



175 Years of Continuing Christian Presence

The Anniversary Tea, celebrating 175 years of continuous Christian Worship on this site, was held Saturday September 12, 2009 sponsored by the U.C.W.

It was a wonderful celebration, and we had a wonderful day.

The creative talents and gifts were shared by many, and we had a great time working together to prepare for the event.

Invitations were sent to past ministers and some special members and friends of St Andrew's. Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated, with the silver tea service on the main table as well as the silver candelabras with the striking beautiful blue candles.

The tables were covered in blue and white table cloths with centerpieces made with floral arrangements done in old-fashioned fancy teacups. The stage was also decorated.

The main table also had a three foot high centerpiece, beautifully decorated and topped with a floral arrangement which held beautiful desserts including homemade petit fours. Trays of fancy sandwiches also adorned the main table. We also had a power-point presentation which ran continuously every 10 minutes, and was done from archived pictures from the U.C.W.

This presentation was put together for us by Anne Houle.

The ladies donned their white gloves and poured the tea.

Some interesting hats were also seen throughout the afternoon.

These are just a few of the highlights of the day. There are many pictures, and we hope you will all get to see them.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a success and to all who came out and enjoyed the afternoon.

This was a wonderful time of fellowship and a time to reflect on how very fortunate we are to be able to acknowledge and celebrate God's Presence as we continue to worship at this site .



May we continue to share our countless blessings with others.

Bonnie Cornforth
on behalf of the U.C.W.

“Watch for upcoming events surrounding the 175th Anniversary of Continuing Christian Presence...”

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New Moderator, Mardi Tindal, Passionate about Creation

Highlights From the 40th General Council of the United Church of Canada

She tweets, she's green, she's media savvy, and she's animated.

That's Mardi Tindal, the 56 year old newly elected Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

Mardi Tindal is passionate about her ongoing convictions and deep sense of call to offer herself to the church in its highest elected office. She is an avid user of communication technology, posting a "tweet" (a short online comment) just minutes after her election.

"Let's say how excited I am to have this opportunity to serve the church in this way," said Tindal, who is the fourth lay Moderator. "I have a passion for continuing the work that has been done so well." Tindal's hope is to support the church in its desire to live in covenant relationship with God and with each other.

"I am committed to encouraging young leaders," said Tindal, who is the executive Director of the Five Oaks Centre, near Paris, Ontario, a United Church education centre. "I am

deeply committed to [a] right relationship with creation, in and beyond our faith community," she said.

"I will be inviting the church to imagine new ways of caring for creation," says Tindal, noting that this calls for small actions and very significant large actions. It's bigger than us, but we are called to portray the integrity of creation.

"When I talk with youth and young adults in the church, it's their passion as well," says Tindal, an adult educator, author and video producer, who has served in several roles at all levels of the church.

Raised in the rural community of Victoria Square, Ontario, and now living in Brantford, Ontario, Tindal has a Master of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Toronto. Her active involvement in the life of the church continues as a member of Sydenham Street United Church in Brantford, Ontario, and as a member of Erie Presbytery.

Tindal's work as a video producer and presenter has been seen on TVO, affiliated CTV stations, Anglican Video, and on VisionTV, where she was co-host of the United Church television show Spirit Connection.

To a church struggling at times with the perception of inadequate resources, she would say, "What's most important is to discern what's faithful, set a course, trust in God's abundance, and invite people into it."

Tindal told the Council that the lectionary readings from Ephesians 4:25-5:2 this week had particularly moved her as she contemplated the rules that she and the church will share for the sake of their abundant life together in Christ.

The passage spoke of putting aside malice and bitterness. Tindal said that these two traits were not completely unknown to the church and that the words in Ephesians provided good advice.

"As the writer of Ephesians has said, let us 'live in love as Christ loved us.'

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From the Minster's Study



Rev. Johanna and her friend Shamus

Celebration and Rejoice!!!

Message from Rev. Johanna VanderSpek

Summer is now past and fall invites us into its glorious colour and abundance. Cooler nights, leaves turning, ripe pumpkins, apple pies, peach cobbles, fall fairs and much more gives us reason to celebrate the blessings of God in creation. We have once again been invited into the joy of the changes of the seasons. God continually invites us to live life abundantly in enjoying and sharing the bounty and the beauty of the earth with one another.

If you have been on vacation from your church family this summer and the early fall, welcome back!! God in Christ invites us to join together as a community of faith and to rejoice in worship, being thankful for the goodness of life. We have reason to celebrate this fall, to celebrate 175 years of ministry here at St. Andrews witnessing to the Good News in Christ.

Come and celebrate with us throughout the month of October as we begin with the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, October 4. This will be an intergenerational service. October 11 is Thanksgiving Sunday in which we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. It is a time in which we are reminded of the goodness of life and a time that we show thanks for our many blessings and remember to share with those in need. October 25 is the celebration of St. Andrews 175th Anniversary. Let us come together with gladness in

our hearts, to reminisce and rejoice! Come for worship and also for a pot luck luncheon. Our guest speaker is Matthew Stevens, Stewardship and Justice Minister of London Conference.

In my now seven months in your midst, I have learned many of your names; others I tend to forget, so we do have a chuckle over how I may be able to remember; and you challenge me with your wit. I have experienced so many of your wonderful gifts and strengths as a people of faith. I have experienced your deep care for one another and for this faith community. It is a blessing to be in your midst.

We are blessed with committed folk on our committees, committed women in the U.C.W., committed teachers for our children and young people, committed caregivers for all the pastoral care needs, committed men and women in our choir, committed workers who are tremendously skilled in keeping the building in good repair and doing construction changes-committed men and women who do so much. May we celebrate the goodness amongst us and the many moments in which our hearts have been enlightened and in which we have come to know the immense power of God in our lives.

In Philippians 4:4-7 we read: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Know that the love of God is wrapped 'round you; the grace of Christ walks with you; and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit is there to guide and sustain you now and always.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,
Rev. Johanna

Outreach Committee

"By eliminating landmines, those who walk in fear, those who cannot go to school, those who cannot feed their families – begin to HOPE."

For the month of June the Outreach Focus was "Adopt-A-Minefield". The junior congregation made several different hands and feet that were sold for a toonie each. These hands and feet were placed on the walls outside the church sanctuary in the lower hall. From the sale of these hands and feet we received a total of \$128.00 and the congregation donated \$451.00 through designated weekly offerings.

By eliminating landmines those who walk in fear, those who cannot go to school, those who cannot feed their families – begin to HOPE.

In July, we delivered a cheque in the amount of \$150.00 to the Campbell AME Church, 20 Prince Street South, Chatham, to help with purchases and expenses to support their summer soup kitchen – Bag 'N Grab Lunch program. They served about 50 cold lunches each Wednesday during the months of July and August to the needy in our community.



MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

In July and August, the Mission and Service Fund was the Outreach focus. This fund is the life blood of our church supporting varied ministries in Canada and throughout the world. This fund also gives grants to education centres, theological schools and conference offices and supports our educational and resource development and the work of the General Council. The M&S Fund is our faith made visible.

The breakfast program held at Queen Elizabeth II Public School started up again this month. There will be a loose change offering held on the last Sunday of September. This program provides nutritious breakfasts as well as social time for need children to focus and learn.

The Friendship Meals will start up again this month at Victoria Avenue United Church. Members of our church assist in greeting, serving refreshments, cleanup and driving clients to the supper. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to call Ann French at 519-351-9221.

At the June 16, 2009 meeting of St. Andrew's Council, the Outreach Committee requested the release of \$5,000.00 to be donated to Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), a registered Canadian charity



founded in 1970 by Murray & Margaret Dryden. This organization has provided and continues to provide bed kits for children in 33 underdeveloped countries. On November 22, 2009 a cheque will be presented to Dave Dryden and Joan Hryniw, during the church service. The Dryden's son, Dave, heads up SCAW, a charity based in the Etobicoke home where Dave and brother Ken learned to skate and stop pucks on a backyard rink. Dave will speak to the congregation about 'Sleeping Children', the family-founded charity in which every cent donated goes to providing bed kits. Joan, a volunteer who has been instrumental in delivering bed kits on the overseas trips, will share stories with the children during the children's sharing time.

After the church service, you are invited to have lunch in Fellowship Hall. Dave and Joan will have a bed kits, as well as other SCAW items on display. Proceeds from the lunch will be given to the SCAW Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund was initially funded through the sale of three tree farms donated by Murray & Margaret Dryden (about \$2,500,000.00 was raised). The fund needs to be strengthened in the future to allow the charity to help increase the number of SCAW bed kits given to children. The Legacy Fund supplies most of the funds that are needed for the operation's costs. Please join us for this free will offering Legacy Luncheon.

We also request that another \$2,000.00 be donated to the Westover Treatment Centre Children's program. Our original donation made it possible for them to start a pilot program to aid children of the treatment adults. This program was very successful and we feel that a further contribution of \$2,000.00 is justified to allow continuation of this valuable program. Arrangements will be made to present this donation to Westover in the month of October.

These funds were 'tithed' from the proceeds of the amalgamation and the sale of Park Street United Church and its organ.

Roy Cornell

AOTS (*As One That Serves*)



The following is a summary of events since the last report to the St. Andrew's newsletter.

In March, the Dale Butler Trio and Special Friends concert was held in the Sanctuary to support Outreach For Hunger and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Approximately 130 attended this first-time event at St. Andrew's.

The month of April started with hosting the Future Aces breakfast in Fellowship Hall, assisted by the Outreach Committee and Faye Geddes. We prepared and served 60 students, staff and cooks. Thanks to all who assisted with the event – donations of food, money and time. It was a great start to their visit to Chatham. The Foundation is located in Markham, Ontario.

After the Easter worship service, we assisted with the delivery of flowers to those not able to attend. We know this brightened their day.

Near the end of April, some members took part in the general clean-up at Kenesserie Camp.

During the May 10 worship service, the anthem "Look at the World", a farewell gift to Rev. Michael Brooks, was sung by the choir. We thank Michael for his service to St. Andrew's; he will always be remembered by the music.

In June, we hosted the 4 Counties AOTS golf day at Countryview Golf Course. It was a great day, with good fellowship and food. Tillsonburg AOTS captured the golf trophy. Congratulations!

At the June breakfast meeting, the ladies of St. Andrew's United Church congregation were invited to join us for breakfast. Thanks to Ernie Glassford and his cooking team for a great breakfast and to the ladies who attended.

The AOTS men hosted the celebration Sunday barbecue after worship in Kingston Park on Sunday, June 14..

The following donations have been made by the AOTS since the last report:

- \$500 SAUC general fund
- \$500 Kenesserie Camp
- \$200 Outreach For Hunger
- \$100 Fairfield Museum/Canadian Foodgrains Bank (to assist with land rental)

We had guest speakers from the YMCA and Kenesserie Camp at our breakfast meetings.

Fred Williams



Gary Rieger, Sam Scoyne & Bill Guerin
from the AOTS Men's Group



Sunshine On My Pillow ~ *Written by Betty Stevenson*



When I awake in the morning
And enjoy the beauty that I see
And smell the cherry blossoms
And hear a feasting bee.

Just a few minutes earlier
Darkness hid the light
I felt our Dear Lord's presence
As He replaced the darkness
With the biggest of all lights.

When I am near the mountains
Lofty peaks seem purple to my eye
I sometimes see a flock of geese
Against the blueness of the sky.

But, if I am looking from my window
To a desert of endless grey sand
I realize that God must use all his brushes
To paint this silent barren land.

But when I wake up on the farm
And the sun is shining bright
I hear old Tom, my rooster
Heralding the beautiful sight.

In that moment He is revealing to all
Wake up and greet this day
You won't want to miss it
It is a special one today.

It is special because it is brand new
No one has seen this day before
Although the sun has been with us
For two thousand years or more.
I hear the cows bawling
They just want to be milked soon
All the noise wakens baby
He still doesn't eat with a spoon.

So come on everyone
Get out of your comfy bed
See the miracle that just happened
It is special, just like He said.

Pies R Us

Summer has flown by; it went so quickly that some of us don't think we really had a summer.

Well, we did have summer, and our freezer is full of the fruits that we have gathered for our pies.

In June, we began the raid of the rhubarb patches, and we thought we would get one of our fruit pies done. However, we panicked and thought we needed more rhubarb which we received from our generous donors. Then we had rhubarb left over, and we had to get more strawberries, so that means we will be doing strawberry- rhubarb pies again, and we hope it will not be as warm as the day in June that we picked to do them.

We then purchased our cherries and blueberries, so now the freezers are full, and it is time to make room for the organic meat that we will be getting the end of October.

We began rolling the dough Tuesday September 15th with fresh peach pies ready for the oven or freezer.

We will continue to work through September on strawberry-rhubarb, cherry and blueberry pies. In October, we will do apple pies.

We will do our meat pies early in November.

This is a fun group and we have a variety of things to do: sit down jobs and stand up jobs, packaging, calling, slicing and dicing, rolling, filling, just to name a few.

If you might be interested in helping our group, everyone is welcome to come and join in the fellowship as we work together.

Proceeds from the pies are designated to kitchen renovation, as we are looking forward to updating our kitchen.

Our special thanks to all who donated rhubarb. Pie orders are taken by Peggy Leigh 519-352-3873, Kay Glassford 519-354-3801 or Bonnie Cornforth 519-351-1205.

Please make arrangements to pick up your pies, as we have limited freezer space.

Thank you for you support
Pies R Us



Library Report

If you've been feeling a little "lukewarm" lately, I have the book for you, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. This book calls us to wholeheartedly embrace and live out God's amazing love.

If you want a chuckle, read: "You may need to go to church more..." co-authored by a former member of our church, Richard DeJonge.

Something else I just added to our collection is "Same kind of different as me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. This is a story of the unlikely friendship of a homeless man and an art dealer and the woman that brought them together. The book was on the New York Times bestseller list.



I have also added more fiction to the collection, including one new series of four books, and several books continuing other series.

I have some Bibles that the family of Diane Harwood donated to the library. I have catalogued the ones that I want, but there are some duplicates. If anyone would like one of these Bibles I am sure Diane would want them treasured by someone.

Bev Whalls
Church Librarian

**Check out the new location of the library ...
coming soon!**

Friendship Group

St. Andrew's Friendship Group is ready for another year of fun and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know people in our church family. The Sunday bulletin has the information for the coming events. We try to meet on the third Saturday of the month. All are welcome!



U.C.W. Bazaar News

We hope you are having a great summer. Time really seems to be flying. The children have returned to school and autumn beckons.

When you are making jams, sauces, chili or any of your favourites, we hope you will keep us in mind. Knitting, crocheting or any craft you enjoy making will be most welcome. If you have any ideas of your own that you think might add to the bazaar, don't hesitate to contact either Mary McLeod 519-352-5114 or Dorothy Heersma 519-354-2696 or the office.

Thank you,
Mary & Dorothy



Confirmation for Youth

If you are of High School age and are interested in exploring your faith and would like to consider becoming a member of The United Church of Canada, please let Rev. Johanna know or contact the church office. Confirmation classes will begin in November. Please check future bulletins for further details.

Mentors

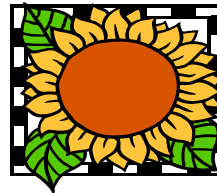
Perhaps you have been a mentor for youth confirmation or perhaps you would like to be one; if so, please let Rev. Johanna know. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith, to ask questions, and to grow together.

Upcoming Worship Schedule



Month	Day	Notes
October	4	Worldwide Communion
October	11	Thanksgiving & Baptism
October	18	20th After Pentecost
October	25	Anniversary Sunday - 175 Years of Christian Presence Guest Speaker: Rev. Matthew Stevens Potluck Luncheon
November	1	All Saints - Memorial Service
November	8	Remembrance
November	15	
November	22	Reign of Christ - Sleeping Children Around the World Special Presentation

Dear friends at St. Andrew's, I've been reflecting over the last part of my summer on what a great privilege it was to be a part of your church this past year. Your sendoff for me was more than I could have hoped for and was very gracious and generous! Thank you for your cards, gifts, and well-wishes! I wish you all the best this coming season, especially in the music programme--with your dedication and talent, it can only be wonderful. I hope to have the opportunity to visit you in the future. Until then, many thanks and blessings!
Joel



Benevolent Fund Update

For the period January through June 26, 2009, 442 food vouchers were issued, along with a request for assistance for lodging and another for transportation.

In June 2009, 107 food vouchers were distributed. This figure was the highest monthly amount ever issued by this fund. But due to the economic conditions and the loss of major industrial plants in the area, we foresee an increased number of clients visiting us in the coming months. Thank you for supporting those in need.

Directors,
Betty & Bruce Fraser
Roy Cornell



Vision Statement:

St. Andrew's United Church seeks to nurture:

- † a family atmosphere of inclusion and acceptance
- † a stronger presence in the local community
- † a growing small group ministry

Mission Statement:

St. Andrew's United Church is a family that celebrates God's presence through people, worship, music and outreach.

Values Statement:

St. Andrew's United Church values:

- † people
- † family atmosphere
- † relationships with others

Young at Heart (The Junior Youth Group)

The start of the new program year also brings changes in our title and our meeting times. We would like to meet preferably after church or on Monday nights. The group is still under the direction of Linda Shaw and Elaine Howell.

We would like to invite anyone who considers themselves as "young at heart" and also former junior and senior youth group members, their friends and family members to our events.



Our meetings/outings will probably take place twice a month. On Sunday, October 18 after church, we would like to organize a trip to the **Corn Maze** near Thamesville. Look for further details in the church bulletin. We will be going to St. Andrew's Residence on October 19 at 6:30 p.m. We usually put on a worship service, have some musical entertainment, and then play some **Bingo**. Feel free to join us anytime when we are going to St. Andrew's Residence. We have a good group that volunteers their time and their energy making the evening fun!!!

In the past, we have organized **volleyball** games, **card** games, and sometimes invite **guest speakers** after the church service.

We would like to do this again, along with some new activities. If you have any suggestions for our group, we would greatly appreciate any helpful ideas. Thank you.

Hope to see you participating in our upcoming events.
Elaine Howell (519)-676-3952 and Linda Shaw (519)-352-1454

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~ Matthew 19:14

Membership & Pastoral Care Committees

The Membership Committee has recently reviewed the Membership Roll in order to keep it current.

Cards are sent out by the Greeting Card Convenor to members and adherents celebrating special occasions.

The Pastoral Care Visitors keep very busy visiting the hospital, nursing homes and private homes. Our church family appreciates these visits. There have been occasions when we will sit with someone all night when they are very ill and frightened. A terminal illness can be very difficult for the

family as well we tiring and our help is very much appreciated. The committee consists of compassionate, devoted people and St. Andrew's is very blessed to have them in our family.

The flowers on Sunday are usually delivered by the Pastoral Care Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Macphail, Chair
Membership & Pastoral Care
Committees



Like plants, we also need to be nurtured...

Music & Arts Ministry

I am proud to introduce myself as your new Director of Music and Arts Ministry. St. Andrew's United Church has a vibrant worship community, rich in talent and enthusiasm. I feel blessed to work in such a healthy environment.

My decision to accept the position here was the latest in a series of decisions placing music at the centre of my life. At university, I majored in music so I would not have to demote it to a hobby. After university, I searched for a position in church music that was at least half-time. I have found that kind of position at St. Andrew's.

I grew up in the country near Orangeville, Ontario. When I was four years old, my mother bought a piano and started playing again. I became interested, so she taught me as much as she could and then took me to a piano teacher nearby. When that teacher moved away, I studied with Rob Hennig, who was at that time the organist at Westminster United Church in Orangeville. Because I had my lessons at the church, I naturally moved from the piano in the sanctuary to the organ console, where I had my first experiences with the instrument I would study at university. When I was sixteen, my teacher helped me obtain the position of organist at Trinity United Church in Shelburne, Ontario, which I held until I left home to begin my studies.

My brother and I were almost teenagers before my parents began regularly taking us to church. They had been Roman Catholic, but they took us to St. John's Anglican Church near Orangeville, where some of our friends were members. We were baptised and confirmed in the faith and served as acolytes in the services. Attendance and participation at St. John's gave me my introduction to the many aspects of the Christian faith.

Working in church music has brought me into many different denominations. During my last two years of high school, I worked as organist at Trinity United Church in Shelburne, Ontario. While I studied at Oberlin College in Ohio, I worked as Organist and Choir Director at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Amherst, a nearby town. In Montreal, during my studies at McGill, I was Assistant Organist at The Church of St. James the Apostle (Anglican).

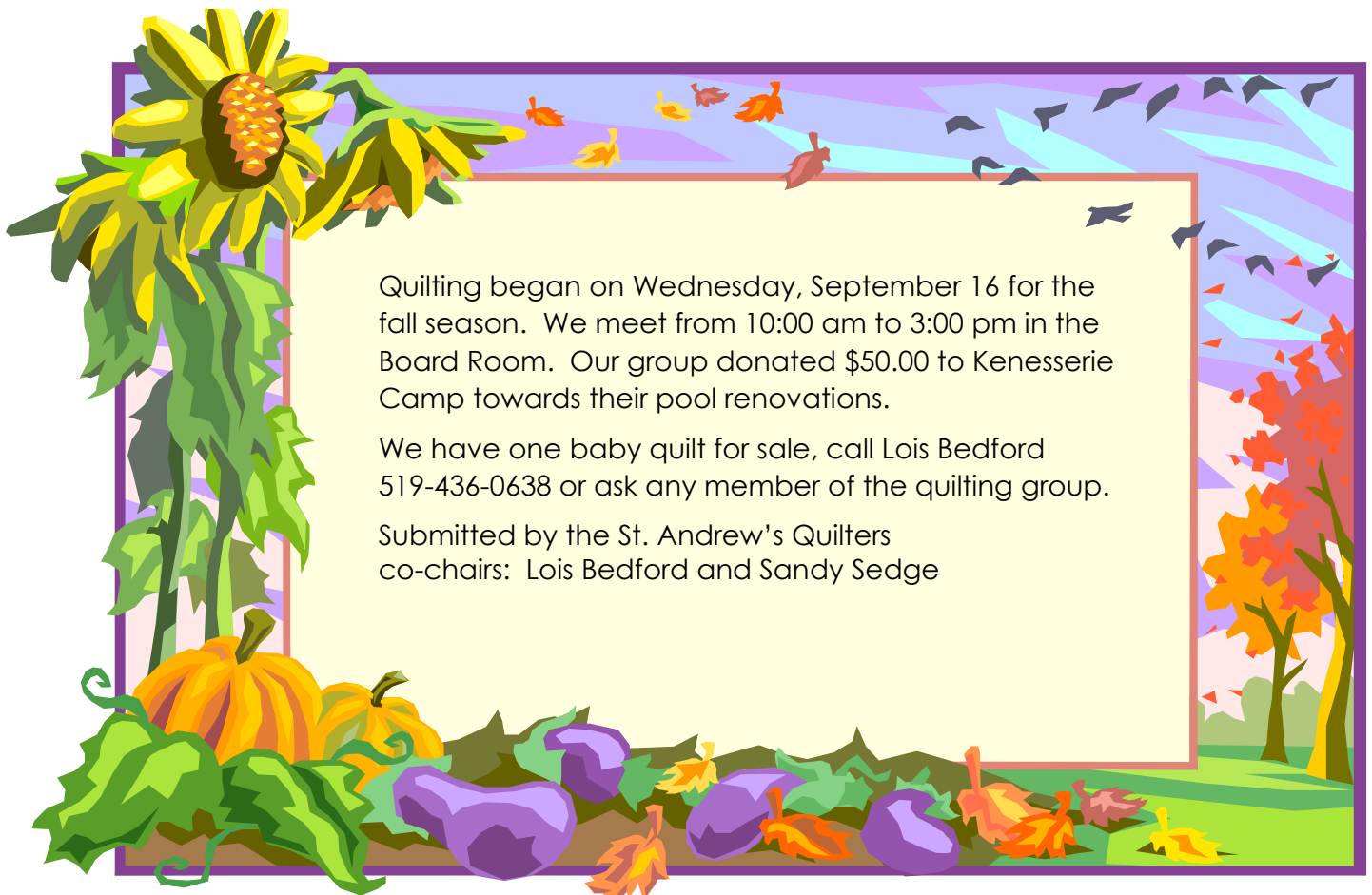
St. Andrew's members have asked me how I feel about moving from downtown Montreal to Chatham, a much smaller city. I tell them that Chatham is the second-largest city I have ever lived in. Before Montreal, I lived in the very small town of Oberlin, Ohio, and in a rural area in Southern Ontario. I feel very much at home here among native Ontarians.

On October 1, I will move into an apartment at Terrace Forty, just up the street from the church. Since I don't have a car, I will be using my bicycle for transportation. As I settle in to my new life here in Chatham, I look forward to getting to know the members of the St. Andrew's church community.

~ Conrad Gold
Director of Music & Arts Ministry



St. Andrew's Quilters



Quilting began on Wednesday, September 16 for the fall season. We meet from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Board Room. Our group donated \$50.00 to Kenesserie Camp towards their pool renovations.

We have one baby quilt for sale, call Lois Bedford 519-436-0638 or ask any member of the quilting group.

Submitted by the St. Andrew's Quilters
co-chairs: Lois Bedford and Sandy Sedge

Joint Search Committee

A brief update from Search Committee for the Associate Minister. The ad is in the September Observer. Applications have been received and are being reviewed. The committee is meeting regularly. We are planning for a first interview in early October. The Search Committee asks that the congregation keep us in its prayers in this sensitive task that God has given us.

Joan Macphail, Chair
Barb Carruthers
Peter Cook
Lorna Lawrence
Gary Rieger, Secretary
Linda Rieger
Ed Robbins
Heather Scott
Ted Takahashi



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ~ Matthew 7:7

Property Committee

We hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is here, and by the end of September the church should be back in full swing.



Your Property Committee has been busy with some updates to the church. The new office is now in use. Stop by and have a look. Starting in September, we will proceed with the other repairs and upgrades as approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting. We need to prepare a new office for the Director of Music & Arts Ministry. The new location of the nursery, library and ministers' offices, as well as changes to the chapel, should keep us busy for a while. If you have any spare time and would like to help please call myself or the office and leave your name.

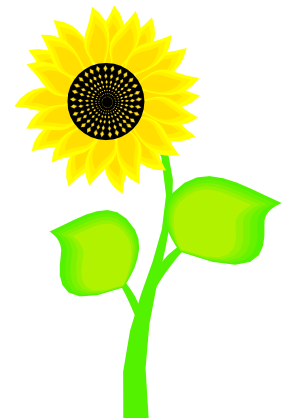
There also has been a wall removed in the Christian Education area in order to create a larger classroom. Let's hope we can fill these rooms, as the little people are our future members and caretakers of the church.

All help is greatly appreciated. We will not be starting anything new until the above projects are completed, but we remain open to your suggestions or comments. We look forward to seeing you around; we need your support and help in order to maintain this house of worship and continue God's work.

Your Property Committee:

Jim Glassford, Chair
 Ed Bell
 Ernie Glassford
 Bill Guerin
 Don Haden
 Don Howard

Donna Keech
 Sam Scoyne
 Len Shortt
 Bill Stephen
 Ted Takahashi
 Al Thain



Finance and Stewardship Committee

The following is an abbreviated financial statement for the period January 1 through August 31, 2009, which includes the amounts budgeted for the year:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Givings (general, loose, SS, special)	\$134,628.51	\$279,070.00
Income from Reserves/Trusts	26,464.00	24,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>24,487.87</u>	24,430.00
Total Receipts	185,580.38	327,500.00
Less: Total Disbursements	<u>183,574.78</u>	<u>327,500.00</u>
 Operating Gain (Loss)	 \$ 2,005.60	 \$ 0.00

Finance and Stewardship Committee

Welcome back! Well here we are at the end of hopefully, a much deserved and enjoyable summer break, all rested, energized, and raring to go? Thanks to Barbara Robbins, Treasurer of St. Andrew's United Church, you will find an abbreviated financial statement for the period of January 1, through August 31, 2009, including the budgeted amounts for the year on page 12 of the newsletter.

Thanks to members of the committees

and the congregation, our year-to-date receipts and disbursements are at par with the budget.

Whether it is Finance, Stewardship or Outreach, I always like to repeat myself by saying "What is the difference between one person contributing \$1,000.00 to 1,000 persons contributing \$1.00".

Thank you for your attention and God Bless,

Ted Takahashi
for the Finance & Stewardship Committee



Proclaim the good news!
Believe in the good news!
Let us be good stewards
of God's good news.

Council Update

COUNCIL UPDATE

It is hard to believe that summer has drawn to a close and we are approaching the activities of fall. We begin a new cycle of meetings and fellowship as the amalgamated congregation of St. Andrew's. As the two congregations have joined together, there have been transitions and changes in policies and ways of carrying out the business of the congregation. It is impossible for everyone to be involved in the decision-making and the gathering of the necessary information. Therefore, the reliance on the work of our church committees is the essential backbone of the Council. Special thanks go out to all of our committees which aim to secure the future of St. Andrew's and help it to thrive in our community.



John Keech, Chair of Council

As you may have noticed, the staff has a new updated and enlarged office. Through the funding held by the Trustees and the manpower of the Property Committee, this project has been completed. The Property Committee continues to work on the

remainder of the Phase 1 project that was approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting. The library is being moved to the small office by the Chapel and has been fitted with more shelving for a better view of our book collection. A refitting of the chapel with pew chairs will allow for the space to continue to be used as a chapel and for other multi-purposes. Relocation of the ministry personnel and the Director of Music & Arts is also part of this phase.

For Council, monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Some of the topics which will come forward in the next few months will be the new constitution for the amalgamated congregation, our shared parking with St. Andrew's Residence and use of facility fees for church space. A congregational meeting may be necessary to discuss the completion of projects.

With your prayers and support the business and work of the church continues.

In His Service,
John Keech
Chair of Council



Greeting Cards



Greeting cards will be sent to members/adherents of the congregation as follows:

- ◆ Member/Adherent in hospital or seriously ill at home
- ◆ Immediate family of a member/adherent who is mourning the loss of an immediate family member
- ◆ Member/Adherent celebrating one-year anniversary of: marriage, baptism, funeral
- ◆ Member/Adherent celebrating 50th wedding anniversary and every year thereafter
- ◆ Member/Adherent celebrating 80th birthday and every year thereafter
- ◆ Member/Adherent graduating from college or university

If you know of an occasion when a greeting card should be sent to a member/adherent, with their permission, please contact me.

Judythe Cornell
Card Convenor
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Happy Birthday

Ministry & Personnel Committee

The congregation and staff welcomed Rev. Johanna VanderSpek on March 1, 2009. At a special covenanting worship service on May 3, 2009 she was welcomed by Kent Presbytery and London Conference of The United Church of Canada. She has proven to be a hard-working, welcome addition as Lead Minister at St. Andrew's United Church.

Having received Joel Vanderzee's resignation effective in July, action was taken to secure a new Director of Music & Arts. Needs were reviewed; parameters were set; job description was confirmed; job was advertised and an interview team was selected.

After completing the extensive search process, we welcomed Conrad Gold as Director of Music & Arts Ministry on Sunday, September 20, 2009. Conrad is hardworking and genuinely interested in crafting the music program to express the themes of worship and church mission. His biography can be found on page 10 in this newsletter. We welcome Conrad to our St. Andrew's family, and we trust everyone will support and pray for his new ministry.

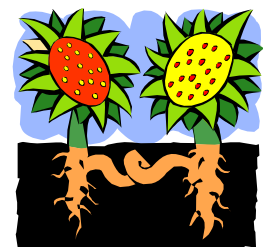
Ross Sherk has been a pillar in the music area by filling in as organist and choir director and transition leader to the new Director of Music & Arts. We thank him sincerely for all his efforts.

Ron Kingham was our supply organist for the month of August. We thank him for sharing his talents.

On August 4, 2009, Len Shortt resigned his position as Relief Caretaker at St. Andrew's United Church. We certainly thank Len for his work here and wish him the best.

The position of Relief Caretaker has been filled by Mark Whalls, who has been filling in admirably while our caretaker has been on vacation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Robbins, Chair
Matt Chorneyko
Faye Geddes
Mary Alice Marchand
Linda Rieger



Craft Group

The Frosty Frolics Bazaar is just around the corner. On Saturday, November 28, we will have a booth at the bazaar. If you need a gift in the meantime, I have listed some items that we have available that the U.C.W. ladies have made. All proceeds go to the



Dish cloths, fridge towels, aprons and shopping bags are available

St. Andrew's U.C.W. I will be glad to show you what we have available for sale. Also, if you need supplies, we do have some wool on hand. Starting in October we will be meeting to finish some work, so join us, bring a project, and we can have a cup of tea together for a time to learn and a time of fellowship.

Items on hand:

- ♥ Six shopping bags – perfect for groceries
- ♥ Aprons
- ♥ Dish clothes
- ♥ Fridge towels
- ♥ Pin Cushion
- ♥ Hats – for boys and girls

- ♥ Two baby, hooded sweaters – one blue, one pink/blue mix
- ♥ One baby sweater – in yellow/size large
- ♥ One matching set – sweater, hat and mittens – approximately size 10
- ♥ Slippers – checkered, tasseled or pocket styles
- ♥ One bed jacket – pink, fits any size
- ♥ Easter cloth book – perfect for a young child
- ♥ Garfield hooked rug – oval shape
- ♥ Beige and brown heavy coat sweater – size small to medium
- ♥ Afghans – medium or large
- ♥ Three 'cat' draft dodgers – they are very cute
- ♥ Bean bags – for aches and pains
- ♥ Stuffed rabbit – ideal for a young baby
- ♥ Covered hangers – many different colours at 50 cents each



Baby Sweaters and Slippers are available

*Submitted by Mary McLeod
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You made him ruler over the **works** of your hands.

~ Psalm 8:6

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A Fall Prayer



The coolness in the air and the turning of the leaves reminds us of a new season. God, we ask you to renew our spirit. Let our family actions speak the truth of your love. Let those who see us know you a little better. This we ask through your Son and the Holy Spirit Amen. ~ by Beth

Kids Colouring Page

Sunflower

