



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

Please Note:

Janice is on vacation this week.

When she returns: (J)Wed. June 24 Summer Hours

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 8-12.

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.



One More Step Along the Road...

As Keith's (Keith Selwyn-Smith, DLM) three and one half years as our Supply Ministry Personnel nears its end, Covid-19 restrictions make expressing our appreciation look much different than anything our church family might have imagined.

Thus, we are suggesting that those who wish to do so may communicate with Keith and Edie directly, either by Canada Post at

34 Bayside Dr.,

Truro, NS B6L 1B3

or by email –officestandrews@eastlink.ca

Keith and Edie, “...May the wind be always at your back and may God hold you in the palm of His hand”.

We are indeed grateful for your contributions to St. Andrews during this most unprecedented period in our history!

Saint Andrew's Running Club (Virtual)

<u>St. Andrews Walking Club (virtual)</u>									
Name	Goal (kms)		Week of 26-Apr-20	Week of 03-May-20	Week of 10-May-20	Week of 17-May-20	Week of 24-May-20	Week of 31-May-20	TOTAL
	daily	weekly							
Boutilier, Janine	10		83.5	80.1	84.9	86.7	109.9	122.4	567.5
Langille, Wanda			19.6	26.93	24.07	25.61	28.3	25.77	150.28
Ross, Glenn	6	35	39.54	25.39	40.49	27.39	29.43	40.14	202.38
Sutherland, Eleanor	3	25	15	20	17.5	19	20	20	111.5
Sutherland, Kathie		30	37.5	40	36	48	40	36.5	238
Henwood, Merv		40			43.49	70.3	53.6	37	204.39
Walking Club Total			195.14	192.42	246.45	277	281.23	281.81	1474.05

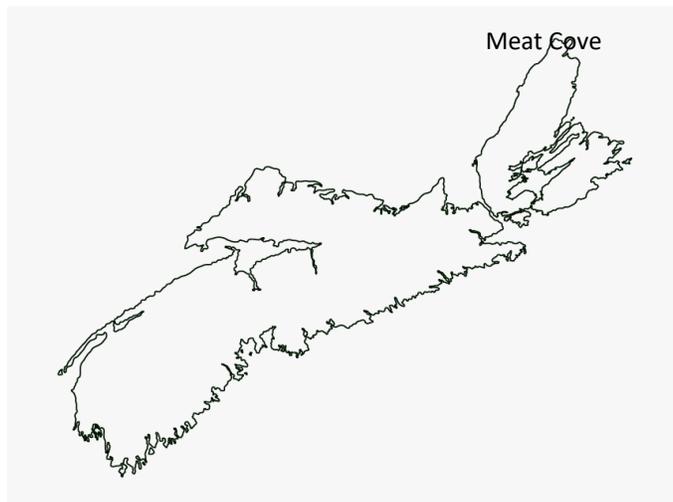
From Glen:

These are the results for the sixth week of our walking club (virtual).

It is interesting to see that individually our numbers have gone up or down from last week but the total remained at 281km.

And from Janine:

Well done everyone! I feel like I need to explain what I'm doing... I'm actually including my run kilometres AND my walking kilometres every day. I'm on a virtual race across the province from Yarmouth to Meat Cove... Although we have three months to complete the 800 km, I'm going a little bit crazy with it. Initially, I figured I'd plan to dk 8 to 10 km per day. But lately it seems to be that I am consumed with this effort. Now it seems I'm not content unless I've gone 16 to 20 km a day. Just thought I'd let you know why am putting in such crazy distances. This isn't the norm for me. However, maybe maybe this is what retired life looks like ☒



Yarmouth

Region 15 COVID Town Hall

A Zoom Town Hall was held for Region 15 on Monday, June 8, 2020, with approximately 160 participants. It was an excellent time of sharing of information, and exploring of questions relating to the possible re-entry and offering of services in our church buildings. As more information is shared by the province, further advice and direction will be provided by the Region to our churches. The video recording of the Town Hall is available on the Regions East YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/BUDmzTNRKbE>



Showing Symptoms?? >>>>>

Using information from the above event, we have **CAUTIOUSLY** and **SLOWLY** begun to relaunch St. Andrews.

The leadership team from has met on two Thursdays to work toward developing the plan we need to have in place for the time when health authorities allow us to meet again. We were joined last week by our incoming Ministry Personnel, Shannon MacLean, via Zoom. We have arranged for the *Making Friends Preschool* to reopen (as they were required to do) for 3 weeks. We have arranged the parlour so that our committee **OF LESS THAN 10** can meet there as desired.

We need to expand the team. If you have an interest in helping with this planning process, please email Ken Henderson at

henderk@gmail.com

We will also work to develop a way to have a meeting of the St Andrews Church Council, likely with some sort of technological assistance. Council members please keep an eye on your inbox for information about this.

Sigrid is back to work, and we are gathering supplies and setting up procedures to maintain the high standards of cleanliness and sanitation that will be required when we re-enter the building in larger groups. For the present, only the Pre School is admitted to the Fullerton Hall level, and there is no traffic between there and the main floor. **EVERYONE** entering the building is required to sign in on the sheet in the Meeting Place (in case contact tracing becomes necessary), and everyone except the preschool is required to use the Duke Street door until further notice. Groups wishing to hold small meetings in the parlour must book the room in advance so that your use will align safely with Sigrid's cleaning schedule.

We will be working with our new minister over the summer to find ways for her to connect with our community, and to develop ways of worshipping in what will become normal conditions in the fall (we hope).

Working together, we will, as St Andrew's always does, arrive safely on the other side of this.

AND.....The Mask Maker Sews On.....

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....

She's raised over \$700 !

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



Truro YMCA Building connects to our St. Andrew's History

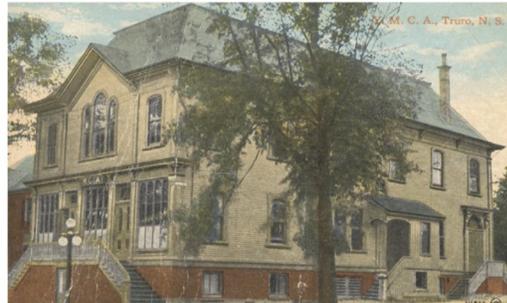
The Truro YMCA building (see Photo) was completed and opened in 1874. It was 100 ft X 45 feet and fronted on Prince Street at the Corner of Prince and Pleasant streets. Several business and community organizations rented space in the building which was later owned privately and torn down in 1958 to make space for a grocery store.

On January 1, 1875, the West Truro Presbyterian Church was formed through a necessary and friendly division of the original Presbyterian Church in Truro, now known as First United Church. The new "West Truro" congregation rented the top floor Assembly Hall of the YMCA building for five years until the congregation developed a building of their own at the corner of King and Duke Street. On the first Sunday of 1880, the congregation dedicated the new church building.

There is another connection with the YMCA building. In 1897 a fire temporarily rendered the Pleasant Street Methodist Congregation homeless. They rented the top floor of the YMCA building for nine months until they could move back into their Pleasant Street church home.

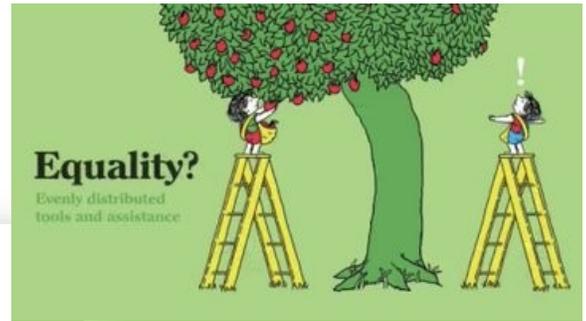
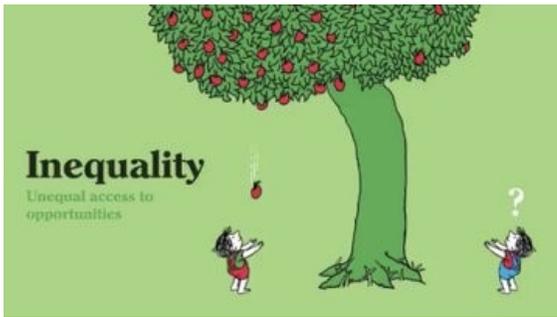
In 1925 the two congregations, Saint Andrew's Presbyterian and Pleasant Street Methodist, merged to form Saint Andrew's United Church.

[This Information is mostly from historical research by Frank A Doane and a history of the Truro YMCA compiled and published by Archie MacNeil, Editor of the Truro Daily News. The photo is copied from an early Truro post card.] - Submitted by Dale Ells, Archives Commit-

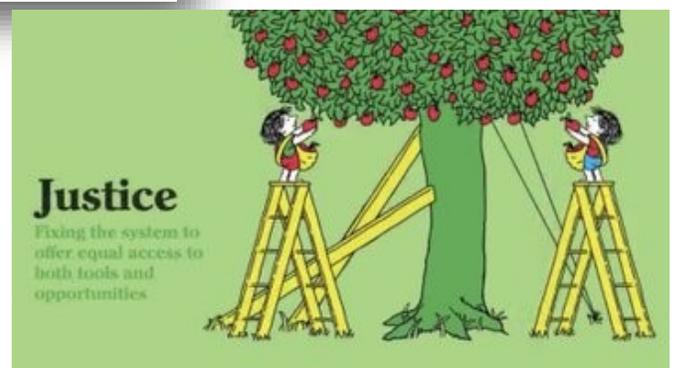
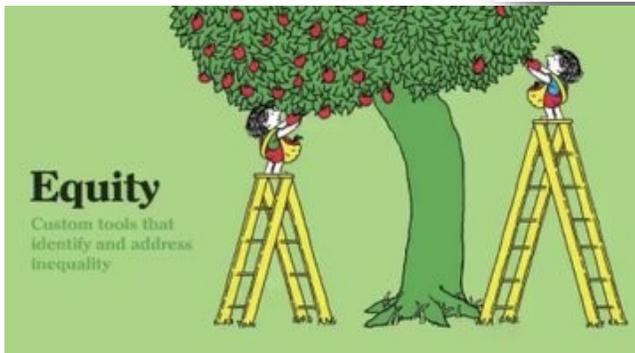


Camping Anyone?

Fundy Saint Lawrence Dawning Waters and Region 15 are thrilled to announce a new initiative being launched by our four United Church camps in the region. We know that due to precautions necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, the 2020 camping season will not be the same as it has been in the past, and "camp" will not look the same either. Our camps are dedicated to make sure they can still offer a place of positive faith exploration, love, acceptance and love. To help achieve that, our camps have banded together to create a project called **"Camp in a Box"**, a new experience that we can offer our campers and their families. Camp Ta-Wa-Si, Camp Abby, Camp Kidston, and Sherbrooke Lake Camp will all offer their own version of a "Camp in a Box" and other programming for the summer, so that they can continue to engage with our youth, families, and community. For more information on each camps' programs, please visit their websites: Camp Ta-wa-si: <http://camptawasi.ca> Camp Abby: www.campabegweit.ca Camp Kidston: www.campkidston.com Sherbrooke Lake Camp: www.sherbrookelakecamp.org Thanks is extended to The Camping Opportunities Funds of both Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council and Region 15 Regional Council, as well as The Embracing the Spirit grant and The Wesley C. Smith Fund at The United Church of Canada Foundation, not only for their generous funding but enthusiastic support of this Virtual Camping Initiative!



United against Racism



Did you miss **United Against Racism** on Sunday?

It was a special online worship service presented by the Black Clergy Network of our United Church of Canada—a time of worship, prayer and reflection on issues anti-Black racism across our country and in our church. The worship focused on lament, hope and reminders of the need to act against racism. (And includes some great music)

The service, and the chat reflections of participants across Canada is available on the UCC YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFiumMG3PE8&t=19s>

For White People to Talk About Racism

This book by Robin Diangelo will help you uncover biases and build stamina for conversations about racism and white privilege. If you are looking for ways to prepare to hold space for challenging conversations and work toward anti-racism and anti-oppression, join this 6-week summer book study. Discussions will be held on Zoom, Thursday mornings at 10 am, July 2nd – August 6th. Deadline for Book orders through UCC is June 15th.

Greenspace thought from LOGC committee

Climate Poachers

We shout in consternation when we hear of the poaching of Elephants for their tusks, or Black Rhinos for their horns, and so we should, but let's examine our own culpability in causing the extinction, not of one or two, but of all animal species on the planet.

A main anthropogenic (human caused) source of greenhouse gas is our reckless use of fossil fuel. Using it unnecessarily, threatens the existence of many creatures on the planet, including ourselves. Are we any better than the poachers we vilify?

It's urgently important to understand how anthropogenic (human made) climate change threatens the existence of other species, and to question why we aren't more concerned.

Climate change will likely be one of the main drivers of extinction in the 21st century because of the speed at which average temperatures are warming—faster than at any time in the last 15,000 years, eliminating animal habitat, reducing food supply, and introducing novel disease threats.

Survival by adapting in time to the rapid climate changes occurring in the Anthropocene era that we now live in, so-called because humans have changed living conditions on the planet, is no more possible than escaping a poacher's weapon. Our weapon is climate change.

About a third of both amphibian and bird species, among others are now considered at risk of extinction, Homo Sapiens included, maybe not me or you, but certainly those losing their traditional habitat due to more severe events of drought, flooding and powerful storms.

Let us make a joint effort to reduce our use of fossil fuel. It's a win-win-win. Good for your health to walk or cycle, for the pocketbook, and for the environmental benefits will extend to your grandchildren and beyond.

Although vehicles with single occupants seem to be the norm, let's take the opportunity to carpool where possible.

