

# St. Andrew's Quarterly

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would wager that most of you have held a Rubik's Cube in your hands - the colourful puzzle that drives most people mad. It was invented way back in 1974 by a Hungarian sculptor and professor of architecture Ernő Rubik, after he became obsessed with finding a way to model three-dimensional movement to his students. His invention became the most popular puzzle toy in the world, with more than 350 million sold according to official numbers in 2018. Quite the toy!

The cube seems deceptively simple, featuring nine coloured squares on each side. In its starting state, each side has a uniform color — red, green, yellow, orange, blue, or white. To solve the puzzle, you must twist the cubes so that eventually each side returns to its original color: The challenge is the astounding number of potential variations — more than 43 quin-

tillion of them. So for anybody taking it in their hands the challenge is: "How do you solve this puzzle?"

A couple of weeks ago we started a three year campaign, call it a three year vision if you will, to be a thousand times more effective in our community as a church. A thousand times seems excessive, so why not just twice as effective or something alike? A bit more on this later, but the idea of the Rubik's Cube was quite fitting to use as a visual reminder of what we are trying to achieve. We are using the yellow, red and blue planes and will add the blocks of colour as we reach our goals.

We are looking at growth in three areas.

We want to get involved in ten **new** outreach endeavours over the next three years — this of course should be our core business as a congregation as this was the Great Commission — "Go then to all peoples..." near and far, and share the love of Jesus with them.

We aim to add ten new members to our congregation, ten people that say I want to be part of this for the long haul, I want to put my name to this mission of God in our community. And, almost consequently, we

want to increase our income by ten percent over three years, which amounts to about three percent per year (which would cover inflation in normal years). But if we add members and we add outreach endeavours the increase in income should be a natural outcome.

So how do the three tens make us a thousand times more effective? The thing is

we don't want to attempt this on our own – we want to trust God for this process. We want to bring our tens and trust God to be the multiplier, and He definitely can!

Have you ever seen those folks that can actually solve the Rubik's Cube? It seems like an art form, and boy are they ever quick! Some can even do it in less than a minute. It can definitely be done! So how do we solve the puzzle in front of us... our own missional Rubik's Cube? Can it even be done?

For sure! We take it in our hands and start working on it. And we trust God.





### Session

Submitted by Hugh Clugston

New Elders – during the spring, St. Andrew's elected 3 new elders to be part of our session. We are happy to have these three people join our elders. They are Bev Foubert, Tom Hawkins, and Tim Sullivan. They will be ordained as elders in the Presbyterian Church on a date to be announced.

Communion- Our next communion service will be on June 5 at 11 o'clock.

Time Change of worship service: During the months of July and August, St. Andrew's worship services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and Knox, Belmore will begin at 9 a.m. This will be in effect from Sunday, July 3 until Sunday, August 28.

Our next session meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Social Committee**

Submitted by Debbie Currie

As things are starting to open up in the area due to Covid restrictions, the Social Committee of St. Andrew's has agreed to cautiously proceed with funerals and other special lunches, etc.

A small luncheon will be held June 11, 2022 for the Celebration of Life for Douglas Carr.

We are in constant need of volunteers to assist. Feel free to call Deb Currie 519-357-1636; Trudy Thomson 519-357-2349; Clayton Baird 519-357-1197 for more information.

### **Outreach Ministry Team**

Submitted by John Mann

Your Outreach Ministry Team has been busy operating under the Covid 19 restrictions and we would like to thank the congregation for their support during these difficult times.

The appeal for funds to aid the Samaritan's Purse field hospital in Ukraine raised \$3820.00. This will ease some of the suffering that is being felt in the Ukraine.

The Outreach Ministry Team arranged for Ben Price, the new Youth Unlimited leader, to speak on May 1st and outline plans for this youth group. We also arranged to collect funds in support of the work of Youth Unlimited and \$675.00 has been raised to date.

Future projects planned are for the Food Grains

Bank and the Salvation Army's Backpack programme.

Last year's crop was destroyed by bad weather but thankfully it was insured. This year a crop of winter wheat has been planted in hope of a good growing season. In spite if the crop damage, an amount of \$25000 was raised from the many churches supporting this project and when matched 4 to 1 by the Federal Government it amounts to \$125,000, for those in need.

In September the North of 50 gatherings for coffee and social times should be up and running, This fellowship activity has been sorely missed over last two plus years by many in our congregation and it will be a pleasure to gather again so see you in September.

### Fellowship Ministry Team

Submitted by Nancy Campbell



As we look ahead to the coming summer months and with the relaxing of restrictions, The Fellowship Ministry Team eagerly looks forward to hosting a number of events.

- ★ May 29th will see the return of coffee hours continuing on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- ★ On Sunday, July 31st, back by popular demand will be our "Sundae" Sunday following the morning worship service. Weather permitting this event will be held outdoors at the front of the church. It was a great success last year.
- ★ A campfire and fellowship evening is planned for Friday, July 15th at 7:00pm at Snell's Pond on the Westfield Road. A great evening for all ages. If you have never attended we warmly welcome you to join us. More information to come at a later date.

We look forward to further activities as we continue to move towards a sense of normalcy.

Psalm 122:1 says:

"rejoiced with those who said to me,

Let us go to the house of the Lord".



#### Mark these dates on your calendar:

- ✓ Coffee hours -May 29
  - -June 26
- ✓ Church Campfire Friday, July 15, at 7:00pm at Snell's Pond
- "Sundae "Sunday July 31



### **Worship Ministry Team**

Submitted by Shelley Sullivan



The Worship Ministry Team recently met on May 12, 2022 with everyone in attendance.

Jane was instrumental in making the arrangements for "Honour in Song," to perform at our church on March 20th. There were about 20 young people on stage, under the instruction of Mark Pittock. The service was much enjoyed by all attending church and those viewing online. The group had a pizza lunch in the Fellowship hall provided by the WMT.

On April 10th, Palm Sunday, Tim, Bev & Lorraine provided music for our worship service. The Worship Ministry Team (WMT) organized a palm parade from the Narthex to the Sanctuary with 8 children participating. The children joined Rev. Carel for "Children's Time." The kids had a great time and thanks to Carel for entertaining them and teaching them about God's love for them.

Decorating for Good Friday & Easter was done by WMT members, Bev & Shelley. It was good to hear that people enjoyed seeing all the lilies, vines and other flowers that graced both the Narthex and Sanctuary.

Thank you to Lorraine, for playing the piano to accompany the congregations' singing at our Good Friday worship service.

On Easter Sunday, the Youth Praise Team gave a great performance in praising our Lord. We thank them for their dedication and faithfulness to our church. The Smith team also provided music for Mother's Day.

On April 24th, it was unfortunate that Paige Ballagh was unable to attend due to illness. However, we want to say a big thank you to Michaela for providing music videos for the congregation to sing along with. We're always pleased when Bonnie & Shaun Marshall perform during worship. One song in particular that they sang on May 1st, "Today I Choose, I will follow You;" was very meaningful and confirming.

Jane with Team support will be working on a schedule for the upcoming summer months.

We had the church piano and organ both maintained in April by Schmidt Piano & Organ Service. Both instruments are in very good working condition.

Bev, WMT treasurer, reported that after expenses incurred to date, there is a balance of \$3,784.28 left in our annual budget of \$6,350.

The WMT will meet again on September 7, 2022 unless something urgent comes up prior to that date.

"Worship: Where God isn't moved by the quality of our voice but by the condition of our hearts."

-- Chris Tomlin

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### **Goforth WMS**

Submitted by Lorraine Clugston

"The LORD is my shepherd......

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake"

These verses from Psalm 23:1 & 3 (NIV) are Goforth's verses for the year 2022. Being "led " by the Shepherd involves using our "feet." Using our "feet" in the winter makes us think of warm socks.

During the month of February, we invited the congregation to help us collect men's and women's socks that we could donate to Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto. We are so pleased to tell you that we collected 153 pairs of socks for ehm. This picture shows President Lorraine Clugston being helped by 2 year old Emma Grundlingh count the socks.



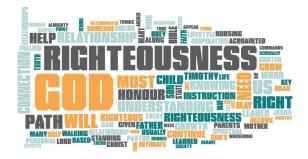
The topic of our March meeting was about how prayer is such an important part of our Christian lives. Mary Campbell and Catherine McDonald shared their insights on this topic.

In May, Bev Foubert and Dale Taylor helped us relate to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Our new project from May 29 until June 21 will be collecting used Bibles and Christian books that are in good shape and placing them in the containers at each entrance. These will be donated to the Christian Salvage Mission warehouse in Hamilton. They will then be shipped by container to various countries overseas.

Our next Goforth meeting will be June 21. Our guest speaker will be Betty Faulkner from Listowel. We will meet at 2pm.

Do you know to which "path of righteousness " the LORD "led" these people? They were so sure of their "Calling:" that they endured trials and sacrifices to be faithful.

- ★ William Carey was led to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- ★ Amy Carmichael was led to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- ★ Eric Liddell was led to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- ★ Mary Slessor was led to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- ★ Jonathon Goforth was led to
  ...
- ★ David Livingston was led to \_\_\_\_\_.
  (You can google these)



### Discipleship Ministry Team

Submitted by Phillip Smith & Lorraine Clugston

The DMT is pleased to announce that Powerhouse will resume in the Fall! Vena Grundlingh has graciously offered to lead the program. We praise God for this good news!



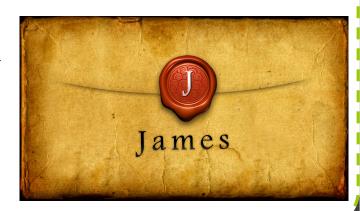
It is not just our goal to help kids learn the Bible and apply it to life now. (Though we certainly want to do that!) We want to help them gain the desire and skills to read the Bible for themselves, understand it, and apply it to their own lives for the rest of their lives.

More details will follow soon!

### Wednesday morning Bible Study

After a long time of a pandemic preventing us from doing Bible Study together, we are hopeful that we

can meet together during June for 5 weeks of Bible Study. You are all invited to join together at the church on June I at I0 o'clock to begin a study of the epistle of James. Both men and women are welcome. We will begin at I0 o'clock and be finished by I1:30 a.m. We will study James during the 5 Wednesdays of June. Lorraine Clugston will be leading this study.



### Service Ministry Team

Submitted by Grant Currie

The Service Ministry has been actively involved with the Hiring Committee of the Board of Managers in the search for someone to assume the role of Bookkeeper to replace the Church Treasurer who resigned March 31, 2022. Further announcements

regarding the position will be forthcoming in the near future.

Wishing everyone a great summer.

### Trustee Report

Submitted by Grant Currie

The Trustee's of St. Andrew's, Wingham consist of Grant Currie; Margaret Stapleton; Arnold Taylor. They are in charge of managing the funds from the sale of the church manse. The accounts are maintained at Libro Credit Union and there has been no

change from the information presented for the Church Annual Report at December 31, 2021.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

### **Board Of Managers**

Submitted by Jayne Collina

We welcome our new members Ralph Campbell, Chris Hoeven and Julia Norman to the Board for the next three years.

Spring cleanup was done on Wednesday, May 4th and it was a great night, thank you to all who came out to help.

I would also like to thank Grant Currie for helping the Board while I took a vacation.

The Board of Managers is pleased to announce that Louise Bloemberg has been hired for the Bookkeeper position at St. Andrews, with a starting date of June 1,

2022. We welcome Louise and look forward to working with her.

The Board of Managers would also like to announce that Ralph Campbell has agreed to be the Vice Chair of the Board of Managers. A big thanks to Ralph for taking on this role with the Board.

The Board of Managers would like to fill the position of Secretary to the Board of Managers. This is a volunteer position and the Board is looking for someone from the congregation to fill the role. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who may be interested, please contact Jayne Collina 226-422-2109.

### Synodical of Southwestern Ontario

Submitted by Lorraine Clugston

Instead of hosting Synodical 2022 at Camp Kintail as Maitland Presbyterial had planned, President Marg McGuigan welcomed the delgates to Synodical by ZOOM on Wednesday April 20, 2022. There will be a Women's Gathering in 2024. Synodical 2023 will be held in Simcoe and will be hosted by Paris Presbyterial of the WMS.

Camp Kintail reported they will not be doing Kintail on the Road this year so St. Andrew's, Wingham will not be having a VBS in 2022. However, they are planning to have overnight campers

and children may register now.

Each group in Maitland Presbyterial may send one child to camp to be paid for by the Presbyterial up to the total of \$875. Also this year it is Maitland's turn to send one child to camp from Synodical. Several children have been approached.

St. Andrew's, Wingham also has a Marilyn Vander-woude campership fund that can be accessed if parents need financial assistance in sending their child to a Christian camp.



## Teams Reported In This Newsletter

#### **SESSION 2021** (p2)

Rev. Carel Grundlingh (Minister) Hugh Clugston (Clerk of Session)

Clayton Baird Phillip Smith Douglas Conley Arnold Taylor Grant Currie lane Tolton Iohn Mann Paul Tolton Joe Smith Merle Underwood

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** (p2)

Trudy Thomson Shelley Sullivan **Doris Taylor** Debbie Currie Clayton Baird Marilyn Baird

#### **GOFORTH WMS** (p5)

Lorraine Clugston (President) Bev Foubert (Secretary) Karen Webster (Treasurer)

#### **BOARD OF MANAGERS** (p7)

Jayne Collina (Chair) Ralph Campbell (Vice-chair)

Don Schnurr Holly Al Chris Hoeven Jim Taylor David Norman Isabell Young Julia Norman

#### **Session Representatives**

Clayton Baird **Doug Conley** Grant Currie

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM (p2)**

John Mann (Chair) Debbie Currie (Vice Chair) Paul Tolton (Secretary)

Clayton Baird Mary Campbell Marilyn Baird Pat Gaunt

#### **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (p3)**

Nancy Campbell (Chair) Kathy Armstrong (Vice Chair) Hugh Clugston loe Smith Liz O'Neil Verna Taylor Corrie Nixon Karen Webster

#### **WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (p4)**

Rev. Carel Grundlingh (Minister)

Shelley Sullivan (Chair)

Merle Underwood (Vice-chair) Jane Tolton (Recording secretary)

Bev Foubert (Treasurer)

Tim Sullivan Michaela Tolton

#### **SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM (p6)**

Grant Currie (Chair) Doug Conley

#### **DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY TEAM (p6)**

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