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Now wasn't that a glorious Summer?! We had some awesome weather, not too much rain and not too little either. It seems, when asking anybody how their Summer went, that everybody had the



same answer: It was really good... but it went by so fast. The same was true for our family – we had a wonderful time away celebrating our 20th anniversary on a cruise (with the kids!). Even though the cruise wasn't too long or too short, we still had the same comment when we got back: It went by so fast!

Now Winter is on the way, and not everybody looks forward to that, some even dread it! Isn't that the way it usually goes with good times? No matter how long they last – or short for that matter – it always feels like the good times don't last long enough. And there is always a more challenging season on the way. That is why I thought it fitting to start the current sermon series "It would take a miracle" to help us through those seasons

in life when things get challenging and the only way out or through would be by a miracle, through an intervention by God.

Unfortunately, we have this idea that miracles only happen when a lame person walks again, a blind person regains sight or a dead man walks out of a grave. In this way we fool ourselves into believing that miracles don't happen anymore. But what if we consider the three attributes or marks of a miracle: 1) when something unexplainable happens; 2) with irrefutable proof that it happened, that something changed, and 3) it can only be attributed to God's very own hand? How many times have you had the experience that in the midst of a very challenging season or situation, you experienced truly that things inexplicably changed with no other explanation that it was because of God's intervention into the matter? Didn't that constitute a miracle?

We are witness to so many more miracles than what we actually realise, and I believe it is time for us to start looking for them, and find out through Scripture how to wait on them, what to do when we wait and how all these miracles happen. So I do hope you enjoy the series and have a wonderful Fall and then, just like that, we will be singing Christmas carols. I actually find that exciting!!

Carel

Session

Fall
into step
with us...



Submitted by Hugh Clugston

October 5, 2025

Communion will be held at St. Andrew's

October 12, 2025

St. Andrew's Thanksgiving service will be held.

October 19, 2025

St. Andrew's will be celebrating our 163rd anniversary. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Bernie Skelding, currently minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Niagara on the Lake. Rev. Bernie Skelding was our pastor at St. Andrew's, Wingham from 2004 to 2015. The morning worship service will be followed by a lunch prepared by our Fellowship Ministry Team.

October 26, 2025

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be given out.

November 9, 2025

Remembrance Day service at St. Andrew's

November 16, 2025

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be collected and dedicated.

November 23, 2025

"Honour in Song" will present their programme. This will be followed by a thank you lunch for the group to which the congregation will be invited. Thank you to the Fellowship Ministry Team for providing this.

November 30, 2025

First Sunday in Advent

Board Of Managers

The Board of Managers for 2025:

Jacob Smith (Board Chair)
Grant Currie (Vice Chair)
Erin Schiestel (Secretary)
Murray Lapp (Financial Committee Chair) Ralph Campbell (Inside Committee Chair) Merv Baker (Outside Committee Chair) Members - Chris Hoeven, Barry Bushell, Jim Dore, Chris Hoeven, Don Schnurr and Coleson Smith.

It has been a productive summer for the Board this year with some big projects and repairs coming up in the future.

On the Sundays of July 13 and 20, a special collection was taken to help offset the cost of repairs to the damaged eaves troughs along the sides of the sanctuary.

Thanks to the extreme generosity of the congregation a total of \$3470 was raised out of the total cost of \$3445 plus tax. This allowed the board to fully cover the cost of the repairs without affecting the budget set at the beginning of the year.

Submitted by Jacob Smith

Repairs are set to take place this fall before the snow and we are very grateful to have a congregation that is so willing to give to our building to keep it running.

We are making another application to the Lee and Thora Vance fund this year. We applied for this grant back in 2023 to cover the replacement of the church windows. This year, if we receive the funds, we will be replacing the roof above the furnace room as well as upgrading the wiring in the downstairs kitchen, something that has been requested by several teams in the church.

Once again we thank the congregation for their support as well as our various ministry teams, Custodian Joe Smith, Bookkeeper Louise Bloemberg, Session and Pastor Carel and new secretary Michaela Thorpe for everything they do for our church.



Fellowship Ministry Team

Submitted by Nancy Campbell

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.
~Isaiah 50: 4~

One of Carel's "Jargon" messages focused on the meaning of true fellowship. The Fellowship Team endeavours to take this verse to heart and to become true encouragers and listeners through our various activities.

June 14 Campfire and Cornhole Tournament was changed to Sunday, June 21 due to several conflicting events. About forty people gathered at Snell's pond for an evening of fun. Fourteen teams vied for top honours in Cornhole and in the end the Gurney Guys (Ben Pittock and Phillph Smith) came in first. Second place went to Jacob and Coleson Smith and in spite of his high expectations, Carel and Vena accepted the third place win. It was a great evening of true fellowship. Wonderful to see new attendees.

Sundae Sunday saw approximately 60 people enjoying a refreshing sundae with all the trimmings. Due to the uncertainty of the weather we gathered in the Fellowship Hall. With the extreme heat it was a much more comfortable setting.

Coffee hours in June and August were well attended. During the August coffee hours Dr. Shaun Marshall gave a refresher course on the use of the defibrillator. Our next coffee hour is on September 28.



" Reaching Beyond Our Church Walls " keeps us connected to and aware of some of the needs in our community. For some it is a time of socializing in the Salvation Army facilities as well as partaking of a nutritious lunch.



June 11 — we served 70 lunches

August 6 — 67 lunches were served

Our next lunch is on Wednesday, September 24 Again may I express the lunch team's grateful thanks for our congregation's financial assistance through the Loonie jar donations as well as willingly providing baked items for the lunches when asked.

A Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Wednesday, October 8. The teams from the seven churches involved in the free lunches will assist in making and serving this dinner. Last year approximately 175 dinners were prepared.

A gospel concert featuring the "Chapelaires" will held on Sunday, October 5 at 7:00 pm at the Wingham United Church. Again this concert is hosted by all seven churches. Donations from the concert will go to help offset the cost of the supplies needed to package the weekly lunches.. It will be a wonderful evening so plan to attend. You will be blessed!

Our fellowship team will be hosting a lunch of sandwiches and cupcakes on Anniversary Sunday, October 19. Rev. Bernie Skelding is our guest speaker that day and lunch time will be a great time to reconnect with Bernie and Jen.

Honour In Song will be leading the church service on November 23. We always look forward to their presentations and appreciate the work that our own Jacob and Mary Smith do in leading this group of talented youth.

A Pulled Pork lunch will be held following the service for the congregation and members of Honour In Song and their leaders. A great opportunity to visit with these talented young people.

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Fellowship at St. Andrew's

SUNDAE SUNDAY



COFFEE HOUR



CORNHOLE & CAMPFIRES



Worship Ministry Team

Submitted by Coleson Smith

*"Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! "*

~Psalm 95:6~

Members of the Worship Ministry Team:

Carel Grundlingh - Pastor
Coleson Smith - Chair
Merle Underwood - Co-Chair
Jane Tolton - Recording Secretary
Bev Foubert - Treasurer
Michaela Tolton
Shelley Sullivan
Ben Pittock



After a busy and hot summer we have made it to September. I hope we can all look back on an exciting summer and look forward to a new school year and fall season filled with blessings from the Lord. The WMT is pleased to say that we had all three core groups assist and lead music all summer and will continue to do so into the future. The group's consist of The Youth Praise Team, Bonnie & Shaun Marshall, as well as Tim, Lorraine, and Bev. Looking back at the busy summer months we were so blessed to have a full schedule of Worship music performed every Sunday thanks to Michaela and her hard work putting together the schedule every 3 months. This includes reaching out to guest music teams to bring their incredible gifts to our congregation. We had the

privilege of hosting the McNeils on August 31st and Lorraine leading solo on the piano earlier in the month, August 17th.

Our finances for the year look great as we head into the last quarter, with an estimated budget of \$6,500 we have only spent \$1,780. We hope to stay well below budget, while still providing what is needed for the church and Sunday worship.

There aren't any major changes to the music presented on Sundays. Michaela is working on putting together the schedule for October, November, and December and we look forward to hosting Honor In Song again sometime in late November.

It's so wonderful that every week we have our talented and dedicated Sound and Visual team up in the balcony. The group consists of Nathan, Paul, and Jeff, on Sound and Davey, Jane and Michaela on Visuals. They do so much for the service making sure the pastor and music team is prepared for morning worship and it goes as smoothly as possible.

As we get ready for the fall season we look forward to decorating the sanctuary with all the warm colours and feelings of Autumn. Our decorating team will soon get on it and have the church ready for the season and begin to discuss winter and Christmas decorations at our November meeting.

Next WMT meeting:

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025.

Operation Christmas Child

Submitted by Deb Currie

Gift boxes will again be available this fall for you to send a packed gift box through Samaritan's Purse to a child. Boxes will be available at St. Andrew's for pick up on Sunday, October 26 and will be collected and dedicated on Sunday, November 16.

In 2024, we sent 57 Operation Christmas Child

boxes to children in other countries. Each box contained an opportunity to participate in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program. May God bless our offering as we plan to take part in this outreach.



Our newly-weds Summer 2025

"Marriage is a sacred bond between two imperfect people which is made possible by a perfect God, and held together with limitless love, unshakable faith and undying devotion to one another."

~Dave Willis~

On September 3, 2025, Caleb Tolton married Kelsey Cardno in Banff, Alberta.



On June 14, 2025, Rev. Carel Grundlingh officiated at the wedding of Dawson Currie and Megan Stute in Owen Sound.



Bible Study



Submitted by Lorraine Clugston

A group of 10 adults are studying a book, In His Image, by Jen Wilkin. By exploring ten characteristics of who God is- holy, loving, just, good, merciful, gracious, faithful, patient, truthful and wise- this book helps us understand who God intends for us to be. Through Christ, the perfect

reflection of the image of God, we are discovering how God's own attributes impact how we live, leading to freedom and purpose as we follow His will and are conformed to His image. We meet on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. beginning September 23 through to December 2 in the Upper Room.



"Image bearing means becoming fully human, not becoming divine. It means reflecting as a limited being the perfections of a limitless God. "

-Jen Wilkin-

Service Ministry Team

Submitted by Grant Currie

The Service Ministry Team received a letter of resignation from the Church Secretary, Vena Grundlingh, in June 2025. Vena has accepted a full time teaching position managing Student Support Services at Listowel Christian School.

Please join us in welcoming Michaela as Church Secretary and we look forward to working with her.

We thank Vena for her dedication and excellent work during her time as Church Secretary at St. Andrews, Wingham and wish her all the best in her new role as a teacher.

We were pleased to announce that Michaela Thorpe was the successful applicant for the position of Church Secretary and started her new position September 1.



A Time of Celebration!



Goforth WMS

In June, our guest, Anja Vander Vlies shared with us her perspective on the Teeswater Crop Share that is growing on their property. St. Andrew's gave an offering in June to support this Crop share outreach. A crop of wheat has been planted for harvest later. The Fall Rally of Maitland Presbyterial will be held on Saturday, October 25, hosted by St. Andrew's. A guest speaker will speak on "Be strong in the Lord." and our social committee will serve lunch. Belmore WMS will lead worship and a member of Kincardine WMS will be presented with an Honourary membership of the WMS

Submitted by Lorraine Clugston

Our November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at which our Christmas offering will be given to our local Christmas Bureau. Held at St. Andrew's this year, collection for the Christmas Bureau will be November 24-29 with clients receiving their gift cards the first week of December.

Discipleship Ministry Team

Powerhouse

Powerhouse will resume September 28 at 10:00 am. We are so thankful for our wonderful leaders who volunteer their time and energy to provide this vital program. Stay tuned for updates on Powerhouse activities throughout the year.

Submitted by Phillip & Heather-Lyn Smith

Campership

The Marilyn Vanderwoude Memorial Campership Fund continues to be available to families to assist them in sending their children to camp. We are grateful to the congregation for their continued generosity in support of this program.



Outreach Ministry Team

The Outreach team is very thankful for the congregation's support for the back to school backpack program. A total of \$600.00 dollars was raised for this worthy cause.



Submitted by Deb Currie

Social Committee

The social committee was involved in serving two milestone birthdays this summer. They will be serving a luncheon to the WMS ladies on October 25.



Submitted by Deb Currie

College and Post Secondary Training

Submitted by Lorraine Clugston

This is a brief summary of our young adults who are still studying during the fall season:

Hannah Bloemberg - Hannah is entering her first year of a two-year Teachers' College at Redeemer University in Ancaster.

Noah Bloemberg - Noah has begun his second year of a two-year course in Business Marketing at Fanshaw College in London. He was invited to continue to play hockey for Wingham Ironmen this season.

University in Sudbury studying psychology and sociology.

Hunter Smith - Hunter has begun her third year of a four year program at Laurier University in Waterloo studying psychology .

Mary Hawkins - Mary has begun her second year of a three year course in medical lab technology at Georgian College in Barrie.

Kristen Skinn - Kristen is doing her fourth year of online university at Laurentian



"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

~Proverbs 3:5-6~



What's happening on **SUNDAYS**

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Powerhouse 10:00 a.m.

Junior Congregation

Following Children's time, children up to and including Grade 3 are invited to the Quilting Room for Junior Congregation. Toys, games and a snack will be provided.

What's on during **2025**

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| • Prayer Meeting | Thursday | 1:00 p.m. |
| • Goforth W.M.S. | 3rd Tuesday of the month | 2:00 p.m. |
| • North of 50 Coffee Hour | 2nd Thursday of the month | 10:00 a.m. |
| • Bible Study | by arrangement | |
| • Session | by arrangement | |
| • Ministry Teams | by arrangement | |
| • Board of Managers | by arrangement | |

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- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1st Sunday of Mar, Jun, Oct, Dec
 - The Sacrament of Baptism by arrangement
 - Anniversary Service 3rd Sunday in October



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DEADLINE

Deadline for bulletin
announcements:
Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

SESSION 2025

Rev. Carel Grundlingh (Minister)	
Hugh Clugston (Clerk of Session)	
Clayton Baird	Grant Currie
Bev Foubert	Tom Hawkins
Joe Smith	Phillip Smith
Tim Sullivan	Arnold Taylor
Jane Tolton	Paul Tolton
Merle Underwood	

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Nancy Campbell (Chair)	
Hugh Clugston (Secretary)	
Mary Smith (Treasurer)	
Kathy Armstrong	Judy Lyons
Liz O'Neil	Hunter Smith
Joe Smith	Dale Taylor
Karen Webster	

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Debbie Currie (Chair)	
Clayton Baird (Vice Chair)	
Lorraine Clugston (Secretary)	
Marilyn Baird	Tim Sullivan
Fred Summers	Paul Tolton

SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM

Grant Currie	Tom Hawkins
Jane Tolton	

TRUSTEES

Grant Currie	Margaret Stapleton
Arnold Taylor	

GOFORTH WMS

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

POWERHOUSE

Vena Grundlingh (Organizer & teacher)	
Heather-Lyn Smith (Teacher)	
Leanne Marks (Teacher)	
Avery Toll (Helper)	Sadie Toll (Helper)

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Jacob Smith (Board Chair)	
Grant Currie (Vice Chair)	
Erin Schiestel (Secretary)	
Merv Baker	Barry Bushell
Ralph Campbell	Jim Dore
Chris Hoeven	Murray Lapp
Don Schnurr	Coleson Smith

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

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

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Phillip Smith (Chair)	
Heather-Lyn Smith (Co-chair)	
Vena Grundlingh	Melissa Jeffray
Leanne Marks	Tanya Toll

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Tim Sullivan (Chair)	
Clayton Baird	Paul Tolton

USE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

Clayton Baird (Session representative)
 Debbie Currie

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Nancy Campbell
 Verna Taylor

