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The people of St. Andrew's are called by God to serve in faith, hope and love in the heart of Toronto.

A Long, Cold Winter...



It has been a long, cold winter. As I write this, I am enjoying the sunshine streaming through the window in my study, late on a Tuesday afternoon in the middle of March. There are the last remnants of snowbanks along Simcoe St. — mostly dirty grey and blackened by now — but the pedestrians are walking without the heavy overcoats that have been a necessary part of our daily outfits.

We have all heard the statistics about how cold and snowy the past winter has been. The guests in our “Out of the Cold” program, the challenges for elderly friends to get around easily, the seemingly perpetual shoveling that has met us on so many dark mornings, and the biting chill that has cut into us, for such a long period of time over the past months — all have reminded us of the difficulties that this long cold winter has offered.

And yet, we all know that the spring will come. Already, the days are starting to grow longer, the snowdrifts are melting away, the icy sidewalks are becoming less treacherous, and the sun is shining. We all know that the buds will start appearing on tree branches, the green grass will begin to grow, and soon we will be into the long days of summer.

It is good for us to remember — even in the depths of winter — that change is on the way. The cold will not last forever; in a few months, we will be complaining about the heat! As with so much of life, what is — now — is not what shall always be. But it is also good to remember that there are things happening, even in the depths of winter,

that are preparing the world for the coming of spring. The seasons of the year — though seemingly different — are all interconnected in important ways. What happens in one season will shape the seasons that follow. In actual fact, the coldest, snowiest days of winter “set the stage” for the type of spring and summer that will follow. The temperature and amount of moisture, for example, will affect everything from the fertility of the fields, to the water levels in the lakes and rivers, to the colours on the leaves next autumn.



The author of Ecclesiastes once wrote that “for everything there is a season,” and followed that statement with a profound reflection: life is made up of radically different experiences — birth and death, love and hate, war and peace, joy and sorrow, comfort and challenge. None of these experiences is “the whole story” — rather, it is when all these reflections are woven together that we come to discern “a life in full.”

The key, in all of these varied experiences of life, is to try to keep perspective on the “big picture” and to remain faithful throughout all of the changing seasons of our days upon this earth. This present season in the church year — the season of Lent — is a season that calls us to remember that the journey will not always be an easy one, but that there is One who has gone before us to remind us that we journey forward in hope.

And so, whether you are in a “good” season of your life, or in a “challenging” season, remember that what is, now, is not what shall always be. Keep your eyes on the One who calls us to follow him, and as the warmth and light of spring approaches, be prepared to join together, at the end of Lent, in the celebration of the good news of the triumph of Easter. Life, light and love will ultimately prevail. Even after the longest, coldest winter, the spring will come!

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Staying in Touch



In this era of electronic communications, there can be times when those who are not “connected” on the internet can feel that they may be missing important news and information about the life and work of St. Andrew’s Church.

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I Call You Friends – The History

In doing the research in preparation for our Wednesday noontime Lenten meditation series, I came in touch with a fascinating and many-faceted history that links five different churches with “our St. Andrew’s.” I have had the opportunity to visit all these churches and have found a warm welcome and a spirit of friendship that reflects the theme of the series.

Following you will read about the connections we have to each of these churches. In July, I will be organizing a day when a group can do a tour of these communities of faith and deepen our friendship. Stay tuned for more details!

The Cathedral Church of St. James

In 1793, the Town of York was established and the first Anglican service was held. The congregation worshipped in government buildings until 1807 when the first wooden building was constructed. This building was damaged by American troops during the War of 1812 and was rebuilt with a bell tower added by 1818. In 1828, the church was dedicated to St. James the Apostle.



Presbyterians in connection with the Church of Scotland worshipped at St. James until the St. Andrew’s congregation was established in 1830. The building was dedicated in 1831 at Adelaide and Church Streets across from St. James. The *Book of St. Andrew’s* records that inspiration to establish St. Andrew’s was given to the Hon. William Morris when he heard Psalm 132 being read at a service at St. James, “I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber: neither the temples of my head to take any rest until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord: an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.”

St. Andrew’s and St. James have been neighbours and friends for close to two centuries.

Knox Presbyterian Church

The “First Presbyterian Congregation of York” was established in 1820 under Rev. James Harris from Ireland. Land was donated on Richmond Street by Jessie Ketchum and a church built. Originally, the congregation was associated with the “United Synod of the Canadas,” connected with the Secessionist Church in Scotland, but in 1834 broke its ties. Presbyterians in connection with the Church of Scotland refused to worship with Secessionists and established St. Andrew’s in 1830. In 1843, the Church of Scotland split when evangelicals under Thomas Chalmers withdrew to



found the Free Church of Scotland. In 1844 in Toronto, a significant group from St. Andrew’s in sympathy with the Free Church movement, including the three Elders, left the congregation and joined with the First Presbyterian Congregation to form Knox’s Church. *The Book of St. Andrew’s* records, “These joined themselves to the Rev. James Harris’ congregation, which with this accession of strength became a vigorous body, and continued for long to be the strongest Presbyterian Church in the Province.” Both Knox Church and St. Andrew’s became part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in the union of 1875 and both played strong roles in the continuing Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1925.



St. Andrew’s United Church

When the majority of the congregation of St. Andrew’s Church moved into their new building at King and Simcoe Streets in 1876, a minority of 62 members petitioned the Presbytery of Toronto to remain as a congregation in the original building at Church and Adelaide Streets. Their request was granted and they were allowed to use the name, Old St. Andrew’s. When this congregation called a new minister, the Rev. George MacBeth Milligan, it was on condition that they build a new church on a property on what was then the very fashionable Jarvis Street. The new “Old St. Andrew’s” was completed at Jarvis and Carleton Streets in 1878. *The Book of St. Andrew’s* records that in the Reports of 1890, the minister of St. Andrew’s wrote, “The only drawback (and it is a very small one) to absolute good feeling between the two congregations is the name. I regret that, especially after the removal from the old building in which the congregation worshipped for a time, some other good name was not chosen, in order to avoid confusion and preserve historical accuracy.”



In 1925, Old St. Andrew’s voted to become part of the United Church of Canada. In 1950 it amalgamated with Westminster-Central United Church and joined with the members of that congregation at their location on Bloor Street and the amalgamated congregation adopted the name St. Andrew’s. This congregation was joined by Yonge Street United Church in 1973. In 1981, the original Westminster building was demolished and the new church was constructed as part of a new office tower at the same location.

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St. Andrew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

When “Old St. Andrew’s” amalgamated with Westminster-Central United Church in 1950 to form St. Andrew’s United Church, the building at Jarvis and Carleton Streets was sold to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada to serve an Estonian and a Latvian congregation who have continued to worship there until now. After the Soviet invasion and occupation of the Baltic states during and after the Second World War, hundreds of thousands of Latvians and Estonians fled the country as refugees, many of them coming to Canada. When the Estonian and Latvian congregations were established, they decided to maintain the name of St. Andrew’s. Both congregations are now members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.



In addition to the name, the new congregations maintained the 1915 Casavant Opus 618 organ which was well known in the city. This is of particular interest to Presbyterians because of the controversy around the use of organs in worship which at least in part led to the 1876 division in the congregation. In 1989, the windows were replaced with a beautiful set of leaded glass designed by the Lutz Haufschild of Breslau, Germany and are unique in the city.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church



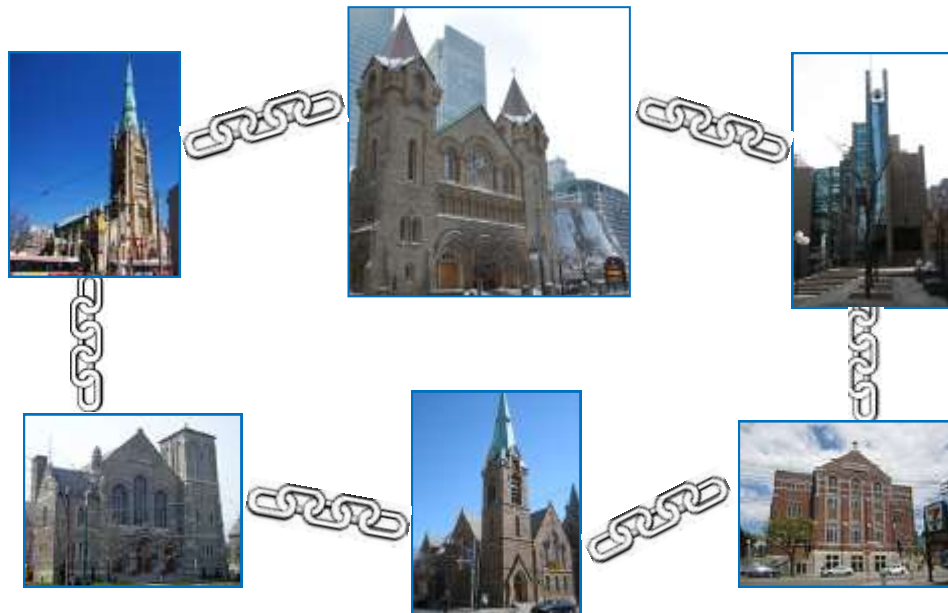
With the growth of St. Andrew’s in the early 1870’s, a frame church called St. Mark’s was built as a mission at King and Simcoe Streets on land owned by

the congregation. When the congregation decided to construct the current building on this site, the mission church was moved west to King and Tecumseh Streets which was then on the outskirts of the city. In 1889, St. Mark’s was established as a self- supporting congregation and built a new brick structure at Adelaide and Tecumseh Streets. Under the dynamic and unconventional ministry of the Rev. J.D. Morrow, the congregation expanded rapidly and, in 1909, the first sod was turned for Dale Presbyterian Church, the new name being taken from Robert F. Dale who had donated the land at the corner of Queen Street and Bellwoods Avenue. Between 1909 and 1911, after selling the old building and before the congregation could occupy the basement of the new building, they met in St. Andrew’s Hall. In 1916 the building was completed.

Rev. Morrow enlisted as a chaplain in the “Sportsmen’s Battalion” during World War I, and the congregation was served by the Rev. Oswald Smith who later left the congregation and founded the People’s Church.

The Dale congregation declined rapidly in the 1930’s and was closed by the Presbytery in 1939.

The building was used for various purposes by the Presbyterian Church including a mission to the growing number of Ukrainians coming to Canada as refugees but in 1950 it was sold to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Under the leadership of its first pastor, the Mitred Archpriest, The Very Rev. Dr. Bohdan Lypsky, and after some basic renovations, St. Nicholas Church was blessed in May 1951. Over many years, the interior was entirely and beautifully transformed to the style of the Eastern Rite.



A Session Minute

St. Andrew's Session held its regular bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. We discussed some key questions facing the task force, which is considering recommendations to the congregation about a new structure for the Session. One of our key goals is to strengthen our relationships and communications with all members of the St. Andrew's community.

The Ministry of Stewardship and Finance reported that commitments from the congregation towards the 2014 budget are now up to \$263,000. The budget passed by the congregation at the annual meeting earlier this month budgets congregational givings at \$336,500. A total of 52 members and counting have signed up for the PAR, or pre-authorized remittance plan. We encourage members to participate in the plan to help us manage our budget as effectively as possible. While current year-to-date givings are consistent with those of 2013, the harsh winter has driven up our utilities costs above recent levels, which is of concern to the overall financial picture going forward. Stewardship and Finance has begun the process of examining our revenues and expenditures to recommend how we can achieve a balanced budget position in the future as agreed at the annual meeting. As agreed, there will be a report to the congregation on the results of this study by June 30, 2014.

The Session was pleased to learn that the *Presbyterian Record* is offering St. Andrew's members a \$10 discount for subscription renewals in 2014 to encourage continued circulation of the magazine. As members will recall, to cut back on expenditures the church will no longer cover the cost of subscriptions to the *Record* for most members. The April issue of the *Record* will be the last issue St. Andrew's members may expect to receive under the current plan. Information about how to obtain the discounted rate is outlined elsewhere in this issue. The church will make special provision to purchase the magazine for those on our pastoral care list. We also will take out subscriptions for new members who have joined since April 2013 for one year to introduce them to the magazine. After the initial year, these members can

choose to continue to renew their subscriptions on their own.

The Growth and Innovation Ministry tabled a detailed and exciting report about future events planned for both the *Life & Music at St.*



Andrew's series and the new speakers series called *The Heart of the City*, which launched on Saturday, March 28, 2014. These events are wonderful opportunities to meet new people from the community, and we hope to see many from the congregation attend them.

Looking forward to May 22-24, 2014, St. Andrew's will again participate in *Doors Open Toronto*. A book and craft sale will be held in tandem with this event as another means to reach out and connect with others who live and work in the downtown area. Many volunteers will be needed to make this program a success.

The Ministry of Community Witness and Outreach is working to compile better information for the congregation on the significant contributions our community has been making to support a number of downtown ministries. An example of this is \$1,000 raised through the *Smile — Dinner's On Us* campaign for Evangel Hall in recognition of its 100th Anniversary Celebration. These funds supported the provision of meals for 3 days at the Hall and included a \$500 contribution to Evangel Hall's dentistry program. Boarding Homes Ministry would welcome more participants in teams that visit homes to build relationships and Christian community. The Ministry is also looking for board members with fundraising skills. If you are interested and want to know more, speak to Bob Faris, Lori Ransom, or any member of the Outreach Ministry.

The next regular meeting of Session will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Lori Ransom
Clerk of Session

Communications Ministry

The Communications Ministry met on Tuesday, February 18th with the mandate to coordinate the internal and external communications activities of St. Andrew's to ensure that they are timely, effective, of high quality, and intentional in both enhancing the visible presence of the congregation and the internal health of the community. The Ministry is focusing on strategies to increase attendance at the wide range of church activities including the extraordinary *The Heart of the City* Speakers Series and the *Life & Music at St. Andrew's* program. Inherent in this strategy will be the focus on social media via digital and/or traditional media (Catalyst, Facebook, Twitter, digital signage). We will also be coordinating jointly with the other ministries and committees to maximize communication effectiveness.

Committee Members: Sandy Aird, Elizabeth Forster, Don Durno (Chair), Lois Hird, Karen Ingram, Will Ingram, Helen Kampfmuller, Kris Khan, Lana Kong, Allan Lever, Judy Neal (ex officio), Yvonne Pigott, Alison Rose.

Don Durno

STAY CONNECTED

PRESBYTERIAN RECORD is our monthly, award-winning denominational magazine – an excellent way to stay connected with the ideas, news and activities of other members and congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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Day 5 Vision with Eyes of the Spirit

The scene is ancient. A scruffy band of former slaves limps back to their homeland. Decades of deprivation have taken their toll, and a casual eye would notice only a scraggly procession of the unfortunate. A prophet, however, might see a deeper truth. The spiritual eye of Isaiah weighs in: These people have been debased in exile but now they are coming home accompanied by glory.



*You shall be a crown of beauty
in the hand of the Lord, and a royal
diadem in the hand of your God. Isaiah 62:3*

World-defying reality is best conveyed in poetry. It is the dramatic *otherness* of poetic language which lets it speak to a radical vision of reality. It can pierce through the layers of blame, complaints, slurs, and shallow vision. Prophetic poetry liberates vision.

An Exercise in Love

Picture someone you love.

Look very clearly. Look deeper than ever before possible, look even past the surface and beyond the well-known traits. Now, in the gift of Spirit-vision, see so clearly that you are able to speak this out loud:

*“You are a crown of beauty
that is held in the hands of the Lord.”*

Spend time with your radical vision. Let its spiritually intense language percolate through your mind’s eye. (You may never see the person in the old way again).

Feel the security that lies inside these words. God is. God is love. God holds. God loves, and that love envelopes the person you love.

Life is fragile. We know it. For a moment, sense the insecurity that might be part of your loved one’s life. Many ailments can lay us low. Buffeting forces are at work in the world. See all this clearly – now – also see this person as a jewel.

Devoutly, let your mind’s eye roam around your family and neighbourhood.

Who desperately needs to be revisioned?

What part of your world is crying out to be seen differently – and treated differently – because of new poetic vision?

Where can your new spiritual eyesight lead to new life?

Can you even look at yourself in a different light?

Spiritual vision is a life-force. Lovingly cast your eye over people around you, then, let your rich vision claim them in a new way. Enjoy this. Delight in this. The spiritual discipline of poetic vision is a wonderful and creative gift. You have been commissioned to use this powerful tool which will enrich your relationship with God and foster social change.

*Rev. Rodger Hunter
Boarding Homes Ministry*

Church School News



This year has been off to a great start! Our Bake Sale raised \$603.45 for programs at Evangel Hall Mission. Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased items and to all our volunteers for your help.

Over the past few months, I have been introducing more music into the assembly time in Church School. The children have responded well, and we are looking forward to sharing our songs with you. I have recently introduced Memory Verses to the children, and they are enjoying the challenge.

We are exploring changes to our curriculum. We are planning to introduce a “Godly Play” approach, which uses creative storytelling, wonder questions and creative play to explore Bible stories and Christian life. We will be pilot testing Godly Play over the next few months, and I encourage parents and teachers to observe the lessons and provide feedback. Pilot dates are scheduled for the last Sunday of every month, plus additional Sundays as we become more comfortable. I would like to have as many children as possible take part, so please try to attend. We had our first pilot test on February 23rd with the story of the Good Samaritan, and the children loved it!

I would like to develop a tickle trunk for our dramatic play. If you have any items that can be used as costumes or props, we will gladly accept them. We are also accepting craft donations — recyclables, colored paper, glue sticks and writing instruments are always welcomed.

As we look forward to the next school year, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming involved with Church School to contact me to discuss the volunteer opportunities available. If you would like to receive monthly Church School updates or would like to speak with me, please email: stachurchschool@gmail.com. It is important for families to save this address to your list of contacts in order to ensure you are up to date with church school news. If you have not been receiving updates, please email me.

Thank you to all our volunteers and families who make this program so wonderful!

*Jennifer Elliott,
Church School Superintendent*



St. Andrew's will be participating in *Doors Open Toronto* on Saturday, May 24th. Visitors will have the opportunity to take guided tours of our beautiful sanctuary and to listen to short organ recitals. The 48th Highlanders Regimental Museum will also be open.

In tandem with the Doors Open program, we will also hold a **Book Sale** and a **Festival of Arts and Crafts** from Thursday, May 22nd to Saturday, May 24th. Proceeds from the book sale will go to the Outreach Ministry while those from the Arts & Crafts festival will go to our church's maintenance and repairs fund.

We welcome donations of books and are looking for volunteers to help with the book sale. Please contact Rev. Bob Faris or Outreach Ministry convener Fiona Smith for more information.

The Festival of Arts and Crafts welcomes all artists and crafters--anyone who makes anything by hand--to participate. For more information about renting or sharing a table to display your works, or to volunteer to help the organizing committee, please contact Kristen Taylor at kwmathewson@gmail.com.

What Did Pilate Write?

Pilate, by right of his exalted rank, probably did not write anything; he ordered the writing on a piece of parchment or papyrus. The four gospels agree that something was written. In each case the wording was slightly different, but they all agree that the wording of the posting contained the words: "The King of the Jews." And Luke and John provide the further information that the sign was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

But the expression "King of the Jews" is a translation, so the question is: What was actually written? We know what it said in Greek because the New Testament was originally written in Greek; it states "King of the

Judahites" because that is Israelites. As for the writing in was written in "Roman" referred to the language of people "Judeans" so we can up said "King of the Judeans." interesting point, namely that Hebrew. Hebrew! Hebrew? population was Aramaic.



what the Greeks called the Latin, the record shows that it because that is how the people Pilate. The Romans called the assume that the title they put Then we come across a very something was inscribed in But the language of the Hebrew was the religious

language, used only in the temple and synagogue. Who wrote this in Hebrew? Was there someone on Pilate's staff who knew Hebrew, or did a follower of the Chief Priests lower himself to do this deed? And what exactly was penned? "King of Israel"? Or "King of the Israelites"? Or a word derived from Aramaic that simply meant "King of Judah"? To write in Hebrew was an insult to the Israelites! Why did the priests not jump up and down and scream and holler?

Consider that the important point lies not in the words but in the languages used.

There stands the Cross! And on the Cross three tongues displayed: Hebrew representing the language of a monotheism that gave rise to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, three religious movements that continue to have a powerful influence on the political, economic, and social life of the peoples of the world; then Greek, the idiom of a philosophy that has strongly influenced the great philosophers of our culture, which even today underlies modern Western thinking; and lastly Latin, the language of Roman law, which is the basis for jurisprudence not only in the West, but also wherever the British Empire spread its weight. Before passports became de rigueur, British subjects used the password Romanus sum in their travels.

Yes, Pilate had his 15 minutes of infamy, but his jottings inadvertently strike a note in the temper of our era.

Ecce crux! Behold the Cross which stands at the Crossroads where world-shaking religions, philosophy, and law come together in time and history.

Something to think about.



Charles H. Diltz



The festive Lunar New Year celebrations at St. Andrew's moved on to dinner at Evangel Hall, for *Smile! This Dinner's On Us!*, with 70 guests joining us for chicken pot pie, salad and Lunar New Year's treats. The beautiful red decorations celebrating the New Year, but also timely for Valentine's Day, adorned the tables, and the treats were enjoyed both for dessert or to tuck in a pocket to satisfy a later sweet tooth. (See *Olive Anstice's account of the evening, in this issue.*) After dinner Bob, Noel and Olive led us in worship.

Evangel Hall serves meals three times a day, seven days a week to those in need who live in the neighbourhood. This was a good week as there were less than the normal 150 guests expected and so we left enough food to cover several evening meals.

The \$1000 we raised not only provided the food but also a substantial donation to their dentistry program to cover a much needed service that OHIP doesn't provide. Dentists give their time, but funding is needed for equipment and supplies.

Thanks to all of you who donated time, materials, money, creativity and enthusiasm, to those who bought plates, decorated plates, picked up the food for plates and those who served plates. We had such a good time — you can see by our smiling faces — and look forward to making this an annual way that St. Andrew's continues to support our community. Won't you join us next time?

Bob Faris, Mary Maiden, Fiona Smith, Nancy Mathewson and Candy Grant
Outreach Committee members



A wonderful evening at Evangel Hall with lots of laughs. The evening finished with a thoughtful service that reflected on "the poor in spirit" provided by Bob, Noel and Olive. After deducting food expenses, over \$500 was raised for EHM's dentistry program.

A Happy Encounter

On Sunday February 2nd. I was privileged to take part in the service at Evangel Hall. Earlier I joined the “regulars” for supper. A tall young man had offered me his arm as I crossed the icy street. He was surprised to learn that I was going to Evangel Hall for a meal — his own destination. He told me he was a Christian but did not attend church “because of the hypocrites there.” I said that a well-known author (C.S. Lewis) had written about this and that it was no reason not to go. To my surprise he replied, “Yes in *The Screwtape Letters*.” Later he asked me if I thought Jane Austen was a Christian.



For supper we joined an older woman in a wheel chair sitting alone at a table. She was awaiting her boyfriend of nineteen years. He proved to be a quiet, solicitous man, too lightly clad for the bitter weather. He obviously could not afford newspapers, and television was not mentioned even once. But he corrected me on the details of an incident mentioned in one of the major dailies! It was a joy to observe their relationship: relaxed, friendly and courteous.

The fifth person at table was much younger. Upon learning that I was from England, he began angrily to complain about the high taxes paid by British people after 1945. I explained that from then until 2009 Britain had had to pay annually a huge sum to the United States and a large sum to Canada for the items sent to Britain by those countries during the war. This led to a discussion about the source of my information—the Toronto Reference Library. They appeared fascinated to learn of the programs offered by the libraries. Sadly, each one of them is constantly exhausted and so busy chasing after food that they probably could not take advantage of free, stimulating activities.

At the end of the meal (tasty but not heavy enough to satisfy my escort’s gnawing hunger) three of the group rapidly departed. My escort stayed because I was to read the scriptures. Interestingly he picked up a Bible and opened it at Matthew Chapter 5. When later I left I was glad that he was deep in discussion with a young Knox student from Korea who had sat with us.

The meal was the highlight of my day! It was a wonderful time of fellowship facilitated in part by the small table which could only seat five and hence naturally formed us into a small group. How I wish the tables at Saint Andrew’s were similarly smaller and would thereby facilitate intimacy!

Clearly, the guests lack financial wealth but each has a rich and varied personality and has so much to give back to us if we only provide that opportunity.

Olive Regina Anstice
Outreach Ministry team member



Dispatches from *Out of the Cold*

December 16: Weather: The coldest Monday night so far. Served: 226 guests. On the menu: Black bean soup, choice of BBQ chicken or vegetarian enchiladas with Spanish rice, buttered carrots and coleslaw, butter-tart served with ice cream. Volunteers: Thank you everyone for all your dedication and good will in making Out of the Cold at St. Andrew's a very special place to be. What a great job everyone is doing with our new ticket system. A highlight of the evening was the opportunity for guests to send Christmas cards to dear ones. Lindsay and a group of well-organized volunteers ushered guests up to the second level where they wrote Christmas greetings and had Polaroid photos taken to be included in the cards. Cards were stamped and mailed both locally and internationally. Support: Beginning last year a group of special students joined us to help setup the dining room on Monday mornings. They are very high energy, fun, and remarkably efficient boys. The crazy snowy weather caused one boy's bus to be delayed, and their teacher delayed departure until he arrived because he was so looking forward to going. Although they arrived late, the boys set up the dining room in record time. For these young men, often from challenging circumstances, their weekly volunteer time has become a rewarding and growing experience; and we absolutely adore their endless energy and great spirits.

December 30: Weather: It was a bitterly cold night, so it was good that everyone was able to come inside when the doors opened at 6 p.m. Served: 216 guests. On the menu: Tomato soup, beef meat pie with gravy, baked potatoes and sour cream, crudites (carrots and celery), enchiladas (vegetarian), green salad, ice cream with chocolate sauce and cookies. Guests: One of our regular guests made an announcement during the meal to thank the volunteers of Out of the Cold and let them know by a round of applause how much they are appreciated. Volunteers: Noel Ramsay heads up the "Dish Kids," our team of dishwashers. Noel has been doing the dishes for about 4 years. Son Noel Ramsay introduced him to Out of the Cold. Brenda Dukok Van Heel has been volunteering with OOTC since 2002 and she has been doing the dishes for about 5 or 6 years. She is known for her pink gloves. It was through her experience at OOTC that Brenda came to be a member of St. Andrew's church.

January 6: Weather: Our first OOTC of this new year began with a cold night with the temperature plummeting as the evening progressed and with a very icy path to the church doors. Served: 200 guests. On the menu: Creamy roasted pepper soup, chicken parmigiana with spaghetti or cheese ravioli with tomato sauce and sauteed zucchini. butterscotch pudding with whipped cream and cookies. Guests: A guest visiting the clothing boutique had lost everything in a house fire. Darlene was able to give him bedding and clothing from the boutique.

January 13: Weather: This Monday saw much milder temperatures and that was a good thing as there was a consistent lineup of guests waiting to enter through most of the evening. Served: 274 guests. On the menu: Minestrone soup, beef stew with root vegetables, or, quiche (mushroom, cheese, onion and potato), noodles or green beans or green salad, and apple strudel with ice cream. Guests: One of our guests does a painting class each week through a special programme. She brought a lovely acrylic painting of a flower she had done, the first painting since she was 12. Similarly, another guest who last year was unemployed and had difficulty getting art supplies is now working full time in construction. The fellowship hall is a wonderful gathering place for people to connect, get warmed up and enjoy a delicious healthy meal.



Noel and Brenda (top) and Ian doing the dishes before, during, and after dinner.

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Dispatches from *Out of the Cold*

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January 20: Weather: Monday introduced another cold spell in Toronto. Served: 226 guests. On the menu: Sweet potato and pear soup, BBQ chicken with "loaded" baked potatoes (cheese, sour cream, bacon, green onion), or, macaroni and cheese with sweet corn and peppers, and Oreo cheesecake. Guests: Guests began to line up 2 hours in advance. However the atmosphere both in the lineup and once inside was cheerful. The feedback from guests each week should encourage all who are involved: "I feel very blessed — they took good care of me." Volunteers: The "A-Team" — Mike, Luciano, Jordan and Wayne — ensure the safety and comfort of both our guests and volunteers. They are at the entrance welcoming our guests and are also the ones who bid them farewell. Mike has been a volunteer with OOTC for 14 years. From the first day, it was recognized that Luciano would also be good to have at our door: He provides "security" when needed and is well respected and always kind to our guests. Luciano has been volunteering since 2002. Jordan has been volunteering with OOTC for 6 years. He describes his position as "swing." Originally the door man, he now serves soup, watches over the fruit, and is "earl of sandwiches," which he gives out as guests leave. He was also our pianist at Christmas! Wayne, who recently joined us again, helps out at the door and with tickets, etc. This is Wayne's second year with OOTC. Supporters: In addition to the regulars, there were 20 volunteers who came from RBC to serve, with 10 volunteers for each shift. Thank you!



Jordan, Luciano, Mike and Wayne at the entrance welcoming our guests.

January 27: Weather: Toronto experienced another brutally cold Monday night for our guests. The warming centre was open, and guests were coming from and returning to it following the meal. Thank goodness it is so close to St. Andrews. Served: 220 guests.

On the menu: cream of tomato soup (vegan available as well), shepherd's pie, ovo-vegetarian perogies (potato and cheddar) served with vegetables, banana cake with chocolate frosting. Guests: One guest was delighted to get a sandwich and fruit for his school lunch. He is at George Brown College taking high school integrated with college, which started in January. Supporters: We are finishing up our financial reports for the 2013 year end at St. Andrew's. Both our income and our expenses were up for Out of the Cold. Thanks to all of you who made or encouraged financial contributions. A special thank you to those who were able to access funds from where you work. They helped keep us afloat. Please keep these possibilities in mind in 2014. Most large corporations have programs to make donations to not-for-profit groups where employees volunteer.

February 3: Weather: It was a cold night, and our guests expressed their appreciation saying that the dish was just the right thing: "Comfort food on a cold night". Served: 235 guests. On the menu: Split pea and ham soup, or vegetarian split pea soup; meatloaf with mushroom gravy, or corn, cheese, and bean quesadillas with salsa and sour cream, and bread pudding with caramel sauce. Guests: As I handed out a boxed toothbrush mentioning that it was from the Shangri-La Hotel a guest remarked: "That's a NICE hotel!" I explained that a lot of the hotels around here donate to our program: the Shangri-La, The Ritz-Carlton... "The Royal York is a fancy hotel." he added "Some of their rooms cost six hundred dollars a night. So, every night I think, 'I just saved myself six hundred dollars! Supporters: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Boutique and stopped by for a visit! The blankets have been very popular items., We can always use shoes, boots, razors, gloves, or mittens. Our guests love Hanne's homemade ones!

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February 10: Weather: Toronto experienced another brutally cold Monday night for our guests. The warming centre was open and guests were coming from and returning to it following the meal. Served: 259 guests. On the menu: Black bean soup with chorizo sausage, roast chicken with Spanish rice and vegetables, or, spanakopita (spinach and cheese pie), chocolate meringue Supporters: Thank you to everyone who made mittens and dropped off donations. Thanks also to the Life and Music organizers. Out of the Cold received 50 complimentary tickets for guests to attend the Mardi Gras Concert.

February 17: Weather: For the last two weeks, we have been opening the church at about 4 pm for our guests to wait in a warm and quiet space, "in from the cold". They have been very appreciative of this and have been able to come to the table warm and relaxed. We close the door to the church at six when those waiting come through to the Great Hall. Then we continue the line as usual for people coming later. Thanks to all who have been coming earlier to make this happen. Served: 234 guests. On the menu: Italian wedding soup, roast pork loin with gravy and mashed potatoes and vegetables, or pasta with three cheeses and cucumber/melon salad; choice of: meringue with whipped cream, Oreo cheesecake or vanilla pudding and cookies. Guests: One thing I consistently hear from our guests is how much they appreciate the kindness of the servers. One man said "Everyone here is so great. Bless everyone." And another: "It is not just about feeding us, it is about treating us."



Hanne ready at the door.

February 24: Weather: Another cold weather alert and we are nearly into March?! So glad for the new system where our guests can wait in the sanctuary as "Old Man Winter" continues to pack a punch. Served: 250 guests. On the menu: Cream of tomato soup, chicken pot pie with biscuits, or, cheddar and sweet potato pie, served with salad and buttered peas, apple crisp with ice cream and home-made fudge.

March 3: Weather: Another extreme cold alert for the City of Toronto as the meal was served — a bitterly cold night. It was good that the guests could wait in the sanctuary before the 6:00, when dinner is served. Served: 240 guests. On the menu: Corn chowder with bacon pot roast and gravy with mashed potatoes or spinach and ricotta cannelloni steamed broccoli carrot cake with cream cheese frosting and homemade chocolate walnut fudge. Guests: One of the guests who came early "sang for her supper". There were about 50 guests or so sitting in the pews as she serenaded us with "Ave Maria" by Gounod and "Summertime" (good choice) by Gershwin. The audience listened attentively and gave her a big round of applause. Who knows what hidden talents might be revealed in the coming weeks by our waiting guests! Volunteers: It was great to have predecessor Joe Anne join Mike and myself in the sanctuary welcoming guests, collecting their names and handing out clothing and meal tickets. Now I understand why the guests miss Joe Anne and speak so well of her!

March 10: Weather: A balmy 5 degrees. Served: 281 guests. On the menu: Chicken noodle soup, beef lasagna or mushroom and red pepper tart with zucchini and tomatoes, and asparagus; brown butter brownie with butterscotch ice cream and fudge. Volunteers: On a somber note, we learned this week that volunteer Jordan Boyer died tragically in an apartment fire on February 28. In 2013, we welcomed Jordan as a new volunteer. He worked at Starbucks on University Avenue, where Bob Faris would get free coffee for the program. Jordan welcomed Bob, asked about what we were doing and ultimately whether he could help. He came Sunday afternoons and helped Darlene sort clothing donated for the boutique. Monday nights he returned to help serve dinner. In a short period of time Jordan made an indelible impression on the volunteers and guests he worked with at Out of the Cold. We were truly shocked and deeply saddened to learn that this young energetic life had ended.

*Adapted from the OOTC Epistle by Hanne Simoes,
with Bob Faris and Jeremy Roach*



Sing Praises

*Creative prose and poetry
celebrating or reflecting on the life and work
of St. Andrew's Church*

These five haikus were written outdoors during the particularly icy and frigid 2013-2014 winter. While seeking out beautiful winter landscapes to help cope with the harsh weather, I also express my anticipation for winter's colourful and hopeful successor — dear spring.

This poem was written and published in Chinese during my student years at Beijing University (1986 to 1990) in the era when atheism and communism still dominated China. The poem mainly describes the loneliness and the drifting of one's spiritual mind in a period when no faith and soul had been cultivated in that culture for a long time.

5 Haikus

Frosty coneflower
Blanket over sleeping grass
Tree ivy shivers

Last sun-smile at dusk
Beaming rays warming ice sheets
Lecture soon begins

Dear magnolia
Wake from a gentle slumber
Open your eyelids

Red squirrel chatter
I hear the winter moaning:
"Shiver, shiver, Job..."

I must now confess
I was once a garden thief
The object was lost

Isle

In that vast ocean
There is a piece of lonesome,
Only monotonous tides and ebbs are
accompanying me ...
One day, from the grey line where ocean and
sky connected
Suddenly floated over
a shadow of Sail
I saw the rosy cloud
sewing a delight smile
on top of that Sail
On my extending sand bank
There is not even one tiny flower
for welcoming that Sail to be found ...
I have to wait quietly till that pink morning
cloud
melted into a fiery evening sunset ...
Seeking and waiting,
hoping that little Sailing boat will anchor on my
shoreline and stay forever ...
However, she slowly passed by me
with that smile,
with that light happiness,
floating away ...
She left me with only an emerald wave
vanishing from her trail. ..

Toshio Ushiroguchi-Pigott

Shari Liu



On Saturday, March 1, *Life & Music at St. Andrew's* presented *Mardi Gras 2014*. A large and enthusiastic audience turned out for a joyous New Orleans-inspired sing-along concert with popular hymns, swing spirituals and gospel-flavoured songs such as Oscar Peterson's *Hymn to Freedom*. A warm reception in the Great Hall with New Orleans-themed treats followed the concert.



Jazz vocalist and broadcaster Heather Bambrick, Jordan Klapman at the keyboard, his All-Star Jazz Quintet, and a cappella quartet Cadence. Photographs courtesy of Inspire (inspireinc.com) with thanks to Joe Sutherland Rentals.

Women in Song

Saturday, May 24, 2014

*Eclectic music (classical, operatic and popular)
written by women and performed by some of Canada's finest female singers:*

Monica Whicher, Natalie Paulin, Norine Burgess,
Laura Pudwell and Allison Angelo
(John Greer, acc.)

Tickets will be available soon!

Help Us Commemorate Our Role in World War I

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, *Life & Music at St. Andrew's* and *The Heart of the City Speaker Series* will jointly commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War .

Worlds in Collision: The Legacy and Lessons of World War I will be a special evening of moving historical talks, dramatic readings, evocative period music and visual displays.

Canada played a critical, costly role in "The Great War." As one of Canada's oldest Presbyterian churches and the regimental church of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, St. Andrew's Church was profoundly affected by the conflict. More than a quarter of our congregation — 166 men out of 581 members — enlisted, and five members served overseas as nursing sisters.

Of the 166 men from St. Andrew's who left to serve in the War, 28 never returned: a fatality rate of 17%. All of those who died were with either the Infantry or the Flying

Corps. By the standards of that war, we can assume that a large number of the St. Andrew's members who survived were wounded, and that many wounds, both physical and mental, were severe and of lifelong significance.

When reading the names of those from St. Andrew's Church who died in the First World War, it is easy to understand why grief hung so heavily over this congregation, as it did over much of the world, and why the years immediately after the War were called "The Great Silence" and "The Unending Absence."

As we plan our commemorative event, we would like to know more about the men whose names appear on the brass wall plaque (as listed below), the Roll of Honour of those our Church lost, and any other members of our congregation who served in The Great War. If you can share letters from or stories about these men and women, their families or their lives, please contact Dan Bickle at daniel.bickle006@sympatico.ca.

Elizabeth Forster

Members of St. Andrew's Named on the Brass Wall Plaque

Pte. George Greig Mowat, Infantry	28-Oct-15
Lt. John Murray Skeaff, Infantry	24-Jan-16
Lt. Howard Primrose Primrose, Infantry	26-May-16
Lt. John Ure Garrow, Infantry	12-Sep-16
Maj. Alex Miln, Infantry	18-Nov-16
Pte. Joseph Hope Walker, Infantry	9-Apr-17
Pte. James Low, Infantry	1-May-17
Capt. Edward Gordon Hanlan, Flying Corps	9-Aug-17
Pte. Harold Dickson Duff, Infantry	18-Sep-17
Lt. Roderick Ward MacLennan, Flying Corps	23-Dec-17
Capt. Alan Pratt MacLean, Flying Corps	18-Mar-18
Lt. Walter Howard Curry, Infantry	27-Aug-18
Lt. Ronald Walter Lewinton, Infantry	27-Aug-18
Capt. Loudon B.M. Loudon, Infantry	1-Sep-18
Pte. John McCleery, Infantry	27-Sep-18
Pte. Stuart Lowrie, Infantry	12-Oct-18
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Lt. Robert B. Sinclair, Flying Corps	22-Mar-19



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April 11	Michael Westwood, Clarinet
April 18	No Recital (Good Friday)
April 25	<i>Quaceratops Quartet</i>
May 2	Daniel Bickle, Organ
May 9	Laura D'Angelo, Violin, and Emily Chiang, Piano
May 16	Pei-Chen Chen, Piano
May 23	Megumi Okamoto, Piano
May 30	Su Jeon, Piano

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Milestones

Marriages

Scott Hills and Atsuko Honda — February 9, 2014

Infant Baptisms

Thomas Gleeson, son of Christopher and Jennifer — December 29, 2013

James Lang, son of Fraser and Julie — February 23, 2013

Adult Baptisms

Leslie Nicole Bickle — February 3, 2013

Deaths

John Campsie — February 8, 2013

New Members

Melanie Crutchley, Brenna Swift, Michael Ferrarelli, Carol Jackson, Stephen Jackson and Shari Liu
— February 23, 2013

Calendar

April to May 30, every Friday — Free Noontime Music Recitals

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| April 13 | Palm Sunday — Service at 10:30 a.m. |
| April 17 | Maundy Thursday — Service at 7:00 p.m.
Wine, Cheeses & Jesus - 8:00 p.m. |
| April 18 | Good Friday — Service at 10:30 a.m. |
| April 20 | Easter Sunrise Service at Yonge Dundas Square — Sunrise |
| April 20 | Easter Worship Service at St. Andrew's — 10:30 a.m. |
| April 25 | <i>The Heart of the City</i> Speaker Series — Ron Deibert — 6:00 p.m. |
| May 8 | Orientation Meeting for New Members — 7:00 p.m. |
| May 9 | Free Noontime Music Recital - 12:10 p.m. |
| May 10 | Brunch/Seminar with John DeGruchy, Emeritus Professor of Christian Studies,
University of Cape Town, South Africa |
| May 14 | Knox College Convocation - 7:00 p.m., Convocation Hall |
| May 16 | Free Noontime Music Recital — 12:10 p.m. |
| May 19 | Victoria Day Statutory Holiday |
| May 22 - 24 | Book Sale & Festival of Arts and Crafts |
| May 23 | SAGA — 6:00 p.m. |
| May 23 | Free Noontime Music Recital — 12:10 p.m. |
| May 24 | Doors Open 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. |
| May 24 | <i>Women in Song</i> — An Evening of Eclectic Music — 7:30 p.m. |
| May 25 | Annual 48 th Highlanders Regimental Church Parade Service — 10:30 a.m. |
| May 29 | Ontario Prayer Breakfast |
| May 29 | <i>The Heart of the City</i> Speaker Series — Sally Armstrong — 7:00 p.m. |

The St. Andrew's Speakers Series, *The Heart of the City*, has just launched its inaugural series with Terry Fallis, who gave a talk on "The Search for Honesty and Humour in Politics" on March 28th. Details for the remaining events in this series are shown below. A reception is hosted after each event to provide an opportunity to meet and mingle with the neighbourhood community. We are already planning the autumn series, and the first event, to be held on October 4th and offered jointly with *Life & Music at St. Andrew's*, will be *Worlds in Collision: The Legacy and Lessons of World War I*, a commemoration of the beginning of World War I. More details will be available soon.

We encourage you to attend all the speakers events and to bring your friends and colleagues. The Speakers Series committee members are Ted Crysler (chair), Brenda Lever (secretary), Allan Lever, Sandy Aird, Will Ingram, Karen Ingram, Brian Stewart, Stevie Cameron, Blair Agnew, and John Taylor.



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March 28, 2014 | 7-9pm

TERRY FALLIS

The Search for Honesty and Humour in Politics

Terry will discuss the important role humour and satire can play in holding governments to account using his novels as the illustration. He'll also talk about how he came to understand the power of humour as a force for social change. He'll also describe his rather unorthodox journey to the published land, a funny story in and of itself.



April 25, 2014 | 6-8pm

RON DEIBERT

The Internet after Snowden

A recent stream of documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden has shed light on an otherwise highly secretive world of cyber surveillance. Among the revelations, perhaps the most important for the future of global cyberspace are those concerning the way the U.S. government compelled the secret cooperation of American telecommunications, Internet, and social media companies with signals intelligence programs. Ron will provide an overview of some disturbing reactions and threatening geopolitical developments to the Snowden revelations as states, criminals, and shady companies struggle for advantage in the post-Snowden world.

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