



Keep in Touch!

Despite our building being closed, our communication tools are still in place—the phones have been forwarded, the email is monitored, and the mail and banking are being dealt with regularly. If you are not on PAR, and are able to at this time, please consider keeping up your regular givings.

You can etransfer to officestandrews@eastlink.ca, mail to 55 King St, B2N 3K8, or drop in the mailbox. Post-dated cheques would save some travel. For etransfers use “donations” as a password.

Please Note:

Janice goes on Summer Hours on June 1, so will be in the office on

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings as needed.

Her phone line will continue to auto-forward to her personal cell, so we ask that everyone **respect the schedule** and call only during office hours except in the case of an emergency.



Hello from UCW

The Hilda Wright unit of UCW has been oddly quiet. We have been in touch with each other somewhat, but this is a strange time for all of us. I feel certain I can speak for all the members and say that we miss our monthly get-togethers. I believe that we have all stayed clear of the virus, and that is very good news. We certainly pass greetings along to everyone!

We have carried on with our financial expectations to the church, but all other business has come to a halt. We will have some catching up to do when we are “open for business” again.

Some of us have been busy with “isolation” projects. Now, what do we do with all this handiwork??? We are thinking of perhaps having an “Isolation Project” selling table at our Christmas Event in November. We might be able to raise some funds there. The demand for fabric masks is high and that has been and still is a project being worked on by some. All funds raised from this project goes to the Food Bank.

It's important to stay busy, active and in touch with each other. During these isolation days, it isn't easy but “this too shall pass”. We also need to keep up with the latest news and events in our province and in the world, while staying healthy.

We look forward to the reopening of our world, but in the meantime, we carry on!

Wendy Davison for UCW

Refugee project

Our direct contact with the family has been limited by coronavirus.

The family seems to be making good progress in developing practical English.

Filing income tax returns was a challenge for the family, but one of our members arranged CRA community volunteer to file online.

We have supplied bicycles for the family and we have observed that they are putting them to good use.

Craig Miller

Greenspace - LOGC

As you know, the LOGC has actively encouraged the St Andrews congregation to live green and to be kind to our environment. We have encouraged the use of reuseable water bottles, reuseable grocery bags... reducing, reusing, recycling. You know the drill.

And now, something new to recycle! About a year ago, I read an article about a new pilot project in NS that uses plastic bottle caps. You can read about it here: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/plastic-bottle-caps-nova-scotia-waste-water-treatment-1.5108584>

Now there's a reason to save all the little plastic bottle caps: pop bottles, juice bottles, pill bottles, etc. Size must be 5 cm or smaller. So now instead of tossing these caps, please rinse them and put aside. Because the Truro recycling depots do not accept these plastic caps, we plan to place a receptacle at the church (once it reopens) for you to put your saved plastic caps in. Once the receptacle is full, we will deliver the saved caps to one of the current recycling depots that accepts this items (the one I have delivered caps to is in Dartmouth).

Here's a 'blurb' I found under the pilot project's facebook page:

We are excited to share a new PILOT project that is testing ways to recycle BOTTLE CAPS! A group of innovative Nova Scotia organizations are collecting caps to see if they can be used as a substitute for other plastic currently used in wastewater biofilters. Remove caps from your beverage containers, household cleaners, condiments, pills, milk containers – basically any cap that is approximately 2 inches or less in diameter. Give them a quick rinse if needed. Collect the caps together in A SEPARATE BAG and drop them off at one of the participating Enviro Depots.

And so, friends, please start rinsing and saving your plastic bottle caps!

Janine Boutilier, LOGC



Caps off to recycling!

A pilot program is accepting plastic bottle caps to be recycled

The program is accepting plastic bottle caps from these items:



Beverage containers



Pop bottles



Deodorant & shaving cream



Toothpaste & other creams



Dish soap



Medication & Vitamins



Bleach & cleaners



Condiments

Place the caps in a bag together. Drop off your caps at a participating Enviro Depot:

- Beaver Enviro Depot, Spryfield
- ET's Bottle Exchange, Dartmouth
- Karen's Bottle Exchange, # 7 Highway
- Bluewater Recycling, Atlantic Acres Industrial park
- Faders Bottle Exchange, Lower Sackville
- Matt's Bottle Exchange, Eastern Passage
- Bluewater Recycling, Goodwood
- Green Leaf Recycling, Porter's Lake
- Sackville Recycling, Lower Sackville
- Canadian Recycling, Dartmouth
- Green Tree Recycling, Fall River



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The New Normal-Doing Church Differently

As the Province gradually lifts public restrictions and modifies guidelines, we are looking forward to the reopening of our building, and the resumption of public worship. I joined 2,151 others on a national session with Dr. Robert Strang who represented the national committee of Medical Officers advising the governments on the management of the CoVid19 response.

Dr. Strang was forthright and clear in his dealing with the questions under discussion around reopening places of worship. He began by recognizing that, although they are not legally defined as such, worship communities provide essential services to our communities, by providing a sense of purpose, lessening anxiety, and a bringing a message of hope, all of which assist Canadians meet a variety on mental health challenges.

He cautioned that all need to bear in mind that reopening will be a long process—perhaps as much as two years—and that even then it will not be a return to what we have become to accept as “normal”.

He reminded all that provinces are on different schedules, and pointed to the recent unfortunate situation in New Brunswick that resulted in that province stepping back some of the progress they had made.

We can expect to first be permitted to gather in groups of 5, then 10, possibly increasing to 50 in the relatively near future. However, these will not be gathering as we are accustomed to; they will require 2 metre physical distancing, high levels of sanitization, controlled access to buildings, and traffic management while groups are present. There will be no use of hymn books, offering plates, or communion accessories.

There will also, for considerable time, be congregational or choir singing, or playing of wind instruments, as these activities have all been demonstrated to be very efficient ways to communicate the virus.

He recommends that churches follow their provincial public health departments' advice for daycares in deciding how to re-establish children's programming.

He encourages us to see all of this as an opportunity to meet the challenges of becoming whatever “church” will be in the 21st century. “Errors will be made, sometimes with deadly consequences, but we must all tolerate some level of risk and move forward in bringing our communities back to life.”

Ken Henderson, Chair, St Andrews Church Council

AND.....You're going to need a mask...

Wanda continues to make masks—there are some on a table in the Meeting Place; if you happen to be by, pick one up and leave a donation for the Food Bank....

OR better yet—send the office an email and we'll arrange to drop one off.



The **Spirit Quest** closing for 2019-2020 is May 31st, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children and youth for their participation and enthusiasm again this year, our parents and our rotation leaders for their time and many talents, and our St. Andrew's congregation for their interest and unwavering support.

**You helped make St. Andrew's an even better place
to learn about God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit.**

**Have a great summer!
See you in September if not before!**



It is true that all of our lives have changed, shifted and adapted over the past few months. We at **Girl Guides Canada / Girl Guides du Canada** have gone through that process as well. While we have not been able to have in person meetings, we of the 1st Truro Sparks have been able to continue with our program, learning and growing together, just in a different way than we had before. What have we been up to? Here is a brief synopsis.

The **1st Truro Sparks** have continued with online meeting plans since returning from March Break. We have learned about staying safe online, maple sugar and syrup, celebrated Spring, and worked on a Books & Literacy National Service Project. We have sold cookies (to family and friends), finished up challenge and badge work, learned about Brownies, how to reduce our plastic use, and how to stay safe in the sun. We have learned about the Halifax Explosion, and designed our own Guiding challenge using the arts (New Brunswick Art Challenge).

Three of our Sparks have completed the program this year and can jump up to Brownies in the Fall if they would like to continue with Guiding. Our last meeting as a unit will be online together so that we can celebrate and see each others faces before we break for summer.

At this time, Girl Guides Canada / Girl Guides du Canada has opened some of its programming to all girls across Canada, members and non-members. Go to "Guiding @ Home" (girlguides.ca) for more information. Registration for returning girl members is now open and registration for new girl members opens June 15, 2020. If you have a girl at home or know of someone who would like to join or volunteer, direct them to girlguides.ca to register.

We are disappointed that we will be unable to bring cookies to you in person. However, for a limited time, Spring Classic Girl Guide cookies are available through the local cafe and bookstore, NovelTea (open 9-4).

Thank you for your hospitality this past year, we look forward to being together again in the Fall!

Yours in Guiding,

Anne-Elizabeth Calabrese, Rainbow Owl 1st Truro Sparks

Brownie activity has finished up for this year and registration is now open for all levels of Guiding. We are anticipating that 4 of our current Brownies will be returning as well as 3 Sparks will be jumping up. Fourteen girls will hopefully be moving up to Guides.

We have had a successful year even with the closure. We were able to assign the badges we had intended to complete to most of the girls with some of the Brownies completing work at home. Although it was disappointing not to be able to meet and have our advancement ceremony we will be back hopefully in the fall with renewed enthusiasm.

And as always interest in becoming a leader is welcomed. Guaranteed you will have fun!

Grey Owl (Rosemarie Clayfield), Yellow Owl (Jessica Frenette), Sunny Owl (Sarah Chamberlain Boyle)

It starts with Scouts.



Because of the Covid-19 situation, there have been no meetings of the Third Truro Scouting groups, but if and when safety measures are put in place, and groups are allowed to meet, we will consider finishing out our year through activities and camping, as permitted, this summer.

Third Truro Scouting Leadership



HISTORY IN PICTURES – THE ALBUM PROJECT

As many of you know the “Album Project” has been a work in progress for quite some time.

When we moved to Truro in 1997, Ruth Bulmer had been keeping a record of newspaper articles mostly related to the Local Outreach and Global Concerns (LOGC) committee – things like “Food for Food”, “Beads of Hope” and later “Visitors from Mozambique”.

Soon I began taking pictures at various events and made an effort to get them into photo albums as a pictorial history of our life at St. Andrew’s. Sad to say my efforts were sporadic and the task become a bit overwhelming.

A few years back we had a workshop to get things in order (Wanda, Wendy, Bela, Deanna and others) and then again earlier this year. Volunteers were generous with their time to help me out. Thanks to Deanna, Linda, Mildred, Katherine and Eleanor. After our “sabbatical” I hope to gather others who had offered to join us and again put in order our” history in pictures”.

Submitted by Trinkie Coffin



St. Andrews Walking Club (virtual)

Name	Goal (kms)		Week of 26-Apr-20	Week of 03-May-20	Week of 10-May-20	Week of 17-May-20	TOTAL
	daily	weekly					
Boutilier, Janine	10		83.5	80.1	84.9	86.7	335.2
Langille, Wanda			19.6	26.93	24.07	25.61	96.21
MacLean, Janice		20	10.03	7.4	13.52		30.95
MacLean, Les		20	10.03	7.4	13.52		30.95
Ross, Glenn	6	35	39.54	25.39	40.49	27.39	132.81
Sutherland, Eleanor	3	25	15	20	17.5	19	71.5
Sutherland, Kathie		30	37.5	40	36	48	161.5
Taylor, Heather		35	37.29				37.29
Henwood, Merv		40			43.49	70.3	113.79
Walking Club Total			252.49	207.22	273.49	277	1010.2

If you'd like to join this keen group, email gaross@ns.sympatico.ca

**Some thoughts from Shannon as she moves to join us
~excerpted from the
Woodlawn United Church June Newsletter:**

As a newly ordained Minister, what are you most looking forward to in your new role?

I am scared and excited about my move to Truro. It feels like a big adventure. Much will be the same as Woodlawn but also much will be different. Of course, being ordained comes with a new role and responsibilities (that I have been preparing for at Woodlawn during my Supervised Ministry Education) and I look forward to embracing these. Also, since Covid-19 has taught us a whole new way of being

Church in the world, I am excited to see what practices we keep and how our traditional way of doing church evolves. St Andrews United has been without a permanent minister for three years and I know that has been very challenging at times. I look forward to working with them to see what part in God's mission we are called to work towards together.

We have witnessed over the years your dedication and devotion to your family. Tell us about something you have always wanted to do, that once your kids are grown and gone, that you would like to tick off your bucket list.

When Shelley asked me to answer these questions, I laughed and assumed she put in this one as a trick question! I do NOT want my children to be "grown and gone"! Grown of course, I raised them to have roots AND wings! Originally it looked like Julia and I would be the only ones living in our BIG Truro house in the fall... and I did wonder if I should have down-sized. But, Covid-19 is changing all plans and it looks like we will have a very full house all summer and maybe into the fall! But one thing I have on my bucket list is to improve my Spanish! I used to be able to communicate effectively, not grammatically correct, but people knew what I meant! I have lost most of my ability. Technology has allowed me to reconnect with my Bolivian family a lot more and I am tired of not being able to have more than a VERY superficial conversation with them. So that is a goal!



Forty Years Young...

Last issue, St Andrews' archivist Dale Ells brought us the story of the hymn tune New Saint Andrews, a gift from Richard Baker to us on the dedication of our re-invented building.

May 4 marked forty years since the Rededication Services, one at 11 AM in the sanctuary, and one at 3 in the chapel (which at the time hadn't yet had its signature stained glass installed). The Minister was Rev. George H. MacLean, organist & choir director Pauline McPhee, and Youth and Junior Choir leaders were (in the sexist language of the time) Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Henderson. What we have come to call the Sanctuary was referred to in the program as McLennan Hall.

The chapel is seen as "the heart of the congregation's devotional life; its furnishings from the old church provide a link between the old and the new." so it seems fitting that it has been providing the locale for our online services.



McLennan Hall, May 1980



New St Andrews under construction. 1970