth of recommendations to focus on due to last year being cancelled, so the time was too short to address all the issues as well as they would have liked.

215 minutes of silence was observed in memory of the missing children.

There was as diversity of ethnic groups providing worship services with adult & and children's choirs from across Canada.

There was some happiness in that we are becoming accepting and inclusive, but some sadness noted at the divisiveness in church right now, that it has taken so much time for this decision when so many other things are important (i.e. human trafficking, Indigenous issues, Islamaphobia...)

The Rainbow Communion Report noted the harm done to LGBTQI people in the church, from their stories across Canada and agreed that it was not grounds for discipline or censure in the PCC. A motion was approved to send a letter of apology to Rev. Darryl MacDonald of St. Andrew's, Lachine whose call was overturned in 1996 due to his same sex relationship.

From The Presbyterian Church in Canada:

"The adoption of Remits B & C, 2019 after years of debate & study has given the Presbyterian Church in Canada expanded choices in our ministry as it relates to LGBTQI persons who approach the church for marriage and who may be called toward ordination as elders or ministers." "Those ministers who wish to officiate at same-sex marriages and sessions who wish to take steps to call and ordain LGBTQI persons (married or single) now can. At the same time,

ministers and sessions are free to continue to uphold that marriage is between a man and a woman, and they are not obliged to participate in the ordination and inductions of LGBTQI individuals if their conscience so dictates."

Staff Relations Team

Susan Stott-Hood

The Staff Relations Team works with the employees of St. Andrew's to support them in all the good work they do for our church family. We want to thank the staff for continuing to step up to the challenge of Covid by adjusting and finding new ways to support St. Andrew's.

We welcome Laurie Watt as our new Communicator Coordinator. Laurie worked as a reporter for a number of years and has extensive experience writing, conducting research and marketing. She has excellent social media and website design skills. As part of our church family, Laurie understands the St. Andrew's culture and has worked on several church teams.

The members of the Staff Relations Team are Penny Barker, Susan Stott-Hood and Ruth Templeton, with Rev. Joanne Lee as an ex officio. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any team member.



Lifelong Learning at St. Andrew's

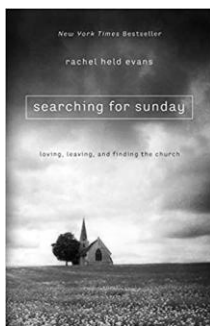
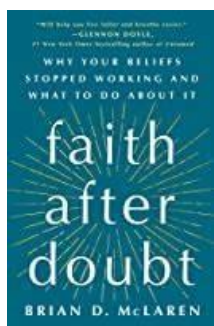
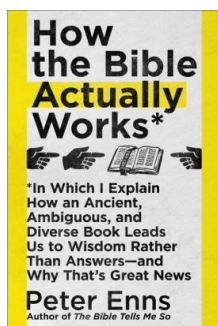
Fall Study Series



INTRODUCING PROPHETS FOR THE 'EMERGING CHURCH'

The term '**emerging church**' has been coined to recognize we are living in a time of transition. The number of people indicating they have a church affiliation has dramatically fallen in the past 15 years. All denominations report a decline in membership and attendance. We are all aware of churches that have closed. At the same time, there is a noteworthy increase in people who describe themselves as '*spiritual but not religious*.' This raises the question of the future of the church in the 21st century, including St. Andrew's.

This fall you are invited to view and participate in a study series in which the Rev. Keith Boyer will introduce three books by authors he considers **prophets for the emerging church**: Peter Enns, Rachel Held Evans, and Brian McLaren.



The study will consist of 6 pre-recorded *YouTube* sessions available on our church website. They will include extensive use of video presentations by the three authors. While the purchase of the three books is not required, it is recommended. (They are available on-line through INDIGO or AMAZON.) Three ZOOM meetings for discussion will be scheduled for participants who would like to discuss the ideas considered. The first session will be available for on-line viewing following Thanksgiving with additional sessions added when completed.

Note

Participants need to be aware this study raises questions and explores ideas that expand traditional beliefs about the Bible and Christian faith. All three authors describe how their once 'traditional' views have changed. They would now be considered advocates for what some have called '*progressive Christianity*.'

Gift Card Fundraiser

Back to school, Thanksgiving just ahead, Christmas before we know it! One thing in common is food and gifts!! Gift cards are an easy solution to the problem of grocery shopping for students near and far, Thanksgiving and Christmas entertaining and gift giving!

Our dedicated group of volunteers has been selling gift cards for grocery stores – PC group, Sobeys group, Metro and the Cara group of restaurants. We set up every Sunday during coffee hour. All you need is cash or a cheque. We purchase the cards in bulk at a discount for you to purchase at face value. It's that easy!



Please stop by the Church Office or Contact Barb Drummond.



Children & Youth

Mia Drummond

Fall is upon us, and with it new beginnings. What a long 18 months it has been! With church resuming in person services, I am thrilled to announce that church school has been approved to begin in person on Sunday, September 26th! This is a wonderful step for the youth of our church, and I simply can't wait to reconnect with familiar faces. However, with Covid restrictions still in place we will also be adhering to social distancing protocols where applicable when in the church school classroom. Use of toys and materials will be closely monitored and sanitized after each use.

I am so excited that God has guided us to this next step in nourishing the minds and spirits of St. Andrew's youth! Many blessings, Mia

Aging Gracefully

Mary Helen Garvin

Well! If there has ever been a test of whether we know how to 'age gracefully', Covid 19 has provided the ultimate! For many seniors, the isolation has been debilitating, and the experience of resuming what we have called normal in the past has its challenges as well. For myself, as I imagine it has been for you, I have done a lot of reading over the months. Since we are still having to limit our activities somewhat, I'd like to share some titles from my book shelf that you may enjoy, especially as we move towards winter.

***You Could Live a Long Time: Are you Ready?* By Lindsay Green**, 2010, Toronto
This is obviously not a new book, but it is full of wonderful advice (e.g., To keep

your dignity, you must give up your pride.) and good humour.

***Time to Be in Earnest: A Fragment of Autobiography* by P.D. James** 1999, Random House, Canada. *This is a beautiful book by one my favourite mystery writers. Pure pleasure.*

***Somewhere Towards the End* by Diana Athill**, 2008, Granta Press, London. UK "A splendid read, upbeat, often amusing, ironic and always superbly intelligent on any and every subject." **Oldie**

***Healing Your Grief About Aging: 100 practical Ideas on Growing Older with Confidence, Meaning, and Grace* by Alan D. Wolfelt and Kirby J. Duvall, M.D.**

***Incontinent on the Continent: My Mother, Her Walker, and Our Grand Tour of Italy*: by Jane Christmas**, *This is a humorous and poignant look at a mother/daughter relationship in the context of aging.*

This last title is available as a downloadable audio book from Barrie Public Library, or through Hoopla. All the other titles are available through Amazon.

At time of writing, we do not know when the Aging Gracefully program, which is under the direction of the Lifelong Learning Team, will resume. But when everyone feels safe enough to emerge from our Covid cocoons we will get together again to share our lives and enjoy each other's company. Perhaps you can make a list of what you have been reading so that we can share books when next we meet. Have a great autumn, Mary Helen



Mission and Outreach Team **Sherry Philips**

Over the past months, team members have continued to be actively involved in broader advocacy initiatives happening in our city, including ensuring that our most vulnerable residents have access to food and shelter. We are involved in weekly meetings with County and City staff, local agencies, and some churches. Four Food Pantry Programs are now in operation at Grace, Grove, and Collier United, Trinity Anglican Churches, and St. Andrews is assisting in terms of volunteer help, and financial contributions through our designated grocery gift cards.

The numbers of people who are in need of emergency food has increased. Salvation Army has doubled the number of meals that they serve, while also providing meals to folks from Busby and Elizabeth Fry, who have been moved to the Comfort Inn to ensure physical distancing during the pandemic. During spring and early summer, we also supported Breakfast Programs that were offered at five local churches: Grace United; Burton Avenue United; St. Mary's Catholic; and Collier United.

Team members have also been supporting the initiative to establish a safe injection site for Barrie, a much needed resource. Barrie is considered a hot spot for overdoses and have a space where people who are living with the health condition of addiction can safely inject, with clinical staff on hand to provide supports where needed is becoming more and more critical. We also participated in City Hall's commemoration for those who have died from overdosing.

Loss of life due to overdoses and illness has been excessive lately. The need for a memorial/remembrance space would help. Ideas being discussed during the Monday morning meetings include church access to listen to music, sit and pray, bench with signage in a park or church yard.

Team members also continued to work on creating and re-distributing beautiful greeting cards to seniors in long term care facilities throughout the city. The cards are intended to reflect non-religious themes, and our way of expressing friendship to those seniors who would otherwise be isolated from family and friends. Over the past months, more than 300 cards have been distributed, and feedback from facility staff indicate that the cards are well appreciated by recipients. We will continue with this ministry and are working on cards for winter. Each card has an insert with a friendly message from St. Andrews.

Our involvement in the Listening Post Ministry is also continuing, with active listening taking place in outdoor locations and some indoor locations, as physical distancing permits. During the week of June 14th, we participated in the launch of YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard), a campaign to promote places and spaces that are inclusive. Having a new electronic sign has been a great resource for our church to reflect our forward-thinking and inclusive stance on YIMBY, LGBTQ+, and other important advocacy issues.

Mission and Outreach continued...

As winter approaches, the Team is discussing other ways that we can support the healthy growth and development of our most vulnerable, and we welcome suggestions from our congregation. We are also always on the lookout for new Team members who share our common interests. Please feel free to reach out to any of us to get connected to the Team. Our **current members** are Carolyn Boyer, Laurie Watt, Sandra Burns, Patricia McCallum, Graig Fraser, Lorna Power, and Sherry Phillips (Chair).



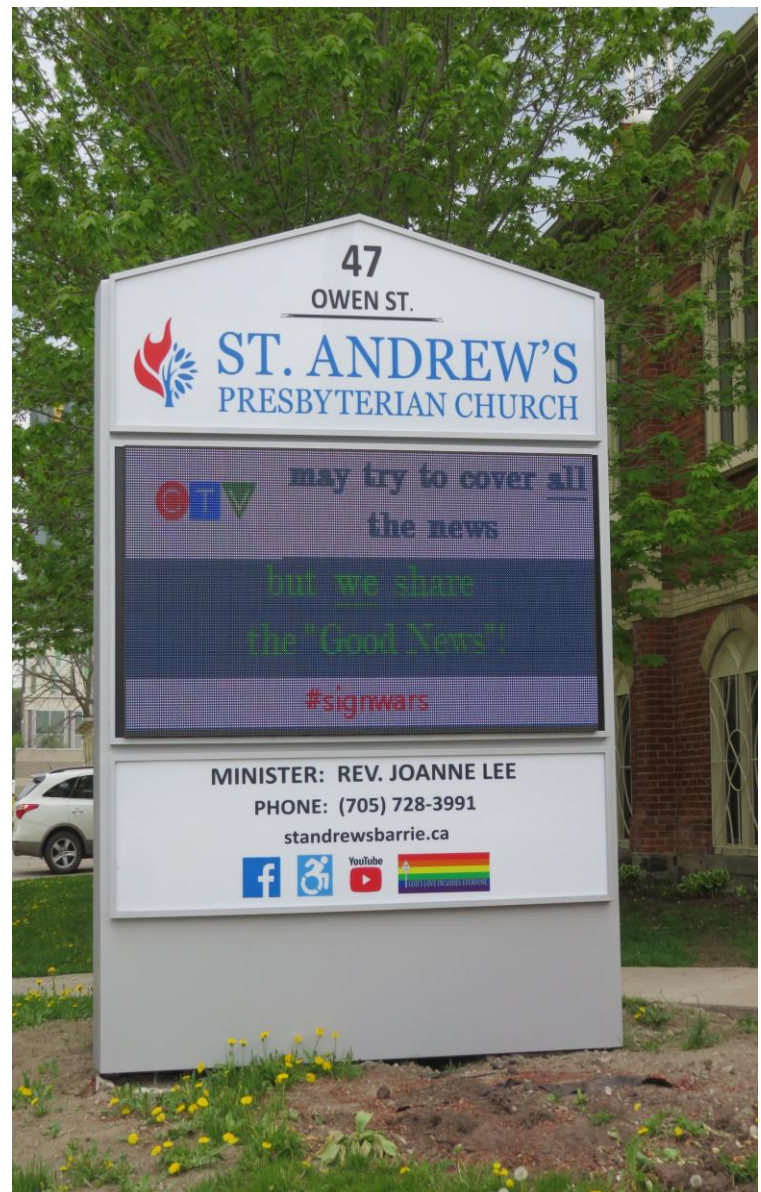
The Art Guild **Sandra Chanko**

The Art Guild had to postpone our planned Art Classes via Zoom this past spring. We have made the decision to reschedule these classes with some modifications. Paper Ink and Clue, Oh My! Will be offered on Tuesday evenings via Zoom starting on Oct 5th, 2021.

Highlights of this course *Paper Ink and Clue Oh My!* will be:

- ✚ Week 1 & 2: Repetitive Concepts to Reconnect with Our Heart
- ✚ Week 3, 4 & 5: Piecing our Hearts together with Paper
- ✚ Week 6: Expressing your Heart with Something you Love

You are welcome to join this class by emailing: artfortheheartbarrie@gmail.com
Registration closes Thurs, Sept 30, 2021.



>>> FALL 2021 <<< PAPER, INK, AND GLUE OH MY!

Creating heart art together at home using resources we already have.



TUESDAY NIGHTS
7 PM - 9 PM
VIA ZOOM

**TO PARTICIPATE EMAIL
YOUR RSVP
BY SEPT 30, 2021**



Email: artfortheheartbarrie@gmail.com



To protect and ensure everyone's safety, the Art For the Heart Guild is offering the Fall 2021 module session via Zoom to participants at no charge to say **THANK YOU** for your continued support these past 18 years.

**FOR ANY
QUESTIONS
OR CONCERNS,
REACH OUT US**



A. Barbara Pringley-Gardner, Chair, 2021

REPETITIVE CONCEPTS TO RECONNECT WITH OUR HEART

- Week 1: Drawing lines in repetitive patterns can create a calming form of art. Join us on week 1 as instructor LA takes us through easy to follow sequences to learn a few different designs.
- Week 2: We will continue with the repetition of line drawings, however, will be taking it to the next level where we will be expressing outside of the hearts. Incorporating writings and colour to our designs.

PIECING OUR HEARTS TOGETHER WITH PAPER

- Week 3: Led by Sandra B we will be creating a different way of collaging, by rolling our paper and maneuver it into a desired shape.
- Week 4: Sandra C will show you how easy it is with just a few basic materials that you have around the house. You can make a Collage from one magazine!
- Week 5: We will be learning a different collage technique, by layering our magazine pages.

EXPRESSING YOUR HEART WITH SOMETHING YOU LOVE

- Week 6: Let's bring this module together by continuing to work on techniques from previous week's. Bring your supplies along and continue to create your heart out. Come prepared with your finished art projects and expressive writing responses to share amongst friends.

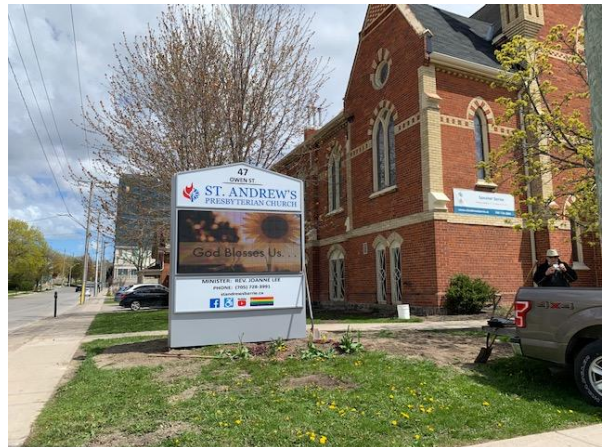
Oct 5 & 12

Oct 19, 26 & Nov 2

Nov 9



St. Andrews Photo Gallery





Services

Sunday Worship Service, 10:00 am

Sept 26th – Regular Sunday Service

Oct 3rd – Regular Sunday Service

Oct 10th – Thanks Giving Sunday

Oct 17th – Regular Sunday Service

Oct 24th – Regular Sunday Service

Oct 31st – Regular Sunday Service

Nov 7th – Remembrance Day Service

Nov 14th – Regular Sunday Service

Nov 21st – Regular Sunday Service

Nov 28th – Advent 1 Communion by Intinction

Dec 5th – Advent 2 Mitten Tree

Dec 12th – Advent 3 Church School Presentation

Dec 19th – Advent 4

Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Service
6:30 pm and 8:00 pm

Groups and Contact Names

Session - Cheryl Anderson

Board of Managers –Andrew Douglas

Membership – Ruth Millar

Stewardship – Shayne Mayes

Mission & Outreach – Sherry Phillips

WMS – Pamela Watt

Pastoral Care – Arna Atkinson

Choir – Ann Herron

Art Guild _ Sandra Chanko

Aging Gracefully – Mary Helen Garvin

Life Long Learning - Keith Boyer

- Susan Stott-Hood

Barrie District Stamp Club – Bruce Walton

Centering Prayer – June Campbell

Lyrca Choir - Steve Winfield

Organ Recital Series - Russ Hope

Prayer Group Ministry - Sharon Cotton

Presbytery - Cheryl Anderson

Stitchery Group - Cathie Blair

Board of Trustees - Russ Hope

Endowment Fund - Vic Hood

Start Committee - Gord Thompson

Children and Youth Ministry - Mia Drummond

Education Team - Cathie Blair

