

St. Andrew's News



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Minister's Message

"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve ... You only need a heart full of grace ... A soul generated by love." this is a quote of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A church is more than a building, it is a community of people dedicated to working together to serve the community and grow together in their knowledge and love of God. Since my ministry at St. Andrew's United Church began on July 1st I have experienced the grace and love of a caring community of people who have made my move here a wonderful experience. I look forward to meeting the folks in Chalk River and Deep River as my work here takes me into the community where the folks who now wave to me from vehicles or passing by on the street become friends with names.

One of the pleasures I have as a minister is visiting members of this congregation. Folks like Sarah King and Annie Crosson are a fountain of information, a pleasure to spend time with and wise beyond their years. My last visit with Clifford and Florence Reynolds was made very special not only because we were joined by Harold and Aleta Gutzman but we also were treated to a few tunes on the accordion by Clifford. I understand that does not happen as often anymore so I consider myself very fortunate. I want to thank Iris Agnew for inviting me to her home on a couple of occasions now. The tea and goodies are made even more tasty by the friendship developing around the table.

It was a privilege and an honour to have the Members of the Chalk River Legion join our service on Sept. 19th. Jim Lemure was very helpful in getting the information to me concerning additions to the service and their traditions as far as this service is

concerned. Following the church service my family enjoyed pancakes, eggs, sausages and toast, along with coffee and juice served at the Legion Hall. This was an excellent opportunity, we took part in Legion Week here in Chalk River. I look forward to many more occasions such as this to work together with this wonderful group of people. With the Legion in mind, I would like to invite everyone to our service of worship on Nov. 14th when we will be honouring our veterans, those who gave their lives and those serving to protect our country still today with a Remembrance Day Service at 10:30 am.

St. Andrew's will be 135 years as a congregation at its worship service on Nov. 7th, definitely a time to celebrate. Dr. Scott Murray from Pembroke will be our guest speaker. We are looking forward to his message and fellowship with us. Pot-Luck meals are always a culinary experience with bounty and variety to please every taste and I am sure the table will be generous for our meal after the service when there will be plenty of time for fellowship as we remember events of the past. Our celebration of remembering will begin the week before, on Oct. 31st when we recognize the items that have been donated to our church to make it a place of warmth in which to worship God, the source of every gift in our lives.

Once again, thank you to the members of St. Andrew's United. Your generosity and commitment to your church have made it a pleasure to be here. May God continue to bless our ministry together.

**In Christian Service,
Susan DeHaan, DLM**



Worship Committee

World Wide Communion was celebrated at St. Andrew's on October 3, 2010. Rev Andy McKee and Susan DeHann participated in the distribution of the Lord's Supper. World Wide Communion is a joining together of a diversity of disciples advancing the way of Christ in villages, cities and countries throughout the world.

On November 7, 2010, we celebrate the 135th anniversary of St. Andrew's United Church here in Chalk River. What an accomplishment – a legacy passed down from generation to generation. This year Dr. Scott Murray, a prominent Pembroke physician, will be with us as our guest speaker. Dr. Murray has been a guest speaker in many of the local area churches. A Pot Luck dinner will follow the Sunday service.

We remember with love, those who served this fellowship well in the past and are now a part of the eternal fellowship of joy and praise.

We are a church with a rich history and anticipate a wonderful future filled with abounding hope, nurturing love, abundant faith and inspiring joy.

Remembrance Day will be celebrated Nov. 14, 2010.

A day of memories...

A day of reflection...

A day of past battles...

A day of new beginnings...

At St. Andrew's, thoughts and activities are turning to the "time of waiting" – Advent and the arrival of Christmas. We are waiting for the arrival of the "Babe of Bethlehem"! The sanctuary will be adorned with the beauty of Christmas. A SIGHT TO BEHOLD. We are waiting!

In preparation for His arrival the following plans have been made!

A "mitten tree" will be in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2010 until December 12, 2010. The congregation is asked to bring hand-knitted or purchased mittens, scarves or hats. These items will be added to the tree and the contributions donated to the local Family Services to be distributed to those in need.

Nov. 28 - White Gift Service - 10:30 am

Dec 19 - Holy Communion – 10:30 am

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 7:30 pm

All are welcome!

Lay Supervision Team

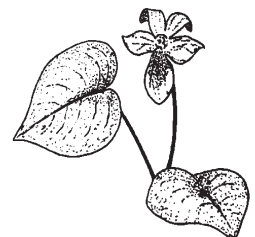
On July 2, 2010, a new chapter began in the history of St. Andrew's United Church with the arrival of Susan deHaan, Designated Lay Minister. At the June meeting of St. Andrew's United Church Council, a Lay Supervision Team was appointed. The team members are representative of lay people who are dedicated to the ministry and mission of the church and are available to assist Susan in growing personally, intellectually, professionally, spiritually and socially within the parameters of the congregation, according to the learning covenant. In supervised ministry education, the learning covenant is the agreement of all participants to pursue certain goals – a commitment to work, learn and grow together. Covenant is rooted in faith. It assumes and encourages mutual respect, support, openness and honesty. It anticipates difficulties and offers help in a constructive way. It is intended, primarily, to support learning and growth in ministry.

The Lay Supervision Team functions as interpreters to Susan about the life of the congregation. They also interpret the process of education and supervision to the congregation and need to be open to their own learning about the wider processes of the church, the functions of lay ministers and their own Christian calling.

This team is accountable to the intern, the Council, Renfrew Presbytery and the Bay of Quinte Conference.

As team members, they are active participants in the learning covenant that is made with the intern and her supervisor. Their primary role is to support, accompany and encourage the intern in this learning opportunity by sharing her perceptions and knowledge of the site and the community; offer feedback to the intern; engage in conversation and reflect on experiences and help the intern gain skills for ministry leadership, deepen awareness of pastoral identity, enhance her spirituality and gain interpersonal awareness.

This is a commitment to Susan, St. Andrew's United Church, Renfrew Presbytery and Bay of Quinte Conference by this team for a



period of three years. All aspects of this procedure are extremely confidential and therefore cannot be discussed but we welcome any concerns that you may have for us to review. We are dedicated to this learning covenant and we look forward to the process.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Barks, Chair
Harriette Davies, Secretary
John Fleurie
Marjorie Kellow

Financial Committee

We hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful summer we had and now we are back in full swing, Once again we have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have a wonderful student minister. The bad news is that we are really hurting financially. As most of you know the manse was left in such a bad condition that the cost to repair it so that the minister could move in was just short of \$10,000. Even with transfers from the Trustees as of October 1st, we have a deficit of \$8,189.09. We are hoping that as the giving approaches some of this deficit will be made up. All we can ask is that everyone keeps St. Andrew's in their prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Dunham, Treasurer

Ministry & Personnel

The committee consists of John Fleurie, Tom Tennant and Vera Zadow. We deal with issues which we receive from members of the congregation. This committee does not set policies or make decisions. We only make recommendations to Church Council. We review contracts for the paid employees of the church such as the custodian, groundskeeper, snow shoveler, and snow plowing. This past year we have been involved in:

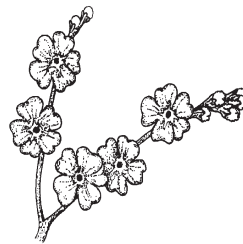
- conducting interviews for a new custodian
- rewriting the custodian's contract
- getting policies updated
- hiring a replacement minister

We continue to work on hiring someone to do the snow shoveling and to plow the parking lot. We are presently working with Council in dealing with issues pertaining to the church and manse until we find a Property Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by
J. Fleurie, Chairperson

United Church Observer

The time is approaching to renew subscriptions and welcome new subscribers for the year 2011. Information regarding the cost and subscription deadlines will be announced soon. Sample copies are available for your perusal on the table at the back of the church.



Greetings from Afghanistan

Owen Wiseman sends his greetings and best wishes to one and all from Afghanistan. He is scheduled to return in early December. We look forward to his safe arrival.

Thoughts on Caring

If nobody cared what happened to you,
And nobody helped you along,
If everyone just looked after himself
And everything went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you
And nobody thought about me,
If we all stood alone in the battle of life,
What a dull world this would be.

Life is made sweet by the friends that we meet
And things that in common we share,
We want to live not because of ourselves
But because of the people who care.
Its living and doing for somebody else
On what life's splendor depends
And the joy of this life when you sum it all up
Is found in the in the making of friends.

My Stuff and Me

When I was I child, I had my stuff and my brother had his stuff, and the fights between us because of that stuff grayed our mother's hair.

Now we're both in our thirties and my brother is my best friend. Thank God, our things don't come between us any more.

But my stuff still comes between others and me. Between us comes my clothing, my house, my car, my bank account, etc. Because I still think of it as my stuff, I hold onto it as tightly as I can.

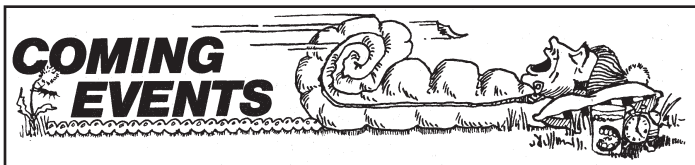
It's really only mine to use. Mine to use not just for my benefit, but for the benefit of others. Hurting people. Hopeless people. God's people.

Jesus Christ made things right between God and me. Because of that I can begin to make things right with others. I do this by wisely and lovingly using the stuff God gives me.

I am learning to use that stuff to help others. I give to my church so other lives can be touched and helped. I am learning to recognize that everyone is my sister or brother. And our stuff must not come between us anymore.

The Heart is ForGiving

Wednesdays at 12 noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch.



Soup & Sand Sandwich Lunch: Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a warm bowl of soup and sandwiches as well as desert prepared by the folks at St. Andrew's. The cost is \$4.00 per person.

Food Bank Sunday: Every third Sunday of the month.

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are now available at the back of the church. These boxes are filled by you with small items suitable for needy children in third world countries who would often go without at Christmastime. Instructions are included with each box. Boxes need to be returned to the church by **Sunday service Nov. 14.**

Nov. 3 Jabez Blanket Ministry hosts "Aging Well Theatre" group! Come one, come all and join us for a delightful afternoon of comedy, song, poems and information written and performed by Seniors - for Seniors. This exciting event is happening Wednesday, November 3rd at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall, at 1 pm. The "Aging Well Theatre" group will amuse the audience with information on health and well-being for Seniors. Refreshments and treats will be available, so bring a friend or two ~ young and the young-at-heart and join the ladies of the Jabez Blanket Ministry! Donations gratefully accepted. For more information about the Jabez Blanket Ministry, please contact Lydia Mancini at 584-3404 or email lydiaman@sympatico.ca.

Nov. 7 135th Anniversary Celebration

St. Andrew's will be celebrating 135 years of service to the Chalk River & Deep River communities. Please join the celebration, beginning with our 10:30 am service of worship with Guest Speaker, Dr. Scott Murray, which will be followed by a Pot Luck Dinner. We hope to see everyone for a time fellowship and renewal as we remember our life in this community.

Nov. 13 Soup & Sandwich Lunch, Bake Sale & Silent Auction

Nov. 14 10:30 am Remembrance Day will be observed in St. Andrew's with a service of worship to honour those who served in WW1 and WW2 as well as those who continue to offer their lives in service to protect and keep Canada a free country.

Nov. 14 3:30 pm Covenanting Service between Susan deHaan & St. Andrew's

Nov. 21 Chalk River Craft Fair 10am - 4pm Lions Hall Free Admission
Come • Browse • Buy

Nov. 27 Three Church Dance at Lions Hall

Hallowed Hall of Humour

1. A rather long winded preacher was dealing with the prophets, one by one. "And where shall I put Isaiah" he shouted. A little old man in the front row observed, "He can have my seat. I'm going home for dinner."

2. A father was reading Bible Stories to his young son. He read "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into salt." his son asked "What happened to his flea?"

3. "Tell me my little man," the minister said to Andrew, "do you say your prayers every night?" "No, sir," Andrew replied truthfully, "not every night. Some nights I don't want anything!"

... and for the eve of All Saints

What does a vampire with good manners say to his victim?

It's been really nice gnawing you?

How do you stop the pain of vampire bites?

Don't bite any.

Why shouldn't you invite werewolves into your house?

They shed on your couch.

What kind of snack does a werewolf eat?

Lady fingers.

What happened to the little witches who ate all their vegetables?

They gruesome.

Why do witches ride brooms?

Vacuum cleaners make too much noise.

And a Quiz from the Bat Cave...

Fact or Fiction?

1. Bats are the only mammals that can fly.
2. Bats cannot see.
3. Bats are dirty creatures.
4. Bats can carry rabies.
5. Bats often attack people.
6. Bats feed on the blood of others.
7. Bats tend to fly with their mouths open.
8. Bats help control insect populations.
9. Bats pollinate plants.
10. Bats reseed forests.

Answers in next column.

1. Fact
2. Fiction, bats can see and some very well.
3. Fiction, bats are very clean and groom themselves like cats.
4. Fact, but few bats actually carry the disease.
5. Fiction, bats are shy and only attack people in self-defence.
6. Fact, there is only one type, the vampire bat, that feeds on the blood of cattle and birds.
7. Fact, bats fly with their mouths open either to catch their dinner or to make high frequency sounds which help them navigate through the air.
8. Fact.
9. Fact.
10. Fact.

Batty Answers