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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



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Recently several have asked about my title as “Interim Pastor”. The comments have suggested that “Interim” seems to refer to “a holding pattern” or a place of “standing still”. A bit of research as to the meaning of the word seems to validate this perception! According to Mr. Webster, “The word “Interim” refers to gap, hiatus, discontinuity, hiccup, interlude, intermission, interruption, short-term, or temporary.” Definitely not a good place to be! This is not my understanding of or the way that I function within the “interim” role. To me this is not a “standing still” or “place-holder” position merely going through the motions of worship and ministry until a permanent pastor is called down the road.

My role and functioning embraces the role of “transitional ministry”. Again Mr. Webster clarifies. The word “transitional” refers to a passage, movement, or change from one condition, or place, to another. We at St. Andrew's have entered an exciting and busy process of transition and I am blessed to be the transitional leader of that process.

Interim ministry once upon a time focused more on merely maintaining worship, pastoral care, Bible studies, etc. as a new permanent pastor was sought. Many of you are aware that one of my roles has been to serve on the faculty at 3 of the sites around the Presbyterian Church (USA) that provide interim ministry training for clergy interested in learning how to serve as a transitional leader. So misunderstood was the title and role of interim that the training is now called Transitional Ministry Education to broaden the idea that all churches in today's culture are “transitional” in nature and scope. We are all in transition whether we are searching for a permanent pastor or not!

In addition to preaching, pastoral care, administration, Bible studies, etc., my role is to guide you in a transitional process with the steps clearly identified. Those Focus Points of Transitional Ministry include the direction of our work in the two years ahead:

Heritage

- ◆ Create Safe Spaces to Articulate Defining Stories
- ◆ Create Broader Sense of Identity, Meaning, Purpose

Mission

- ◆ Focus on Core Values Where Are We? Where Are We Going?
- ◆ Clarify Identity – Focuses on Discernment/Discussion of Future Mission

Connections

- ◆ Discover ALL the connections/relationships a Faith Community has i.e., Ecumenical/Interfaith
- ◆ Update Technology
- ◆ Grow in Awareness of Connections Who is our Neighbour?

Leadership

- ◆ Assess What Leadership is Required to Meet Congregations Mission
- ◆ Honour Those Who Have Faithfully Served
- ◆ Gift Identification – Leadership Development

Future

- ◆ Call for Ongoing/Future Oriented Expression Of Congregation's Core

Our work will be a process of discovery when we listen as the Holy Spirit reveals, uncovers and creates! The prophet Isaiah prepares us for our work “*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*” (Isaiah 43:19) Amen, Isaiah!

Rev. Mitch Coggin

Victoria, BC

Lots happening for Presbyterians Around the Island!



- ◆ Presbytery will hold a retreat November 12 & 13, which the Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Cho, of the 144th General Assembly will attend. During his stay on the Island he will also visit the Cedar Tree Ministries and meet with their Council.
- ◆ Rev. Laura Kavanagh has been appointed, by Presbytery, to the Chaplaincy at UVic for a 2-year period.
- ◆ Rev. Gordon Kouwenberg will be retiring from active ministry as of April 1, 2019.
- ◆ A Men's Retreat has been planned for November 2 - 3 in Nanaimo. This is open to all men at a very reasonable cost - \$20.00 per person, including accommodation.
- ◆ Following successful camps in 2018, campsites have been booked for 2019. Mark your calendars!
 - Qualicum – June 4-7
 - French Beach – July 4-7
 - Rathtrevor – July 29 – August 5.

May 29 - 30, 2019 – a Regional Women's Gathering in Vancouver – **"Shine"** organized by the WMS, for women across Canada – Rev. Jenn Geddes will be one of the speakers!

- ◆ Do you want to learn Chinese? The Chinese Presbyterian Church has a class every Saturday 1pm – 2:30pm.
- ◆ Knox Presbyterian has **"Wine before Supper"** – a joint event with Anglican, Lutheran and United Churches – 5 – 6:30 pm, Wednesdays.
- ◆ A Food Safe Course is in the planning stage. More information will be distributed as it becomes available.

For more info on any of these events please check the posters on our bulletin boards, the church websites, or call the office.

Submitted by Sheelagh Garson
Session Rep to V.I. Presbytery

Notes from Session

The September session meeting marked a new beginning. This was the first time that Session met as a whole, with our interim minister, the Rev. Mitchell Coggin and our interim moderator, the Rev. Vincent Tan. We came rested and renewed, ready to do God's bidding in this coming year. We ask for the congregation's prayers as we seek God's wisdom and illumination for St. Andrew's.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Coggin's welcome lunch. It was wonderful to see 80 of the 110 people in church come for lunch. St. Andrew's gave the Coggins umbrellas just in time for the autumn weather!!!

This Thanksgiving season let us remember to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"
1 Chronicles 16:34-35

Yours in Christ
The Session of St. Andrew's

In Loving Memory



David Buchanan -
August 27

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say, 'thank you?'" -William Arthur Ward

You may wonder as you attend church each Sunday morning who makes the various improvements to our sanctuary that continue happening. Under normal circumstances I would be wondering about that as well, but I have the advantage of actually knowing.

It is not because I have been told, but because I have seen it occur on a regular basis.



You see, I daily walk between the Broughton St. Parkade and my office and in so doing, pass the Broughton side door (the Victoria Ballet entrance) and the front of the sanctuary. Over the past year I have seen Jerry Verwey painting the trim on the window ledges on the Broughton side windows, sanding and staining the massive front doors of the main church entrance on Douglas St., and painting the door-stops.



Some days I saw the evidence of a lot of hard work on the steps – a pile of shavings and sawdust, which on my next pass-by would be neatly tidied up. The next day the ironwork on the doors would be gone and the doors would be sanded down to their original pre-stained colour. This occurred over some days. I happened past one day and found Jerry putting the finishing touches on the sanding of the front doors. Apparently the hardest part was not the sanding of the flat surfaces, but getting the former stain out from between the grooves on the planks that make up the doors. It is painstaking work but for Jerry it appears to be a labour of love.

So the next time you see our sanctuary being lovingly maintained you might recognize that volunteers like Jerry Verwey are working hard in the service of God and for the benefit of our congregation.

Dirk Ryneveld

October 2018

Our elders invite us to pray together!

If you have items you would like included, please contact Whitney in the church office: 250-384-5734 or office@standrewsvictoria.ca

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer" ~(attributed to) Martin Luther



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	All those with birthdays and anniversaries in October	All refugees fleeing violence and oppression	That Canada would keep treaty promises	People in hospital and those who visit them	PWS&D partners in South Sudan giving nourishment to children	Thanksgiving for Zomba Theological College in Malawi
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Those involved in music ministry who give of their time and talents	That all who are chronically hungry may be fed. May we act on this in thanksgiving for the bounty we receive	Our families and for being part of the family of God	Peace for all suffering in the midst of conflict	Families of people in the armed forces and for the people serving	Our neighbours in need and the St. A's team serving them breakfast on Saturday	Compassion and courage to welcome and care for strangers in need
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ministers, church staff and many volunteers	Young adults serving and participating in our congregations	Any friends or family who are sick or hurting	Help to embrace the gifts of those who are differently abled	Food bank donors and shelter workers	The Boards of Managers and Property/ Finance Committees in the Presbytery	The words to invite people to know God in fellowship with believers
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Youth, children and young families	Partners working in Hungary with refugees arriving in that country	Wisdom for elders who guide and decide at St. Andrew's	For those churches with pulpit vacancies	Those speaking out against hatred and injustice	For those facing difficult and life-changing decisions	God's healing and restoration for all who need it
28	29	30	31			
Christian Education committee volunteers and all teachers	For those grieving the loss of a loved one.	That we strive to serve others and learn to live in joy	For the leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada			

The following timely article is reprinted with permission by *Presbyterian Connection*. The author is Patricia Schneider, elder at Forbes Presbyterian Church, Grande Prairie, AB.

Finding my Home

It seems every day I am having more insights into the ways this new adventure of moving into a retirement home is impacting on my life. You'd think you'd just walk in, get your room and suddenly all would be well.

Mostly, it is, but health problems do persist, probably because of anxiety that you do not really recognize. Your mind and body can only handle so much.

Today, I went to church. It has been my focus of most of my life. My earliest memories of myself are of singing in the children's church choir. And oh, how I loved to sing — and sing I did — and I kept singing right through my life until finally I could no longer night drive to rehearsals and my hearing was beginning to fail. I still mourn the fact that Sunday mornings I am not up front with the hymnbook in my hand.

I am often feeling a bit lost. My old house is not really my home and my small room with its delightful view, tiny bed, computer and TV are more than enough to fill my days, but it will take longer to adapt to than I had realized at first ... It still seems a little unnatural.

But today, I walked into the church—the same church I have attended for a very long time. The church where I had helped choose the paint colours for the sanctuary. The church whose pews I had dusted many times. The church that helped us celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary by renewing our wedding vows; and the church four years later that joined together with me to say our goodbyes to my husband. Yes, the memories came flooding back as I walked through the door and

then it hit me... THIS is my home! Everything else I have ever occupied has been a residence. This is my home!

So, a new page has been turned in this book about my life. It is easier now to accept that whatever change takes place during my stay here, I will always have a permanent home at the church; maybe not physically but my thoughts and memories will have a lifelong association with those wonderful people who have shaped my life in so many ways.

And another thing I have noticed is that, in small ways, I have been reaching out to others and they have been reaching back. I see someone having difficulty walking and ask if they need an arm to help them... They reply negatively or positively but there is an opportunity to share, and most people here love to share... They are a bit lonely, yet have lived such amazing lives that I feel really privileged to hear their memories.

Even the staff is a storehouse of stories. They don't share much about their personal lives, but their warm hugs and sweet smiles tell you that they are full of love. Yes, there are the not-so-friendly ones but 99.9% of them are really loveable.

So yes, another building block to this journey has been recognized. It will be impossible to make my room into much more than a sanctuary to rest in... It's a good place, yes, but they say "home is where your heart is" and I guess mine will always be at my church!

The *Presbyterian Connection* is a Christian newspaper that strives to unite Presbyterians from across the country. Copies are available on the table outside the church office.

Submitted by Sheelagh Garson

Lunchtime Recital

November 7, 2018 ~ 12:15 to 12:45 pm

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
925 Douglas Street

Wheelchair access is available at 643 Broughton Street, side entrance

Christine Purvis, organist

Come and enjoy 30 minutes of organ music including:
Bach ~ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*; Wesley ~ *Holsworthy Church Bells*;
Buxtehude, and Manz ~ *God of Grace and God of Glory*.

Donations to St. Andrew's Music Ministry.

Poster in a church in France
(translated)

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a **text while driving."**

Submitted by Stella Higgins

September 16, 2018 - Congregational Lunch

Members and visitors to our Sunday church service on September 16th who joined us in the Kirk Hall after the service were treated to more than just the usual coffee, tea and goodies.

The delicious “home-style” lunch of macaroni & cheese with a special coleslaw followed by different kinds of pie and ice cream for dessert was presented by the Congregational Life Committee headed by Sabine Teetzel and Colina Titus. The lunch was designed to formally welcome Rev. Mitch Coggin and his wife Linda to our congregation.



A Word to the boys and girls on September 16.



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Gifts of memberships to Butchart Gardens along with umbrellas for themselves as well as a raincoat for their dog, were presented to Mitch and Linda.

Dale Wood, the Principal of Presbyterian College in Montreal also happened to be worshipping with us that Sunday and appeared to enjoy the opportunity to meet with Mitch and Linda, with Cathy Victor, retired minister David Stewart and his wife as well as Rev. Campbell Smythe along with his wife, all of whom were present to participate in our celebration of welcoming our interim minister.



The lunch was well attended and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy both the food and the fellowship that accompanied it.

As you can see from the photos, the happy crowd was pleased to welcome Mitch and Linda as well as to enjoy the very tasty food. A warm "thank you" goes out to the various people who planned, prepared and served the food as well as the people involved in the clean-up afterwards.

Open Church Report

Since the start of the tourist season in mid-June until the end of September we have had 32 open church days, including two concert days. We have welcomed as few as 25 and as many as 100 on any given day. Many thanks go to Dave Rogers who faithfully attended during July and August when he not only acted as tour guide but also demonstrated the power and versatility of our organ. Thanks also go to the many volunteers: the Dukes, Jim Ferguson, Peter Lewis, Jim Kempling and others who came to be a part of the two-hour open church. This year, I have tried to schedule the open church days when we had cruise ships in for long enough to allow passengers some time ashore and at a time when other attractions (e.g. dinner etc.) would not be foremost in their preference. We welcomed about 20% from cruise ships and the remainder from either locals, who had seen the church but our doors were shut, or from outside visitors. We welcomed people from Germany, Australia, Switzerland, Croatia, Taiwan, China, New Zealand, France, Mexico, Brazil, The Netherlands, South Africa, Japan, Spain, Scotland, England, Ireland, and all parts of the USA and Canada.

Many appreciated the opportunity to see our historic sanctuary, listen to our organ, and to take some time for reflection and meditation.

There will be four more open church days in October to coincide with cruise ship arrivals before they all depart for sunnier climes.

Session has agreed to continue open church through November and December, every Wednesday from 11 to 1pm. Volunteers are more than welcome.

Jerry Verwey

Robbie Burns Supper – 2019

Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be Thankit!

If you are interested in:

1. helping with the presentation of a Robbie Burns Supper, or
2. attending a Robbie Burns Supper in the Kirk Hall in late January – probably the 18th or 19th.

Please contact Jim Ferguson jofergus@gmail.com or Whitney Hanna office@standrews.ca or 250-384-5734.

At the moment it hasn't been determined what the evening might look like, but for starters there will be pipers, dancers, perhaps some sing-along and numerous toasts along with appropriate readings of Burns' work. Of course the evening will close with a rousing chorus of *Auld Lang Syne*.

Please let Jim or Whitney know if you are interested. At this time we are not asking people to make a commitment, but merely to do a survey to gauge the level of interest. There will be an initial meeting in the social suite after the service on Sunday, October 14th.

At this initial meeting we will be focusing on the “what” and not getting bogged down in the “how” – so it should be a quick meeting.

Jim Ferguson
Team Lead Robbie Burns 2019



Calling All Musicians!

If you can play a musical instrument (or know someone who can) and would like to participate in performing some special music from time to time, this is your invitation to get together and perhaps form a Gospel Pop group.

We especially need guitar, violin, and keyboard players and perhaps even a drummer. Other instruments are also welcome.

If you are interested, please contact Dirk Ryneveld either at church, by email at ryneveld@telus.net or by phone at (250) 386-4142.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Christmas Bazaar



Downtown – Douglas at Broughton

Saturday November 17th

Admission is free - 11:30 am to 3:00 pm
Entrance to Kirk Hall - 680 Courtney St

Tea & Lunch
Garden



Children's
Fundraising
Project



- Baking, jams, jellies
- Crafts
- Books
- Jewelry
- Attic Treasures
- Thrift Store
- Silent & Picture Auction



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Save the Date - Thursday,
December 13!
Christmas Carol Singalong

St. Andrews Presbyterian
Church
(Corner of Douglas and
Broughton)

12:00 - 1:15 pm
Traditional Carol Singing Music
Program:
Organ, Flute, Trumpet, Vocal
Presentations

Free Event - Everyone Welcome
Doors open 11:30 am
For more information please call
the church office at
250-384-5734

Books, Books, Books!

Are you down-sizing, de-cluttering,
clearing out?

If the books have to go, we want
them for the bazaar book stall!

Bring them to the Kirk Hall in
November or call Debra Verwey
for pickup...250-383-1009.

Thank you!



Handbell Choir



We are looking for some people who might
be interested in making music by playing
Hand Bells. We have a beautiful set of brass
hand bells and would like to get a group
together, in the hope of playing the bells for
the occasional service. We have done this in
the past, but we need some more members.

If you would be interested in participating,
please speak to Dorothy Reimer, Debbie
Verwey, or Susie Henderson.

At the present time we have four participants but would love to have
at least two more people. If you read music and would like to be part of
the group, please let us know. Our practice times would be the
occasional Sunday after worship.

Treasurer's Report - Sept 27, 2018

As we are nearing the end of a very eventful 2018, it is appropriate to give a very brief update to our congregation on our financial status to this point.

The past year has been a year of change for our congregation, and despite the turmoil and uncertainty, we have survived, and I am pleased to report that despite the **downdrafts... we have held our own (financially) and that is a good sign for the coming year(s).**

Unfortunately, a number of our congregante members decided to move on and not participate any longer in the life of the St. Andrew's congregation. **On this matter, I don't wish to act as the bean counter... but I will estimate that at this point we are down about 25% - 30% in congregation size and participation from a year ago while the financial support has fallen off by about 8 – 9 %.** While we are still in a deficit operating position, and that was anticipated, our reserves will carry us through this trough.

I have seen an eagerness to revive much of the pent-up **energy from the many working groups at St. Andrews's and we will soon start to see the results of some of that new found energy.** The tackling of some of the long-ignored painting and updating of the hallways and offices in the Kirk Hall are a welcome sight. Some needed work on the organ keyboards (a project on hold for about three or four years) is underway. **And of course, the roof... the ever present and needy roof repair is now well underway, and should be complete by mid October.**

I am now beginning work on the 2019 budget process and as each of us in our own way examines how we can participate **in the work at St. Andrew's, I could not let this opportunity pass without reminding all to consider the financial support needed for 2019.** Consider using PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) as it is an excellent vehicle to use in expediting and meeting your financial commitments in support of the next 12 – 18 months. Aside from the obvious increased givings resulting from a committed and consistent contribution and predictability of the same, the offset benefits of reduced workload for the counters and necessary record keeping are most obvious.

We have three months remaining in 2018 and I would encourage each and every one to consider how we can take steps to make up the shortfall from last year and work together to achieve the modest targets we need to agree to for 2019.

Jack Reimer
Treasurer

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A Book Review from the St. Andrew's Church Library



Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Letters & Papers from Prison, The Enlarged Edition. Edited by Eberhard Bethge. Touchstone (an imprint of Simon & Schuster), 1971.

I trust that the Lutheran minister Dietrich Bonhoeffer needs no introduction for anyone who attends St. Andrew's. I have observed over the years that Bonhoeffer is the only 20th-century Christian leader who gets mentioned favourably alongside Mother Theresa. Since I want to speak about this collection of his letters, I'll leave you to Wikipedia for the particulars of his life.

Eberhard Bethge was a student of Bonhoeffer, and many of the letters in this compilation were addressed to him. Bethge also produced the first (1951) edition of *Letters & Papers from Prison*. That slim volume was mainly **Bonhoeffer's theological musings while in Tegel, a Nazi prison.** Among my circle as a young believer in Vancouver, *Letters & Papers from Prison* was considered a must-read for every follower of Christ. I still remember parts of it 50 years later.

This recently-donated copy for our church library is indeed "greatly enlarged." I would say it is three times the size of the original, and that may be an issue – the theological impact of the slim first edition may be diluted. The old edition's letters are all here of course, but the extra material may shift the focus from one's personal life 'when the chips are down' to the life of Bonhoeffer.

Anyway, you can be the judge of that. *Letters & Papers from Prison* should be on every believer's bucket list. If you have not read it yet, now is your chance.

Reviewed by Dave Rogers

Lunchtime Recital Series

September 5th



A dear friend invited me to go along with her to the Lunchtime Recital on September 5th and then out for lunch following. I am really glad she did. I enjoyed it immensely. It featured Christine Purvis on the organ and Antonia Mahon on the flute.

The program the ladies performed was quite diverse with compositions dating from the 1600's to present day. And the composers were from England, the U.S., France and Germany. And of the six composers, one was a female.

The duo began the program with the German composer, Johann Pachelbel's, Canon in D. Little is known about the circumstances of the Canon's composition however it is believed to have been composed in the 1680's. It is a beautiful composition that has stood the test of time and Antonia and Christine mostly certainly did it justice.

My favourite piece was the Pastorale composed by modern day American composer, Charles Callahan. His style has been described as "gentle, confident lyricism", and I think that is exactly how it was played by the ladies. However, a close second was the piece by female composer Cecile Chaminade titled Meditation. It was very musical and very representative of "late Romantic French music."

English composer, John Rutter's Suite Antique, concluded the program. He is the composer that was commissioned to write a new anthem for the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Obviously a very highly regarded composer!

All in all it was a very pleasant way to spend the noon hour. I would recommend that you don't miss the next concert in the series. Save the date – Wednesday, November 7th at 12:15 to 12:45.

Fiona Ryneveld

Presbyterian Calendars are available for purchase \$7.00 ea – exact change please.

The calendar features beautiful photography of stained glass church windows, from across the country.

If you would like to see the calendar or are planning on purchasing one or more, please contact Whitney in the office (250)384-5734. Some are available now, and more can be easily ordered in time for Christmas and the new year. Calendars will also be available at the Bazaar on November 17.

Usher Team

October

Stewart B.

Bill D.

Nancy D.

David S.

Marilyn B.



To

Jack DeZeeuw

who will celebrate his 90th
birthday on October 22.

With very good wishes
from your St. Andrew's family
and friends.

Book/Bible Study - led by Pastor Mitch

START WITH WHY: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone To Take Action by Simon Sinek

In 2009, Simon Sinek started a movement to help people become more inspired at work, and in turn inspire their colleagues and customers. Since then, millions have been touched by the power of his ideas, including more than 28 million who've watched his TED Talk based on START WITH WHY -- the third most popular TED video of all time.

Sinek starts with a fundamental question: Why are some people and organizations more innovative, more influential, and more profitable than others? Why do some command greater loyalty from customers and employees alike? Even among the successful, why are so few able to repeat their success over and over?

People like Martin Luther King Jr., Steve Jobs, and the Wright Brothers had little in common, but they all started with WHY. They realized that people won't truly buy into a product, service, movement, or idea until they understand the WHY behind it.

START WITH WHY shows that the leaders who've had the greatest influence in the world all think, act, and communicate the same way -- and it's the opposite of what everyone else does. Sinek calls this powerful idea The Golden Circle, and it provides a framework upon which organizations can be built, movements can be led, and people can be inspired. And it all starts with WHY.

All are invited to one of the two formats for this Book Study:

Thursdays – 11:00am at St. Andrew's beginning Oct. 11

Monday evenings – 7:00pm in various homes (to be named later) Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, 26.

If you would be interesting in hosting one of the studies, please see Pastor Mitch.

Start With Why can be purchased through Amazon:

- Hardcover CDN from \$23.76 to \$29.95
- Paperback CDN from \$12.46 to \$14.99
- Kindle Edition CDN \$10.99

Sunday School

As we have all noticed our indomitable Christian Education Chair has been ill and unable to attend church over the past few months. Her absence is deeply missed by the children and all of us who have relied on her to steer the course of Christian Education at St. Andrew's.

During her absence Dianne has expressed her great desire that we make sure that a strong Sunday School program continues at St. Andrew's. A number of people have stepped up to the plate to make sure this happens. However, we needed some input from the Sunday School participants.

What do flower, pig, barn, cow, horse, barn and ball stickers have in common? They all represent choices made by our Sunday School students! The children were given the opportunity to make a list of activities that they might like to have happen in Sunday School and then decided whether they would like more or less of the activity. The children are helping us create a Sunday School program that works for them and us.



In the coming weeks you will be asked to consider whether you are able to share your talents and passions. Please check out the list in the Kirk Hall and think about how you might be able to share. Can you help them bake cookies for a service project, can you help by reading Bible stories aloud, can you help them act out their favourite Bible stories? These are just a few of the many ways you can help with St. Andrew's kids learn and live the Bible.

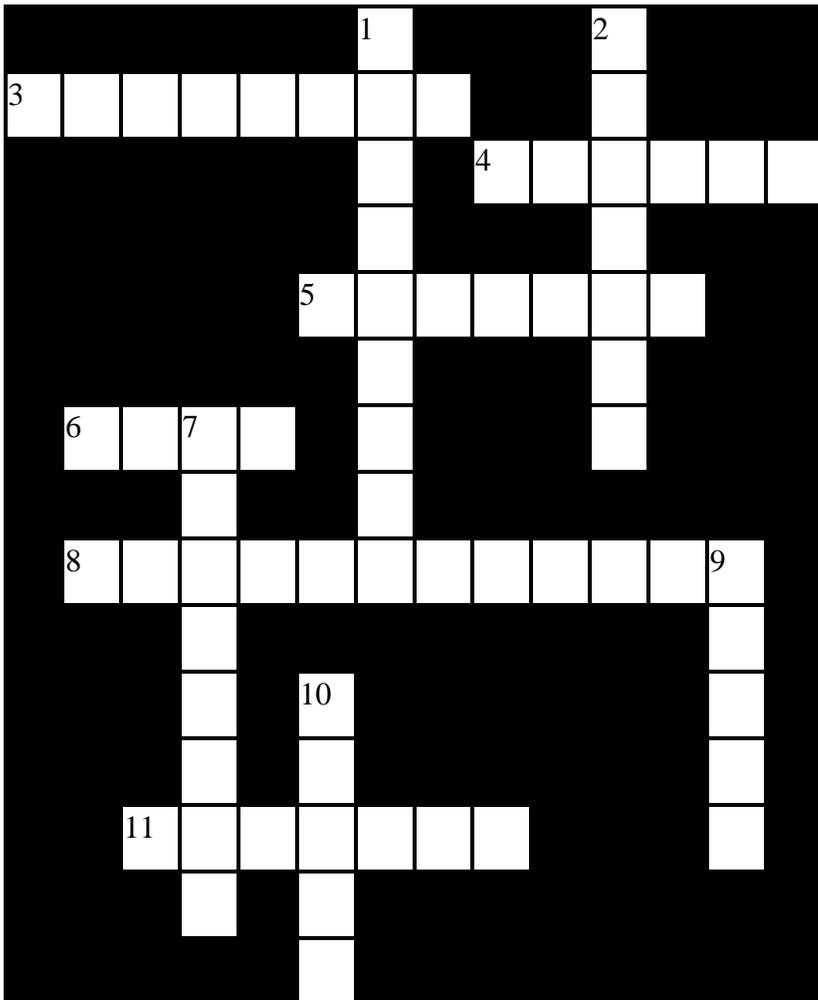
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St. Andrew's Children's Page

Bible Verse of the Month: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. Psalms 95:2

Thanksgiving Harvest
 Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy celebrating this season with your family and friends. Remember your many blessings from God, and think of how you can show thankfulness.



Across

- 3 Served baked or mashed at many homes
- 4 Large bird often eaten as part of a Thanksgiving meal
- 5 Month when we celebrate Thanksgiving
- 6 Collected at St. Andrew's to help the less fortunate
- 8 Holiday where we give thanks for our blessings
- 11 Often served as a pie at Thanksgiving

Down

- 1 Tasty
- 2 Gather food from fields and gardens
- 7 Appreciative, satisfied
- 9 Prayer said before a meal
- 10 Tree that grows fruit often put in pies