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During the most recent cycle of meetings over the last couple of weeks, at both our church and Belmore, I have read a passage of Scripture from Jeremiah – the one about the Potter's house. It is wonderfully appropriate for a time we live in; a time in which one may wonder: what will ever happen to the Church of Christ in this world? In that passage of Scripture God shows Jeremiah that He can and will remodel, reform and reshape His people, He is never done! He is at work with us. A wonderful and true reminder indeed, not less so for our congregation.

***'This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>"Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."<sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me.<sup>6</sup> He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.***

Jeremiah 18:1-6

After reading it and sharing these thoughts on it, I was meditating on it some more, albeit unintentionally. And what I realised, thinking on it some more, is that there had to be something significant about the clay!! I remember when I was a little kid on playing on the farm, we use to go dig up some clay. We would then mould it into oxen and other farm animals and let it dry (or had Grandma put it in the oven for us) and play with it for the whole summer. Unless we couldn't find the good stuff. Sometimes the clay we found was a mix of clay and mud, clay and stone or clay and sand. We would struggle to mould our clay figurines; it would constantly crumble, it couldn't be worked to that smooth texture we so enjoyed. If we did get it to resemble some farm animals, it would break

soon after starting to play with it. You see, there was a problem with the clay. You need GOOD clay for the moulding process to work.



As I understand God's implicit message to Jeremiah, He will keep on working on us, moulding us into something beautiful. But pondering this a bit longer, I was wondering if there isn't some kind of responsibility on us in this process; a responsibility to at least be good and workable clay? We need some intentionality to be good mouldable followers of Jesus. This wouldn't happen by accident. Everyday we need to ask ourselves how we can be good and mouldable clay, what do I need to be and do today in order for God to freely mould me into something beautiful. Or could there be some sand, stone or mud in my clay. If so, how will I go about removing that from my life? If we truly want to be moulded into these beautiful pots by the Potter, join me as we try our best to be good clay then. We know it is all in the hands of the Potter, but better clay would surely make the Potter smile!

**Carel**

# Session

*Submitted by Hugh Clugston*

During the months of July and August 2022, our worship services were held at 10:30 a.m. as Rev. Carel Grundlingh conducted the worship services of Belmore Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m. With the summer over, Knox Belmore Presbyterian Church resumed worshipping at 9:30 a.m. on September 4 and St. Andrew's resumed worshipping at 11:00 a.m.

On July 7, 2022, Rev. Carel Grundlingh ordained 3 new elders to the session of St. Andrew's in Wingham. Bev Foubert, Tom Hawkins and Tim Sullivan became part of the session and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them by the rest of the elders.



*Our new elders Tim Sullivan, Tom Hawkins & Bev Foubert.*

October 2, 2022- St. Andrew's will observe the Lord's Supper. Session plans to pass out the elements

during the service. Disposable elements will also be available for those that feel uncomfortable receiving the elements from the trays as they are passed around.

October 16, 2022- St. Andrew's will celebrate our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Guest speaker will be **Rev. Kyle Dore**, minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Grimsby Ontario. The Fellowship Ministry Team will serve a light lunch after the worship service.

November 6, 2022- St. Andrew's will have a service of Remembrance for those of our congregation who fought in the two world wars.

November 9, 2022 - The Session will meet with the Board of Managers for a joint meeting.

It was brought to Session's attention that the givings to **Presbyterian Sharing** are down from previous years. At the last annual meeting the congregation voted to accept an allocation for Presbyterian Sharing in the amount of \$14,000. As of August 31, 2022 givings to Presbyterian Sharing amounted to \$5,075.

The committee on History for the Presbyterian Church in Canada is moving its museum to Denfield, Ontario. Since they receive no funding from the national Church the committee is asking for interested parties to contribute to developing this museum in Denfield. For further information

send an email to [pcheritagecentre@gmail.com](mailto:pcheritagecentre@gmail.com)

# Board Of Managers

*Submitted by Jayne Collina*

Our first meeting since summer break was held on Wednesday, September 14th so not a lot to report at this time.

Julia Norman has agreed to be the Board Secretary on an interim basis till the end of the year.



# Social Committee

Submitted by Deb Currie

The Social Committee is back!!! After a two year hiatus the Social Committee has resumed meeting, with the committee members as follows:

Chair – Deb Currie  
 Secretary – Shelley Sullivan  
 Treasurer – Doris Taylor  
 Team Leaders – Clayton Baird & Deb Currie  
 Members – Marilyn Baird, Verna Hodgins, Trudy Thompson.

To date we have worked three funerals and the Presbytery dinner.

We are actively planning for the year ahead and would welcome any new members to our team.

A big thank you to the users of our church kitchen for following Public Health guidelines as we have had a successful inspection update.



# Outreach Ministry Team

Submitted by John Mann

After many years of service to our Ministry Team, Pat Gaunt has decided to leave. The Team, on behalf of the congregation, wishes to thank Pat for her years of devoted service.

The Outreach Ministry Team will be seeking to replace Pat. So if you, or someone you know, is interested in helping us please contact John Mann (519-357-3864 or [jhmann@eastlink.ca](mailto:jhmann@eastlink.ca)) for more details

*Feeling “cooped up” because of previous Covid restrictions?  
 Looking for a way to get out and meet with people again?*

*The Outreach Ministry Team has an answer for you!*

**North of 50** is planning to resume activity in October so watch for the announcement in the bulletin and be sure to join us. Why not invite a friend?

The Team would like to say a big “THANK YOU” for your donations to the causes we sponsored over the

previous months. Here is a list of where you helped:

- Samaritan’s Purse aid to Ukraine \$3920.00
- Youth for Christ (Wingham) \$1280.00
- Food Grains \$2105.00  
*(will be matched 4 to 1 by the Federal Government)*
- Backpacks for Kids (Wingham) \$ 580.00

Our church facilities will see some action when the Wingham and District Hospital’s “Great Race” will use us as a staging point on October 1st. The Girl Guides resumed their meetings for the year on September 21st and in mid October they are planning a sleep over at our church.

Enjoy the fall season !



# Fellowship Ministry Team

Submitted by Nancy Campbell



As we venture forward into the fall season may this verse be our guide. The Fellowship Team has been active throughout the summer months and with God's guidance we will endeavour to provide activities to keep our church family connected.

Our Campfire and Fun Night on July 15th was well attended. A beautiful evening provided the backdrop for a fun-filled time with much laughter and conversation. The horse rides were a big hit with the young and the not so young. We were pleased to have the Ukrainian family along with their hostess, Christine Marshall, join us. It was an opportunity for them to meet some of the ones who had provided a supper for them.

On July 31st, we hosted our second annual 'Sundae Sunday' on the front lawn of the church. It was another great day to enjoy the outdoors, visit, and have a refreshing sundae with all the trimmings. Forty-seven people took part in this.



Coffee hours, usually held the fourth Sunday of the month, have been able to start again.

It is wonderful to see so many enjoying this time of fellowship.

Parker Gillespie was our only high school graduate this year. He received a Tim Horton's gift certificate.



The Fellowship Team is providing the snacks for the Powerhouse children at present. Others will have the opportunity to assist with this at a later date.

Following the Anniversary service on Sunday, October 16th, there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. At this time you will have an opportunity to visit with our guest speaker, Kyle Dore. Kyle is well-known as he grew up in our church.

Ideas for future ventures are being considered. Information will follow at a later date.

We would like to extend a special welcome to Trudy Thomson, who has joined our team.

Anyone wishing to access the Prayer Chain, or receive notice from the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office (519-357-2011) or Nancy Campbell (519-523-9614). ▶





# Campfire July 15th





# Sundae Sunday July 31st



# Worship Ministry Team

Submitted by Shelley Sullivan

*“Then the land will yield its harvest and God, our God, will bless us.”*

*Psalms 67:6*

Following a blessed summer, our team met on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Fall is soon upon us and it is good to be back to a regular routine again.

Our Youth Praise Team leader, Coleson Smith has agreed to take on this position for another year. We are very grateful to Coleson and all the young people in the band for their dedication and music performed.

The next music schedule, October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> is being prepared. Thank you to Jane for the time and work she puts into producing the schedule. Jane will also be reaching out in regard to guest leaders for the fall.

We were fortunate to have Natalie Irwin and Pam Smith provide music for worship during the summer as well as, Marion Eadie with Jamie & Laura Newson. Sunday worship continues to be provided by Bonnie & Shaun Marshall, Tim Sullivan, Bev Foubert & Lorraine Clugston and of course, the Youth Praise Team. Our teams are all committed to Sunday worship in praise of our Lord.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, Honour in Song will be performing for the Sunday service. The WMT is very supportive of this group and we look forward to having them once again.

In Sounds & Visuals, we were very fortunate to have Jeff & Noah Bloemberg assist with these systems. It was challenging over the summer months to have people available. So we're very

grateful for Jeff's & Noah's assistance during this time. Michaela is also back on the schedule to help with visuals.

Our team treasurer, Bev reviews the WMT financials at our meetings and she reports that, after expenses incurred to date, we currently have a balance of \$3,013.59 remaining in our annual budget of \$6,350.

Merle reported that the next Session meeting will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Merle will try to arrange for the bagpipes to be played at the Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bev and Dale Taylor will be decorating the church for Thanksgiving and Anniversary Sunday.

The WMT will meet again on November 2, 2022. We will be concentrating on plans for Advent & Christmas.



# Goforth WMS

*Submitted by Lorraine Clugston*

From May 29 until June 21, St. Andrew's collected used Bibles and Christian materials. Hugh and Lorraine Clugston drove them to the warehouse of Christian Salvage Mission in Hamilton on June 23. Valerie, the office manager, welcomed us and gave us a handful of CSM pens as a thank you. Our contributions went on a container ship to Liberia. So far this year, Christian Salvage Mission has sent out five containers by ship. The most recent one has been sent to the Philippines. May God bless our offering for His kingdom.



*Valerie, office manager of CSM*

Betty Faulkner of Listowel was our guest speaker in June. She was a former missionary to Thailand and Sri Lanka. Our September speaker was Miriam Weber of Gorrie. She was a missionary with Whycliffe Bible Translators for over 20 years in India.

Goforth members are planning to supervise a Junior Congregation beginning in October. We will provide supervision of children up to and including Grade 3 during the worship services.

Maitland Presbyterialand Synodical provided registration fees for 2 of our young people to spend a session at Camp Kintail. This was topped up by

the Marilyn VanderWoude Campership Fund. Goforth chose to send Davey Hawkins and Avery Toll. Both these young people gave glowing accounts of their days on the high ropes and in the other camp activities.



*AveryToll*



*Davey Hawkins*

Our Fall Rally for Maitland Presbyterial will be held on Saturday October 29. We will have a luncheon at Camp Kintail at 12 noon and hear Audrey Bos speak of several short term mission trips in which she has participated - the latest one being to Zimbabwe.

Next Goforth meeting will be November 15 at 2 p.m.

# Discipleship Ministry Team

Submitted by Lorraine Clugston & Vena Grundlingh

**W**e began a 10-session Fall Bible Study of the book of Hebrews on September 21, 2022. It is being held on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Upper Room. It is a study of the letter to the Hebrews, verse by verse with a DVD by Jen Wilkins. Hopefully we will learn how Christ fulfills and completes the work of angels, prophets, priests and the ceremonial laws, establishing a “better” covenant. We will learn how to study the Bible verse by verse, growing in our understanding of who Christ is.

For more information, contact Lorraine Clugston at [clugston@eastlink.ca](mailto:clugston@eastlink.ca) or 519-357-2754.

**P**owerhouse started again on September 12th. At the moment we have 14 children in 3 different groups. Every Powerhouse child received a Welcome bag on their first day at Powerhouse. Here is the age groups and their teachers:

3 years - SK:  
Grade 1 - 3:  
Grade 4 - 6:

Leanne Marks  
Heather-Lyn Smith  
Vena Grundlingh

Stephanie Bloemberg has offered to teach once a month. The FMT has offered to provide treats for Powerhouse till November 6th. We feel blessed by all the support in various forms that we have been receiving for Powerhouse. If you would like to support us by teaching a few Sundays or by anything else that God places on your heart, please contact Vena Grundlingh at the office (519 357 2011).

Our goal is to help kids learn the Bible and apply it to life now. We also 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.



Please keep praying for our powerhouse families



## Service Ministry Team

*Submitted by Grant Currie*

The Service Ministry Team met in September. The main focus for the remainder of 2022 will be to focus on having congregants volunteer to sit on ministry teams.

The Board of Managers is looking for a Board Secretary and will be looking to add new members for 2023; the Outreach Ministry Team is looking to add new members. Ministry teams are an important part of our Church and volunteering to be a part of a team can be very satisfying and rewarding.

The Service Ministry Team and Board of Managers received a request from the Church Secretary regarding the Secretary's hours of work. The Church Secretary has been offered a teaching position 3 days a week. The request was to work the 3 hours on Tuesday as flexi hours divided between Mondays to Wednesdays. Carel has offered to be in the office Tuesday mornings, so Church office hours do not need to change. The Service Ministry Team and Board fully supported the request.

## Trustee Report

*Submitted by Grant Currie*

As there has been no new business for the Trustee's to address during the past 3 months, the Trustee's

have not had a meeting.

## Presbytery Report

*Submitted by Arnold Taylor (Session Representative to Presbytery from St. Andrew's, Wingham)*

Rev. Carel Grundlingh was Inducted as Moderator of Grey Bruce Maitland Presbytery on September 14, 2021. During a pandemic, this has proved to be a busy time for Carel and has involved arranging and conducting meetings over Zoom, as well as in person.

Interim Moderator Rev. Carel Grundlingh extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Dr. Ries at his Induction service on July 10, 2022.

This was outside the duties and responsibilities as Minister of St. Andrew's and Knox Belmore churches. His year as Moderator of Presbytery ended on September 13, 2022, when Rev. Dan West was Inducted as the new Moderator of GBM Presbytery. Rev. Dan is Minister at Knox Presbyterian Church, Kincardine, Ontario.

Rev. Carel Grundlingh has also been Interim Moderator for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury during their pulpit vacancy. Forming a Search Committee and supplying the pulpit has been time consuming during the vacancy which lasted from December 1, 2020, to July 10, 2022, when the Grey Bruce Maitland Presbytery joyfully welcomed Rev. Dr. Johan Ries from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury on July 10, 2022.



It might be worthy to note that GBM Presbytery has experienced several pulpit vacancies over the past years. As a result, we often see our Ministers taking on these extra duties as Moderator of GBM Presbytery while, at the same time, they take on the responsibilities of Interim Moderator where pulpit vacancies exist. They are certainly worthy of a handshake now and then!

# Teams Reported In This Newsletter

## **SESSION 2022 (p2)**

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

Clayton Baird	Phillip Smith
Douglas Conley	Tim Sullivan
Grant Currie	Arnold Taylor
Bev Foubert	Jane Tolton
Tom Hawkins	Paul Tolton
John Mann	Merle Underwood
Joe Smith	

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE (p3)**

Deb Currie (Chair & Team leader))  
Shelley Sullivan (Secretary)  
Doris Taylor (Treasurer)  
Clayton Baird (Team leader)  
Marilyn Baird  
Verna Hodgins  
Trudy Thomson

## **GOFORTH WMS (p8)**

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

## **BOARD OF MANAGERS (p2)**

Jayne Collina (Chair)  
Ralph Campbell (Vice-chair)  
Julia Norman (Interim Board Secretary)

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

## **Session Representatives**

Clayton Baird  
Doug Conley  
Grant Currie

## **TRUSTEES (p10)**

Grant Currie  
Margaret Stapleton  
Arnold Taylor

## **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (p4)**

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

## **WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (p7)**

Rev. Carel Grundlingh (Minister)  
Shelley Sullivan (Chair)  
Merle Underwood (Vice-chair)  
Jane Tolton (Recording secretary)  
Bev Foubert (Treasurer)  
Tim Sullivan  
Michaela Thorpe

## **SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM (p10)**

Grant Currie (Chair)  
Doug Conley  
Tom Hawkins

## **DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY TEAM (p9)**

Phillip Smith (Chair)  
Heather-Lyn Smith (Vice Chair)  
Stephanie Bloemberg  
Lorraine Clugston  
Shannon Gillespie  
Tanya Toll

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM (p3)**

John Mann (Chair)	
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Paul Tolton (Secretary)	
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