



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”

Please Note: Summer Office Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 8-12.

Janice's 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.

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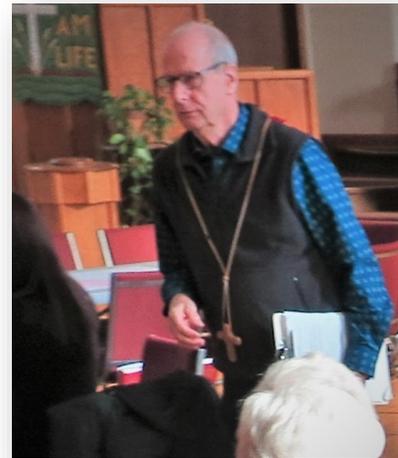
A Few (inadequate) Words of Thanks

As our needs for procuring spiritual leadership continued to be an issue at St Andrews in early 2017, the thought struck my mind, “Who Ya Gonna Call”. Keith Selwyn Smith (DLM) had been an active member in our choir for almost a year, having recently retired from active Ministry at Parrsboro in 2015. Sitting at opposite ends of the men's section of the choir, however I could hear the solid base voice coming from across the way. So, when approached Keith kindly consented to helping us out temporarily and eventually on a longer-term basis by accepting an appointment as our temporary contract Minister beginning in January of 2017.

Keith soon became a well-respected member and person to rely on for service leadership, pastoral care and singing. He has served us extremely well for the past three and a half years, retiring again as of June 30 of this year. While Keith was at St Andrews Edie was serving as the organist at Hilden United Church and sang Alto in the St Andrew's choir. We thank Keith's partner, Edith, for the support she has provided to our congregation and to Keith over the past 3 years.

We, as a church family have greatly benefited from Keith's commitment to all aspects of Ministerial leadership at St Andrew's. Keith was always open to service suggestions from the Music and Worship Committee and the congregation in general. His commitment to pastoral care was continuous and tireless, never hesitating to accept a call for support, visitations, wedding, funerals and baptisms. We owe a debt of gratitude for Keith's dedication and commitment to fostering a spirit of continuity and community at St Andrew's.

Ken Snow



And to Fay:

As our new minister arrives, we also say good-bye to Fay Smith, our Supervisor. She was appointed by the Truro Presbytery to shepherd us through the many hurdles of our ministry personnel changes, all with a backdrop of massive organizational change in the United Church of Canada. She somehow managed to keep abreast of the ongoing developments and keep us focused on what needed to be done with her down-to-earth approach, no doubt arising from her prairie upbringing. As I wrote to our Regional Minister:

“I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that St Andrew's survival depended heavily on her work over the past couple of years. We'll miss her wise counsel and advice.”

Ken Henderson, St Andrew's Council

And Now Here's.....Shannon

St. Andrew's is delighted to welcome Shannon MacLean as our new minister. Shannon comes to us from Woodlawn United Church in Dartmouth, where she worked in Youth Ministry since 2009.

In addition to this, Shannon brings with her over 15 years' experience working with children, youth and families in a variety of capacities. This includes volunteering at two orphanages in Bolivia, working and living in a L'Arche community in Cape Breton, and leading and participating in a variety of United Church committees, groups and activities, including Camp Berwick (which is very dear to her heart).

Shannon is a loving mother to her family who is pictured here. They are Jack, Cheolho Shin, Jay Feng, Shannon, Julia (pronounced Hulia), Grace and Anne Williams. Honourary members include Cheolho, Jay and Anne.

Shannon has earned a Bachelor of Science (Bio-Psychology.) degree, a Master of Arts (Counselling Psychology) degree, a Diploma in Youth Ministry, and most recently a Masters of Divinity degree.

Shannon has a passion for inclusivity and is committed to congregational care. Shannon brings with her a wealth of experience, a creative spirit, a strong faith, technological competence, and lots of positive energy. She is an open-minded, forward thinking, team player who relates well with people of all ages.

We look forward to working with Shannon as she leads us on our journey to re-focus, rejuvenate, and re-energize St. Andrew's.



Members of the Search Committee deliver a welcoming meal to Shannon & family on move-in day.

Katherine & Joanna Burris, Deanna Clark, Michelle Brake & Jennifer Cameron.

The MacLean Family:

Jack, Cheolho Shin, Jay Feng, Shannon, Julia (pronounced Hulia), Grace, and Anne Williams. Honourary members include: Cheolho, Jay and Anne.



Saint Andrew's Running Club (Virtual)



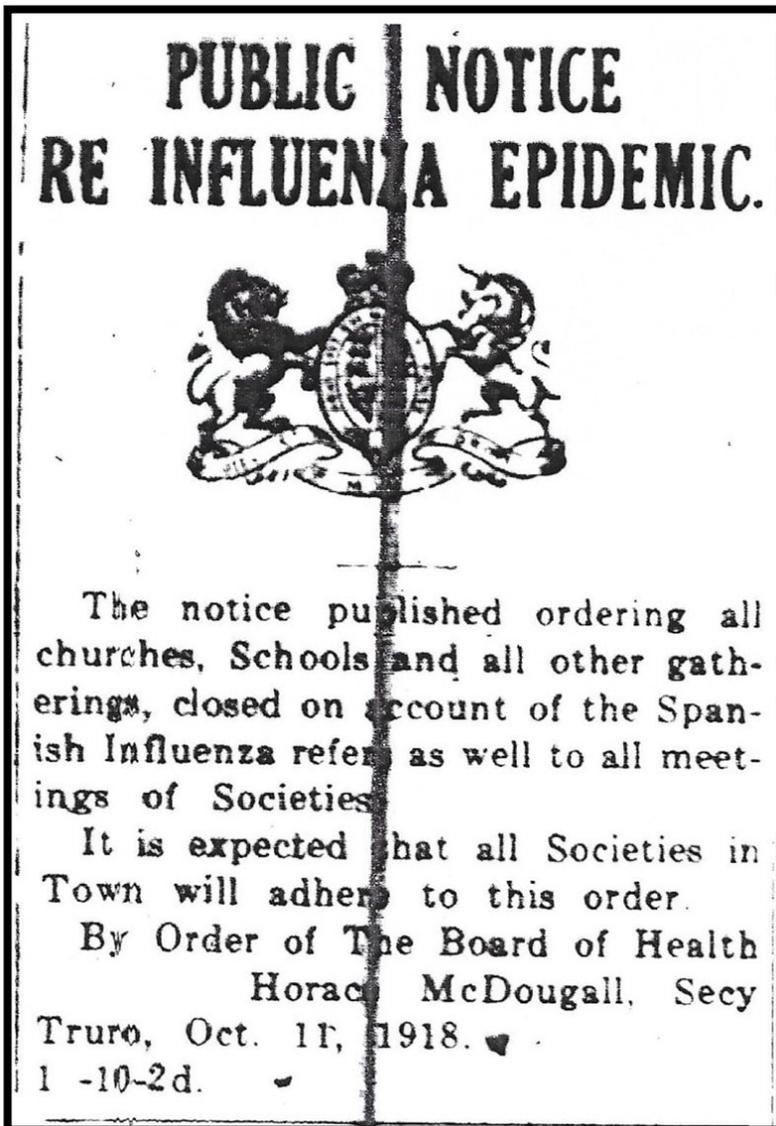
<u>St. Andrews Walking Club (virtual)</u>											
Name	Goal (kms)		Week of 26-Apr- 20	Week of 03-May- 20	Week of 10-May- 20	Week of 17-May- 20	Week of 24-May- 20	Week of 31-May- 20	Week of 07-Jun- 20	Week of 14-Jun- 20	TOTAL
	daily	weekly									
Boutillier, Janine	10		83.5	80.1	84.9	86.7	109.9	122.4	144.5	140	852
Langille, Wanda			19.6	26.93	24.07	25.61	28.3	25.77	20.9	26.1	197.28
Mac- Lean, Janice		20	10.03	7.4	13.52						30.95
Mac- Lean, Les		20	10.03	7.4	13.52						30.95
Ross, Glenn	6	35	39.54	25.39	40.49	27.39	29.43	40.14	15.1	17.4	234.88
Suther- land, Eleanor	3	25	15	20	17.5	19	20	20	20	16	147.5
Suther- land, Kathie		30	37.5	40	36	48	40	36.5	49.1	46.2	333.3
Taylor, Heather		35	37.29								37.29
Hen- wood, Merv		40			43.49	70.3	53.6	37			204.39
Walking Club Total			252.49	207.22	273.49	277	281.23	281.81	249.6	245.7	2068.54

Saint Andrew's CoVid 19 Update

Saint Andrew's Council approved our required Operational Plan, developed by the CoVid 19 Pandemic Committee, and submitted it to Region 15 on June 30. The committee at present: Ken Henderson, Allan Bruce, Dave Clark, Shannon MacLean, Janice MacLean, Ken Snow, Katherine Burris and, now that she is back, Sigrid Newman.

The plan is a very detailed document and will be communicated to the congregation in due course. It outlines a process for very gradually re-opening our building while remaining in strict compliance with public health guidelines. A priority at the moment is developing a safe way for Shannon to meet our St Andrews family. We don't expect to have onsite worship until late summer at the soonest. In the meantime, a few measures are in place.

- ◆ **King St door is off-limits to all except the PreSchool whenever the school is open.**
- ◆ **All visitors to the building must sign in and out (to facilitate contact tracing if needed)**
- ◆ **All doors are locked; there is a doorbell installed at the Duke Street entrance.**
- ◆ **All office visits are to be by appointment**
- ◆ **Visitors will be asked to use the supplied hand sanitizers (at both entrances) and wait outside offices until invited to enter.**
- ◆ **Visitors may be asked to wear a mask. A supply is in the Meeting Place.**
- ◆ **All areas will be cleaned and sanitized after use.**



Local Officials Closed Truro Churches and Other Gatherings in 1918

Back in 1918, the Spanish Influenza was spreading throughout Nova Scotia and North America. It arrived here from Europe at the end of World War I. Horace McDougall, Secretary of the Board of Health in Truro, issued an order on Oct 11, 1918 closing all churches, schools and other gatherings. (at left)

Allan Marble, now chair of the Medical History Society of Nova Scotia, wrote a book on the history of medicine in the province. He included a chapter on the Spanish Flu, which was also called the Spanish Influenza. Since there was no effective public-health system or provincial government response, Marble said the Mayor of Halifax along with public and quarantine officers acted on their own to limit the spread. Marble goes on to describe them as heroes. He also points out that from 1918 to 1920, about 2,20 people died in the province, about 200 more than the death toll from the Halifax Explosion.

If you wish to research local details related to that early pandemic, a good place to start would be the archives at the Colchester Historeum on Young Street. There one can view news stories from the Truro Daily News and other local papers of that time period. Town records and minutes of local organizations could be helpful. There are likely many untold stories still in the memories of our seniors whose parents and other family members were directly affected.

In my own family, Elizabeth Ells, my grandmother, successfully nursed one of her four children through the illness. Later she contracted the disease and died at home. Community friends would often leave food and a note at the end of the driveway. They were too afraid to come up to the farmhouse entrance.

By Dale Ells

Outdoor Activities during COVID-19 

<p>Now open/permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously closed parks, trails and school fields • Sportfishing from shore or by boat • Golf driving ranges • Sailing/boating clubs • Garden centres and nurseries • Drive-in religious services • Going to the cottage • Going to fixed RV/campers at private campgrounds 	<p>Still closed for now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaches • Playgrounds including schools • Golf courses • Private and provincial campgrounds • Open fires 	<p>Remember to follow the rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stick to your local area • Spend time only with those you live with • Stay a safe distance (2 metres/ 6 feet) from others • Use common sense – if a public area is crowded, find another area or stay home
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A Note re Summer Issues of The Chimes:

Since our activities usually slow down in the summer, and directives from various UCC bodies are less frequent, we will be publishing The Chimes at irregular intervals for now. If you have items you wish to share, send them to the office or to henderk@gmail.com

When a number of items have accumulated, or when there is new timely information to share, we'll get an issue together and out to you. Enjoy the summer!