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As many of you may remember, during a sermon a few weeks ago, I shared a quick example about my canoe project. I got this forty-year-old canoe from a farmer near Auburn that was in the process of selling his farm. He was cleaning out the barn, and posted the canoe on Facebook Marketplace for a steal at sixty bucks! And so started the planning for some backcountry canoe trips with my boys.

This was back in the Winter months, and working on restoring the canoe made it feel like it was closer to Summer than the actual fact. But there was a good amount of work to be done to this canoe that got a good beating from years on the Maitland River. I had to do

extensive fibreglass repairs on the keel. I got some Ashwood from the Mennonites to make new webbed seats, a new deepdish yoke and a thwart. I spent more on the yacht paint I ordered than on the canoe. Kevlar skid plates, yes the same stuff used in body armour!

I must admit: the restoration project was worth it. I ended up with a very lightweight canoe – light enough to portage easily – in a very bright red. Adding some stickers I made on Vena's Cricut machine, it looked brand new. It was ready for it's first trip, paddling down the Saugeen River for three days with the boys over the May long weekend.

It is usually a busy weekend on the Saugeen, as there are lots of folks that do

an annual canoe trip on that weekend on that river, including a group of around 40 people from Wingham that have been doing it for close to twenty years. I knew quite a few people in that group, and throughout the weekend as we passed each other on many occasions, I kept getting comments about how good the canoe looks, and how light it is (someone gave us a hand taking it out of the river at one campsite, as we all arrived at the same time). I felt quite proud of the restoration, getting all these comments.

As I was paddling, I thought about how beat up this canoe was, and how well it looks and handles now. As good, maybe even better than the first day it got put in the water (seeing that I have added better seats and yoke than the original). So, my thoughts went on to how God restore lives...



God takes our old beat-up lives, with all the things that have left ugly marks on us and He restores us, remakes us into something better than before. He will never give up on anyone because they have deviated too far away from the plans He has for them. David says in the Psalms that God restores our souls (Psalm 23:3) and that He restores our lives (Psalm 71:20). And when He does, pay Him the compliments for doing so, which is, worship Him for what He has done in our lives.

Have a blessed Summer!

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Session

Submitted by Hugh Clugston

Grey Bruce Maitland Presbytery meets monthly with our minister and one elder representing our congregation. For several years, Arnold Taylor has been our Representative Elder attending Presbytery. Doug Conley has been the Alternate Representative Elder. Both Arnold Taylor and Doug Conley have resigned as active elders so can no longer represent St. Andrew's at Presbytery. We thank both these gentlemen for their service over the years.

Hugh Clugston has been selected by Session to be our Representative Elder to Presbytery. Tim Sullivan has been selected to be the Alternate Representative Elder.

Presbytery has granted our minister, Rev. Carel Grundlingh a ten-week Intermission from June 1 to August 10. This will be followed by 2 weeks of vacation for the Grundlingh family.

Pulpit supply will be as follows: June 7, 14, 21, and 28 - Rev. Larry Skinner; July 5, 12, 19, and 26 - Marc Pittock; August 2 and 9 - Char Breitmaier; and August 16 and 23 - Wilma Heimstra.

Worship services for July and August will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Other special dates:

- **June 7** - Communion and information about Food Grains Bank
- **June 14 & 21** - special offering for Canadian Food Grains Bank
- **June 14** - Campfire and Cornhole Tournament at Snell's Pond in the evening.
- **July 19** - Sundae Sunday
- **September 6** - Worship Services resume at 11 o'clock

Next Session meeting:
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.



Board of Managers

Submitted by Jacob Smith

The 2026 Board of Managers Consists of: Jacob Smith (Chair), Erin Schiestel (Secretary), Barry Bushell (Outside Committee Chair), Terry Walker, Murray Lapp, Coleson Smith (Inside Committee Co-Chair), Grant Currie (Inside Committee Co-Chair), Murray Wales, Jim Dore (Financial Committee Chair) and Chris Hoeven

The Board has had a productive start to the new year. The repair and replacement of the flat roof above the furnace room has finally been completed using the Lee and Thora Vance Fund. The work was completed by Smith-Peat roofing out of Exeter and a big thanks goes to previous board member Merv Baker for being our point of contact and seeing the job through to the end. Our thanks also goes out to

St. Andrews Social Committee for generously covering the cost of the HST not covered by the Vance Fund.



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On May 2nd we had our annual spring cleanup. Despite the poor weather, we had a great turnout of people eager to help make our church beautiful. This year we were able to remove the damaged fence and stumps from the north side of the church which has made a huge improvement in keeping our grounds looking tidy. We thank everyone who came out to help and especially want to thank Barry Bushell for providing the use of his backhoe and Terry and Sandy Walker for organizing and providing refreshments to the tired volunteers.



New wiring in Kitchen



Spring clean up crew

As always, we extend our thanks to our custodian Joe Smith, bookkeeper Louise Bloemberg, Pastor Carel and our supportive congregation for helping to keep our church going.

Discipleship Ministry Team

Powerhouse

Powerhouse will break for the summer. The children will be performing on the last day of Powerhouse for the year. A picnic will follow hosted by the Marks at their home. The congregation is so grateful to the teachers and helpers who make this possible.

Campership

The Marilyn Vanderwoude Memorial Campership Fund is offering financial support to our St. Andrew's families who would like to send their children to summer camp. Please contact the church office for more information by June 4th.

Submitted by Phillip Smith



Fellowship Ministry Team

Submitted by Nancy Campbell



“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

~1 Thessalonians 5:11~

Spring seems to have a mind of its own this year through ups and downs in weather patterns. But the spring flowers, lush green grass and leafing trees attest to God’s unfailing faithfulness to us, his children.

The Fellowship Team, through a variety of activities, strives to provide opportunities for our church family to interact and become more deeply connected with each other.

Attendance at our **“Going on a Safari” Fun Night**, held on February 28, 2026 was impacted by several other events. In spite of that, those participating enjoyed an evening of a variety of activities. Many thanks to Carel for providing the slide show of photos of Safari life in South Africa.

February, once again, was designated as **“Random Acts of Kindness”** month.



A small act of kindness can lift a person’s spirits for the rest of the day.

Throughout February and March our team endeavoured to connect, via phone call, with many of our church family. Winter days can be long and this provided the opportunity to brighten someone’s day.

Reaching Beyond Our Church Walls

These weekly, Wednesday lunches continue to address the needs of people in our community. Quite a number of participants enjoy eating their lunch in the Salvation Army facilities. This allows for a time of socializing and developing friendships.

Our church is responsible for the lunch every seventh week which meant we prepared for three lunches. Total numbers were : January 21 - 56 lunches, March 11 - 84 lunches plus 12 to the Youth Leadership Program at the Youth Unlimited Centre and April 29 - 101 lunches. The team is especially grateful to members of our congregation for providing desserts when asked, donating to the loonie jars and most importantly praying for this outreach. We have an awesome volunteer group who are dedicated to this mission. Our next lunch is on June 17.

Coffee hours provide a time for meeting and catching up and are well attended. We encourage you to find someone new to sit and chat with on these Sundays. It will be a rewarding experience.

The **Spring Fling Luncheon** on April 29 was a great success. Between 50 and 55 people enjoyed ham or turkey, cheese and lettuce on a bun, cabbage salad, jello salad, cupcakes and fruit.

Next coffee hour is on May 31. Dr. Shaun Marshall will take us through a refresher course on the use of the defibrillator.

Summer coffee hours will be on June 28 and August 31.

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SUMMERTIME

Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. is our annual **Campfire and Cornhole Tournament** at Snell's Pond. Last year's tournament was a great success and we are excited to host one again this year. So pick your partner and sign up on one of the sheets which you will find at each entrance. Want to participate but only a single, please sign up and you will be given a partner. Snacks, coffee and water will be available. Please bring your lawn chairs. For more information or directions speak to Ralph or Nancy Campbell (519-523-9614). Snell's Pond address is 39369 Westfield Road.

If you have never attended a campfire we encourage you to join us. You are also most welcome to bring friends with you. It is a fun filled evening.

July 19, 2026 is our popular **Sundae Sunday** immediately following the morning service. A refreshing treat with all the trimmings!

The Fellowship Team wishes you a safe and restful summer. Take time to contemplate the goodness of God as you view his artistry in sunrises, sunsets and our world in general.



Worship Ministry Team

Submitted by Coleson Smith

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

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endurance forever!"
~ Psalm 107: 1~

As we look back on a long winter, and forward to a busy and full summer, there is so much to be excited for. The WMT had a great start to the year planning and organizing Sunday morning worship. In March we were able to join together and partake in the Lent season as a congregation as we prepared for Good Friday, and Easter Sunday in early April. On Good Friday we were blessed to have Pam Smith lead music for us, and the Marshalls lead on Easter Sunday.

Financial report: We are pleased with our finances this year as there have been no unexpected experiences or large purchases needed. Bev has been very diligent at working with Louise and looking after our books.

Service Ministry Team

The Service Ministry Team has the following team members:
Grant Currie; Jane Tolton; Tom Hawkins

The Service Ministry Team completed the 2026 employment contracts for the Church Secretary, Church Custodian and Church Bookkeeper following the annual meeting in February. The contracts were signed and given to the direct supervisors of the positions.

Music Report: As we come into the summer season it gets harder and harder to make sure there is a music team to lead Sunday worship. Michaela has done a wonderful job so far putting together a schedule every quarter for music leaders, and as she works with the teams and guest musicians to iron out the next few months of Sundays, we can look forward to praising the Lord in music.

Sound and Visual Report: We are pleased to say that Caleb Tolton has joined our sound team up in the balcony to help out during service. We have also made some software updates to our visual system to hopefully smooth out any hiccups that have been occurring during service lately.

Thank you to the members of the Worship Ministry Team for their hard work and constant dedication. As the WMT takes a break from our meeting schedule for the summer we look forward to what God has planned for us coming up.



Submitted by Grant Currie

The Service Ministry Team will complete the annual position reviews in December 2026.



Goforth Evening Auxiliary of the WMS Submitted by Lorraine Clugston

Maitland Presbyterial held their annual meeting and Spring Rally at St. Andrew's, Wingham on Monday, April 13, 2026. At this meeting, the Goforth Evening Auxiliary of the WMS was officially disbanded. The bank account has been closed and the remaining \$83.71 in the Goforth expense account was given to the Fellowship Ministry Team to be used at their discretion. The following is a recap of Goforth activities over the years and was presented by Shirley McKague and Merle Underwood at the annual meeting:

These are the members of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary at their closing on April 13, 2026.

Back row: Karen Webster, Dale Taylor, Marilynn Lapp, Merle Underwood, Marilyn Baird, Shirley McKague, Beverley Foubert. Front row: Catherine MacDonald, Lorraine Clugston, Corrie Nixon, Verna Taylor.



A Celebration of the life of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary of the WMS of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wingham, Ontario.

Written by Shirley McKague & Merle Underwood

This group was formed in 1927 and was called the Senior Mission Band. Later it was renamed the Goforth Mission Band, named after local Presbyterian missionary to China, Jonathon Goforth. In 1934, it became the Goforth Evening Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society.

Many changes have occurred over the years but its purpose has remained the same. The Women's Missionary Society is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service, and fellowship.

Special projects have been done throughout the years. In 2009, Marilynn Lapp brought us a pattern for knitted prayer shawls to give to people we were praying for. That year we made and gave away 10

prayer shawls. Since then, Goforth has given away 168 prayer shawls.

Speaking of prayer, Goforth has participated in the Wingham World Day of Prayer each year and taken our turn at hosting World Day of Prayer in Wingham.

We've had several collections of men's socks for Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto. On one occasion we collected 181 pairs of men's socks at Christmas and upon delivery, we were given a tour of Evangel Hall Mission and met several of their clients in their coffee shop. On another occasion, we collected from the congregation and gave 153 pairs of men's socks to Evangel Hall Mission. Also in 2016, our congregation collected winter clothes and boots for Evangel Hall Mission.

At one time we collected grocery tapes and redeemed them for cash. We used this money for mission projects also. We collected eye glasses and sunglasses and donated them. We collected large clean milk bags and donated them to be made into



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woven plastic sleeping mattresses for children.

Several senior members of our congregation would live out their lives at Braemar Retirement or Nursing Homes. Goforth would go out for an afternoon and entertain them with games and other activities and visit with these people and other residents who lived there. At one point, we led a monthly worship service on one Sunday a month with the help of one of our ministers.

We had a lot of fun doing several road trips. Once we visited Ramoth House in Mount Forest – a home for unwed mothers who needed a place to stay until their baby was born and up to a year following the baby's birth. We saw their education room, their kitchen, a separate bedroom for each mom and babe. We have donated to Ramoth House on several occasions.

Each time a child was baptized at St. Andrew's, Goforth donated a baptismal gift from our expense account.

Considering children, Goforth staffed a nursery during the worship service for children up to 3 years of age. We also arranged for a Junior Congregation to supervise stories, games and a snack for children age 3 to Grade 3. We have really enjoyed doing this.

Lately, we have been involved with collecting supplies for groups to take with them for short-term missions. Jean Aitcheson coordinated the Stratford Mission Depot and our ladies have worked at her mission depot assembling mission supplies.

Debbie Kyvenhoven offered us her flower garden for one of our meetings which became a "garden party" for our meeting. This included us wearing

large hats and carrying sun umbrellas.

Music has been an important part of our Goforth meetings. Sometimes special guest music that tied in with the theme of the meeting or Catherine MacDonald accompanying our group singing of praises and inspiration.

We have studied the life stories of many missionaries and have been privileged to hear updates in the life and work of as many missionaries as we could. We would be encouraged by their updates and always followed up with prayer for that missionary or guest speaker.

Fellowship has been an extra joy as we met together monthly. As the years have passed, we have said good-bye to many friends who have departed this community to spend their everlasting life with their Lord in His presence. We look forward to seeing them again and accept that we are no longer able to meet monthly at WMS meetings. We will continue to support missions in prayer, study, service and fellowship as we are able at St. Andrew's.



Anyone wishing to access the Prayer Chain, or receive notice from the Prayer Chain please contact:

- Church office - 519-357-2011, standrewspc@hurontel.on.ca
- Nancy Campbell - 519-523-9614

Outreach Ministry Team

Submitted by Debbie Currie & Lorraine Clugston

Our North of 50 Coffee Hours have continued monthly with 2 gentlemen celebrating 90th Birthdays this year.

During the month of May we had a collection of religious books and music for the Christian Salvage Mission.

Crop Share has planted 30 acres of corn for this season.



Betty & Lorraine



Betty & Merle

Lorraine and Hugh Clugston and Merle Underwood brought 100th year Happy Birthday greetings to Betty Beard.

Betty lives at Village of Riverside Glen in Guelph and they brought greetings from her friends at St. Andrew's, Wingham as Betty celebrated her 100th birthday on April 25, 2026.

Social Committee

Submitted by Debbie Currie

A luncheon was held for the WMS ladies Spring Rally.

10 cakes were made for the YFC fundraising banquet.

Trustees

Submitted by Grant Currie

The Trustee's for St. Andrews, Wingham are Grant Currie, Margaret Stapleton, Arnold Taylor.

The Trustees are responsible for the administration of the funds received from the sale of the Church

Manse. The Trustee's report that there has been no activity on the account held at Libro Credit Union, Wingham, since the report at the annual meeting in February 2026.



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 **2026**

- **Prayer Meeting** Thursday 1:00 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 2026

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Hugh Clugston (Clerk of Session)	
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Bev Foubert	Tom Hawkins
Joe Smith	Phillip Smith
Tim Sullivan	Paul Tolton
Jane Tolton	
Merle Underwood	

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Mary Smith (Treasurer)	
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Karen Webster	

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Fred Summers	Paul Tolton

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 Heather-Lyn Smith (Co-chair)
 Vena Grundlingh
 Leanne Marks
 Melissa Jeffray
 Tayna Toll



SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM

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Jane Tolton	

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 Trudy Thomson
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TRUSTEES

Grant Currie	Margaret Stapleton
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USE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

Clayton Baird (Session representative)
 Debbie Currie

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Tim Sullivan (Chair)	
Clayton Baird	Paul Tolton

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 Leanne Marks (Teacher)
 Avery Toll (Helper) Sadie Toll (Helper)

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