Dear Friends,

This note is being written just before the first day of autumn, ... and it feels like it! A warm sweater and socks are welcome attire both outside and inside the house today. Transitioning into fall can be both a negative and positive experience for many — negative in leaving long, sunlit and maybe more relaxed summer days behind, but positive in thinking of more comfortable sleeping nights and crops of juicy red apples and autumn colours.

At St. A’s we are also transitioning into autumn. The choir is back in the loft, the Sunday School teachers are back with the younger members of our congregation, (children 3 and up are welcome !) and various committees are once again meeting. But as mentioned... we are in transition, so the wheels are still turning as we make fall plans on how we can be a welcoming and supportive community as we live out our belief of God’s love for us through His Son. We welcome your suggestions and participation!

Sitting outside on our back patio as I’ve been writing this, I notice what looked like a little yellow insect flying around in a very open space. On a more focused glance, it was not flying, it was walking ... on what appeared to be nothing! There was no visible sign of support. Obviously, what turned out to be a tiny spider, had a tightrope that it could see and I could not. It reminded me of where the Bible says faith is belief in things unseen.

Con’t p.2...
It is NOT saying there is nothing there; it IS saying there is something there that not everyone can see. In a very challenging and hurting world, God tells us that He can see us and loves us, even when we have trouble seeing Him. This is the good news faith we have to “walk on” and to share.

As we go into this new season we anticipate times of joy and challenges; this is life. We covet your prayers that we all might have God’s leading and blessings in our life in His kingdom. Some folks locally are experiencing trials, and we know that on a world level there are areas of real hardship. Let us take to heart God’s word through Isaiah: Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint….Don’t be afraid, for I am with you; don’t be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you.”(Isaiah 40:31 and 41: 10).—Blessings! Rev. Alice

A Word about Angus… Some of you have been asking

A few days ago, I heard the Skype signal on my computer. I was surprised to see it was Angus in his apartment in Inner Mongolia. We believed he’d already left Hohhot where he’d completed a year’s contract teaching English, and was now in Beijing to get his papers to fly to Osaka, Japan for another teaching contract. In response to my surprise he said “You know where it says in the Bible that all things work together for good for those who love God? Well, I’m it.” Then he explained.

He’d gone to the airport but had been refused travel because he’d sent his passport to the Japanese consulate in Beijing to process his papers. No passport, no flying. That was frustrating. He could not find his Chinese cell phone to give the taxi driver directions to get back to his school area but somehow managed.

Getting back to the school he found his phone in an area he had not thought to look. He also discovered that the money he’d earned and thought had been transferred to Canada had failed. Had he left China, it would have been difficult to get it out while living in another country.

In contacting the Japanese consulate to inform them of his delay, they told him his papers were still not ready. If he’d gone to Beijing, he would have had to stay longer there with only the money in his pocket. He would have run out of money for a place to stay and for food and been in a dilemma to contact anyone for help. “But you are in your apartment again, Angus”, I said.
“You were supposed to be out of there by now. Your rent contract is up.” “Yes,” he said, “but they didn’t get it rented yet, so I can stay here while I wait for my papers to come.” He added, “Now I don’t thank God just for the big things, but for the seemingly little things too. I have a place to stay tonight. I have (this), I have (that). ”

When he eventually got to Beijing, he found the hotel to be expensive, … until he checked out. They redeemed half his hotel expense, (it had been a safety net) which when he got to Osaka was enough cash to make a deposit on his apartment with some money left over for food until he could open a bank account. Angus, and his mom and dad have truly been grateful for God’s presence there. We also realized anew that sometimes our frustrating experiences are God’s timing for something better.

The Prayer Fellowship will start meeting on the 20th of October. Anyone interested in joining will be welcome. We usually open with prayer, read the Bible, look at a video and discuss it or current issues dealing with our faith. Members are free to bring in articles to discuss. Our goal is to grow in faith, and to better understand the scriptures. Come and join us at 10:00 am on Tuesdays.

Prayer requests can be made by calling Shirley Christie at 450-692-4396, who will inform the members of the group. We hope to see some new members.—Shirley Christie

Please remember these people in your thoughts & prayers.

Please Pray For: Marsk, Rennie & Keifer, Antoine, Catherine Amy, Jessie Amy, Keith Amy, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Bonnie, Ian Brewster, Brigida, Carol, Carly, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Elizabeth Eastman, Andrew Eccles, Lynn Edwards, Karen Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Myrna Hall, William Homer, Jennifer, Justin, Lance & family, Mike Lajoie, Patricia Langevin, Roger Laplante, Marilyn Little, Jemma Mahabir, Marcelle, Dennis McKeating, Laura McLean, Mile, Cheryl Miller, Shirley Morrison, Marjorie Mulahoo, Sandra Murphy, Paige, Nancy Pappin, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Pesseau, Gail Provencher, Gilles Provencher, Sarah Puskas, Don and Phyllis Reid, Chester Ross, Diana Salter, Lou & Joan Sarka, Sharon, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Joan Spurrell, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Christina Vincent, Margaret Whittal, John Wiwcharyk, Sandy Yarnell, Shirley Yarnell.
Sunday School opened on September 13, 2015. The junior class will be studying an 8 week session entitled “Jesus Loves Me” and the senior class will be using the curriculum *Seasons of the Spirit*. Sunday, October 11, 2015 will be a Family Sunday.

—Nancy Christie

A note of thanks to…
Nancy Christie and her Sunday School sweeties who always make Mother’s Day & Father’s Day memorable events. They honor the men and women of our congregation with special words and thoughtful gifts. This year the women received a hand wash attached to a beautiful Scripture verse & the men received a travel mug with thoughtful sentiment. *Thanks from all of us, Nancy!*

*Honor her for all that her hands have done. Proverbs 31:31*

*To the World you may be one person but to one person you may be the world.*
This summer was financially challenging for St. Andrew’s as many people were away but our expenses did not take a holiday. The Stewards have been working hard to curb our expenses while the United Church Women worked very hard to raise funds at the Strawberry Social. We also have received a number of gifts from our extended family proving “the tie that binds”. The work on the Bell Tower has been completed, thanks to a very generous donation designated for its restoration.

Thank you to everyone, both near and far, who donate their time, energy and money. Together, we can make a difference in the future of St. Andrew’s.—Nancy Christie

The Match Game

While looking for creative ways to increase our financial contributions, we’ve established a new fundraiser that has proven to be a fun way to put a little money in our coffers. It is called the Match Game. There are 3 ways to participate—

1. Make a dessert;
2. Buy a dessert; or
3. Match the proceeds for any given Sunday.

Fundscrip

To date, St. Andrew’s has earned $1,590.05 this year from Fundscrip and $8,915.30 since enrolling in Fundscrip 4 years ago.

Fundscrip is a fundraising program that asks you to pay for your everyday purchases with gift cards bought through the Fundscrip program. A percentage of the cards that you purchase is then donated to St. Andrew’s.

If you buy gift cards for friends and family, or if you know you are going to be buying presents from stores featured by Fundscrip, please look over the order form found in this newsletter and let us take care of your gift shopping for you.
We are back, folks, and happy to be here. We hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing summer and are ready again to be a part of all our events.

The HOLLY TEA will take place on
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2015
between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

As everyone knows, there is a great need for donations of all kinds of items for this event. We need...sewed, knitted, crocheted and craft goods, ATTIC TREASURE items, JEWELLERY donations and small boxes for it if you have extra or don’t want the ones you have.

The STEWARDS are already collecting articles to sell at their table so if you have anything to donate they will be very happy and grateful.

The BAKE TABLE & TEA ROOM will need plenty of baking when we make our phone calls in late November.

We will be making our TURKEY POT PIES so be sure to ask for them early when you come to the HOLLY TEA as they sell out very quickly. They will be available on the end of the Bake Table and do stay and have lunch at our Tea Room.

Thank you all so very much for your continued support. The HOLLY TEA is a success only because of your help and continuing cooperation.

Last but in no way least we thank any and all who so graciously helped us through the recent Memorial reception that we served. St. Andrew’s is truly a loving and supporting family.

Carol Epps, UCW President
A Humble Prayer

Oh Lord as I venture, down life’s rocky road,
I ask for thy love, to help bear the load.

May I walk with the lame, and not go too fast.
May I race with the swift, without being last.

May I stand among giants, and not appear small.
May I play with children, without seeming tall.

May I hold with the brave, and not be too weak.
May I stand with the strong without being meek.

May I see with the blind, by just using words.
May I speak with the deaf, without being heard.

May I soar with the eagle, and not fall from the sky.
May I understand suffering, without asking why.

And when my number is called, may I sit by your side.
Not for what I achieved, but for how hard I tried.

Edward L. Sillito

—With Thanks to Carol Epps

A minister told her congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17.”

The following Sunday, as she prepared to deliver her sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. She wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, “Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.”
Think!

What parking spot number is the car parked in?

There is a reason why the question below, from a Hong Kong elementary school test, is making the rounds on the internet. Most adults can't solve it – not for want of math skills, but because most of them have lost the child's ability of unconventional thinking. Our minds have become inflexible and we no longer have the ability to see things from a different perspective. This is one reason adults have such problems discussing political and religious issues.

The answer to the problem is provided on p.13, but before you give up, here are some clues.

This problem is not mathematical, but rather philosophical. It proves that, in spite of what the modern "progressive" philosophers tell us, not all viewpoints are equally valid; in most cases, there is only one point of view that leads to the right answer.

This test problem is, in fact, an optical illusion; it misleads us into judging the reality from the wrong perspective.

In summary, when faced with a seemingly unsolvable problem, check your absolutes; you may well be on the wrong side. Verify your system of coordinates, and make sure you are looking at the facts from the right perspective.

—With thanks to Jim Meldrum

I wonder if clouds ever look down on us and say, “Hey look. That one is shaped like an idiot!”
Thanksgiving

My family is at the table; the table is spread with food. Laughter seems to fill the air; there is such a cheerful mood. I just sit back and hear their talk, each with his bit to share. I hope and pray it stays this way and that they will always care. It feels so good to see them all, this family of mine, And the table filled with such good food as we sit down to dine. Let’s pray to God we will always be he way we are today, All loving one another as we bow our head to pray.

November Thoughts

I love the golden days of autumn when the leaves are all aflame, When the harvest moon rising is too beautiful to name; When the frost is on the pumpkin and the goblins are about, When ducks and geese are on the wing unerring in their route, When rustling winds are blowing with a sense of what’s to come, And gray skies abound, chasing away the sun, Then, a kind of quiet settles over all, and it’s gone—my lovely fall.

Photo by Sandra Fortier
We are pleased to present the children who have been received into St. A’s family this past year…

- Chelsea Marie Leclair, daughter of Gordon Leclair & Kelly Grace
- Brady James Ford, son of Andrew Ford & Rachel Pelletier
- Lincoln Sonny John Campbell, son of Michael Campbell & Tania Francis
- Ava McLean, daughter of Matthew McLean & Melissa Leblanc
- Grayson Douglas Levy, son of Shawn Levy & Tanya Miller
- Sonoma Rose Bowmer, daughter of Justin Bowmer & Corinna Graham.

We hope to see them all soon and throughout the coming years.
Baptisms 2015

Ava McLean with Mom Melissa & Dad Matthew.

Rev. Alice baptizing little Ava.

Lincoln with Dad Michael, Mom Tania & sister, Aurora.

Little Lincoln & his Elder, Josephine Gaston.

We welcomed Grayson Levy into our family June 28.

Little Sonoma with Mom & Dad, Jason & Corinna & Godparents, Gregg & Hollis.

With elder Barbara Batten
I've Learned...

- That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- That when you're in love, it shows.
- That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- That being kind is more important than being right.
- That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- That money doesn't buy class.
- That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- That when you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
You've Made My Day!

- That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

You've made my day!

Six Little Stories

{1} Once villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's FAITH.
{2} When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST.
{3} Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. That's HOPE.
{4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE.
{5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married. That's LOVE.
{6} On an old man's shirt was written a cute sentence, 'I Am Not 72 Years Old...I Am Still 16 with 56 years Experience.' That's ATTITUDE.

—With thanks to Audrey Bauer

Parking Space Solution from p. 8
The simple truth of this test problem is that the numbers on the parking lot were placed there for the drivers; therefore, the only correct way to look at them is from inside the parking lot. That is the only correct system of coordinates; any other system or point of view leads to errors.
Palm Sunday 2015

HEROse! He lived, He died and He Rose!
Left: Shirley Christie and Briggita Blersch. Valeta Layne presenting the Sunday School children & St. A’s little friends.
HEROse!

A moment to smile & to reflect on all the hard work & great results.
Church Happenings

Our Welcome Back BBQ was a great success! Thanks to all who helped: Ted Ross, Chester Ross, & Erich Bauer on BBQ. Rev. Alice on Rice Krispie Squares with chief taster, Chester Ross. Richard Fortier on corn duty using Terry Cessford’s pot, a great asset for a corn roast. To those who helped set up: Audrey Bauer, Terry Cessford, Sandra Fortier and to those who brought delicious salads and desserts. And a huge thank you to the clean-up crew including Harley and Lyla Parkinson and Brigitta Blersch who stayed until the very end! And to all who are unnamed… you must sign our golden book of Helping Angels to better thank you in future.

A thoughtful gift — peanuts for Rev. Alice’s little squirrels.

Sunday School — September 2015 — a lovely gathering... if you wish to have your
Church Happenings

Above from left to right: Andy Brands, Richard Fortier, Marg Steeves & Audrey Bauer.

Left: Session Elder, Richard Fortier.

Joanne Goodfellow

We love to see… and hear our babies!

Andrew, Rachel & Brady

Corinna, Jason & Sonoma
I remember the bologna of my childhood,
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the housework,
And the men went to work not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy
And the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from a freezer; or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their friends in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where candies for pennies were sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it....I'm just getting old?

Bathing was done in a wash tub,
With plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mama pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.

Author, Unknown
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
   Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
   The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
   In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
   To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
   In Flanders fields.

—Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

~ Remember ~

Beloved members of St. Andrew’s Family. We will miss them. Our deepest sympathies to Vivian Bourgaize and her family.

You may also remember Doug Lang, who was an involved member of our church until he moved to Oakville, Ontario. He passed away July 30. Our sympathies to Mary and her family.
Psalm 23

Most of us know the twenty-third Psalm but here’s a new take on the well-loved verses.

The Lord is my Shepherd — That’s relationship!
I shall not want — That’s supply!
He makes me lie down in green pastures — That’s rest!
He leads me beside still waters — That’s refreshment!
He restores my soul — That’s healing!
He leads me in the paths of righteousness — That’s guidance!
For His name’s sake — That’s purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death — That’s testing!
I will fear no evil — That’s protection!
For you are with me — That’s faithfulness!
Your rod and staff comfort me — That’s discipline!
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies — That’s hope!
You anoint my head with oil — That’s consecration!
My cup runs over — That’s abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life — That’s blessing!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord — That’s security!
Forever — That’s eternity!

—With thanks to Audrey Bauer
"Good friends are like quilts—they age with you, yet never lose their warmth." From left to right... Betty Mulrooney, Linda Hoare, Carole Briggs & Nicole Sorg. Presenting Linda Hoare with a donation for Station 7 from the sale of quilts made by the Chateauguay Valley Quilters Guild. You may remember seeing the collection of quilts brought in by Les Sorg last winter which many of us purchased.

Lynn Artagnan hugging a St. A’s teddy bear with sweater knitted by her Mom.

Bruce Currie, Doreen Gilbert, Rod Artagnan at Emma Artagnan’s Memorial Service.

My grandpa can follow the service on his iPad...

But he doesn’t always get it right!

Shhh... Too loud Grandpa!
On Wealth
The ability to make a great deal of money in a particular way is a talent highly advantageous to its possessor and possibly beneficial to others but implies no virtue, wisdom or intelligence beyond expertise in a lucrative field. The very rich have one characteristic in common: the self-confident exercise of power.

—Phyllis Dorothy James (P.D. James),
Baroness James of Holland Park

On Nurses
Nurses always believe in a cure. Doctors can perform surgeries and offer diagnostic treatment but nurses help you get well. In future, under certain conditions, nurses will perform functions formerly carried out by doctors. Nurses deserve our gratitude and appreciation. God bless them.

— With thanks to Brian Verschoote

Don’t let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited...until you try to sit in their pews.
The good Lord didn’t create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn’t belong.
If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

Smiles provided by Keith Motton
No wonder English is so hard to learn:

• We polish the Polish furniture.
• He could lead if he would get the lead out.
• A farm can produce produce.
• The dump was so full it had to refuse refuse.
• The soldier decided to desert in the desert.
• The present is a good time to present the present.
• At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.
• The dove dove into the bushes.
• I did not object to the object.
• The insurance for the invalid was invalid.
• The bandage was wound around the wound.
• There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
• They were too close to the door to close it.
• The buck does funny things when the does are present.
• They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.
• To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
• The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
• After a number of Novocain injections, my jaw got number.
• I shed a tear when I saw the tear in my clothes.
• I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
• How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
• I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

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Tense

An English teacher at Iowa State University spent a lot of time marking grammatical errors in her students’ written work. She wasn't sure how much impact she was having until one overly busy day when she sat at her desk rubbing her temples.

A student asked, "What's the matter, Mrs. Sheridan?"

"Tense," she replied, describing her emotional state.

After a slight pause the student tried again, "What was the matter? What has been the matter? What might have been the matter... ?"

—With thanks to Rev. Alice
Stephanie’s Story

Summer Cap Provides Powerful Relief from Pain

“Don’t be afraid. Remember my story.” Thirteen-year-old Stephanie spoke these words as she joined her fellow campers around a campfire at Arden Circle Square Ranch one July night this summer. The very fact that Stephanie was at camp was a miracle. She knows it and she wants others to know it, too.
Stephanie was born with Omphalocele, a condition that causes an infant’s organs to be born outside the stomach wall. Doctors did not know what her prognosis would be but she survived. Even so, her young life continues to be marked by intense chronic pain and ongoing hospital treatment.
Something amazing happens for Stephanie at camp. Her pain lessens. That’s part of the story she wanted her fellow campers to remember as she gave her testimony at the campfire.

Stephanie and her service dog, Flare. Below, Stephanie hones her horseback riding skills at camp.

Thirteen-year-old Stephanie has lived with severe pain from the day she was born. For the past two summer’s she’s found respite and words to encourage others at Arden Circle Square Ranch.

Alison & Sammi Boyle at Circle Square Ranch in Arden, Ontario.
Relief from pain

“Imagine your worst possible pain, and more,” she said. “That’s what I’m in every day. But the other day, we were praying. And instantly I felt something. I felt my pain go from a nine to a five. That’s amazing for me. So you know, don’t be afraid. Just pray for one another and let God in, because He can do wonders. If you have pain in your heart, let Him in. He can help you. If you guys are struggling with anxiety or struggling with depression, let Him in. I know that He can heal you. If He can heal me, I believe that He can heal every one of you here today.”

After Stephanie returned from her first week at camp in 2014, her mother Denise wrote this email to Camp Executive Director Andrew Douglas:

“If I look back on last summer, I can’t believe the difference it made for Stephanie to be at camp. This year, the pain is back in full force and trying to rule her life. I asked her the other day what we could do to help. Stephanie said she would like to work with horses and be around them.”

“I know what that means,” responded Andrew in an email to Denise. “Our horses are powerful. They carry an authority from God to bring peace. They are quiet, they listen well. We’ll get Stephanie to camp for as many weeks as she can handle. We’ll get her to the barn as much as possible.”

Thanks to scholarship assistance, Stephanie was able to spend two weeks at Arden Circle Square Ranch this summer. She spent time around the horses, made good friends and encouraged everyone with her words of courage and faith.

More than 9,300 children and teens spent a week or more at Inter-Varsity’s nine camps this summer. Some came with physical pain. Others came with emotional pain or fears. Many, like Stephanie, left camp with a deeper knowledge that God loves and cares for them.

Please pray for these young people as they return to their homes, schools and neighbourhoods. May all they have learned and experienced at camp help them to continue to grow in maturity and faith as they return to school this fall.
Calendar of Events

October
Oct. 3    Annual Chateauguay Food Bank Drive 9:00-4:00 pm
Oct. 4    World Communion Sunday
Oct. 11   Thanksgiving Sunday Service
Oct. 13   UCW Meeting (1:30 pm)
Oct. 14   Session Meeting (7:30 pm)
Oct. 17   Preparation for Soup Luncheon –
          Volunteers Appreciated
Oct. 18   World Food Day — Worship & Soup Luncheon in
          Memorial Hall – Volunteers Appreciated
          " "    Stewards’ Meeting (7:30 pm)
Oct. 25   Men’s Breakfast (8:00 am)

November
Nov. 1    Fall Back — Daylight Saving Time Ends
          " "    Hymn sing with favourites chosen by the congregation
Nov. 1    Remembrance Day Cenotaph Service –
          UCW serves hot chocolate in pm
Nov. 8    Remembrance Day Service
Nov. 11   Session Meeting (7:30)
Nov. 15   Dedication of Christmas Shoe Boxes –
          Operation Christmas Child
Nov. 17   UCW Meeting (1:30 pm)
          " "    Stewards’ Meeting (7:30 pm)
Nov. 29   Men’s Breakfast (8:00 am)

December
Dec. 5    Holly Tea (11:00 – 3:00)
Dec. 7    Seniors’ Lunch -- Volunteers & Casseroles, salads
          & desserts happily accepted.
Dec. 9    Session Dinner & Meeting (6:00 pm)
Dec. 13   White Gift Sunday & Dramatic Presentation
Dec. 15   Steward’s Meeting (7:30 pm)
Dec. 20   Choir Christmas Service
Dec. 24   Christmas Eve Services: Family Service 7:00 pm /
          Candlelight Service 10:00 pm

* This is our proposed schedule of events. Dates may change & there may be additional events. We will keep you informed.
Minister: Alice McAlpine 699-1412
Clerk of Session: Les Sorg 691-5227

Elders:
Jo Gaston (temp.) District 1 692-8729
Barbara Batten District 2 & 3 691-2434
Sophie Cessford District 4 & 5 691-8209
Les Sorg District 6 691-5227
Llewellyn Hall District 7 699-0408
Richard Fortier District 8 & 9 699-7013
Audrey Bauer District 10 692-6396
Bruce Snair District 11 699-9152
Erich Bauer District 12 & 13 692-6396
Patricia Nielsen District 14 692-2566

Chairman/Stewards: Eric Robinson 692-4141
Treasurer: Nancy Christie 691-7673
Envelope Steward: Serge Bergeron 691-7673
Roll Clerk Richard Fortier 699-7013
Organist & Choir Dir: Doreen Gilbert 698-1078
Sunday School: Nancy Christie 691-7673
Church Office: Sandra Fortier 698-1050

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Thanks to all our volunteers ~ those listed above and all of you who help throughout the year. Your efforts are appreciated.

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