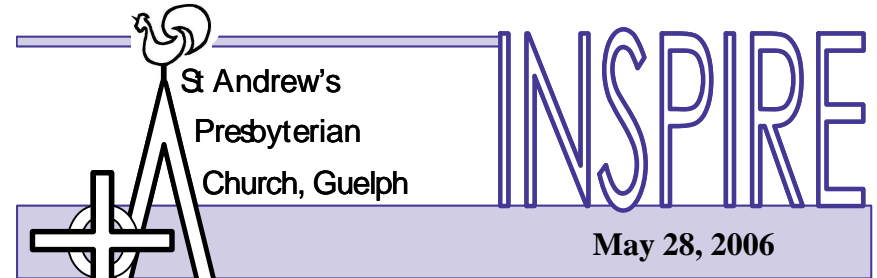


St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Financial Statement Summary – April 30, 2006

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Number of Sundays			
	Jan. to March	April	To Date
Church Operating Account (Maintenance)			
Receipts	<u>59,158</u>	<u>25,358</u>	<u>84,516</u>
Expenses			
Personnel	55,932	17,346	73,278
Programs	4,539	2,968	7,507
Property and Office.....	<u>19,995</u>	<u>4,161</u>	<u>24,156</u>
Shortfall.....	<u>(21,308)</u>	883	<u>(20,425)</u>
Rented Property Account			
Receipts	30,435	11,855	42,290
Expenses.....	21,408	8,005	29,413
Balance	9,027	3,850	12,877
Presbyterians Sharing			
Givings	12,562	5,044	17,606



St Andrew's
Presbyterian
Church, Guelph

INSPIRE

May 28, 2006

LOOKING FOR HELP

The Family Service on June 18th at Riverside Park will mark the end of the year for formal church school classes. On the following Sunday we will begin our summer program for children up to ten years of age. In order to provide this program we will require at least two leaders each week. The sign-up list is available at the Welcome Centre. Alternatively, call the church office to reserve your week. Thanking you in advance for your ministry to our families. Rev. Jan Hazlett

LET US KNOW

As a community of faith, we suffer when one of our members is suffering. Sometimes we do not know when one of our members would like a visit in hospital, or as they recover at home. Unfortunately, many times we find out that our members have been hospitalised or are ill at home – only long after they have recovered.

If you are in the hospital or sick, please make sure that we at the Church Office know, so that the ministers can visit. With new confidentiality laws in effect, the best way for us to find out that you are in need of a visit is for you or your family to tell us directly. Rev. Jan Hazlett and Rev. John Borthwick

In the Event of Emergency
You can leave messages on the church office phone anytime. Messages are checked regularly including on weekends. In a pastoral emergency, please call your elder, pastoral care worker or a session member and/or leave a phone message with the church and one of the ministers will return your call as soon as possible.

The 'INSPIRE' is a monthly communication resource of:

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Sunday Services

10:30 a.m.

From Room 3...

Disclaimer: Warning, this article discusses things of a graphic nature specifically a persistent bleeding nose. Reader discretion is advised.

It has been a challenging few weeks for my nose lately and I guess the rest of my body too. It all started with a simple ordinary nosebleed a little over two weeks ago. No big deal, I thought. Then it happened again the next day. Strange, but we'll cope. And again. And again. And yet again. It seemed that every morning when I would wake up and every evening when I would go to bed, my nose would begin to bleed profusely. Most of the time I could get it to stop but last Sunday morning I would not stop long enough for me to feel comfortable to lead worship. Thankfully Jan stepped in at the last moment. Since that time, I have seen a specialist and have had some repairs made but continue to have occasional episodes.

In the grand scheme of things, a nosebleed is not that big a deal - more inconvenient than anything else. Throughout this nasal journey I have had an opportunity to reflect theologically on the experience. I want to share two insights with you. First, I am struck by the powerful interconnectedness of the body of Christ. The apostle Paul talks about each part having significance and being needed for the sake of the others. No one part is more important than another. It is amazing how when one part is ailing the rest of the body suffers. A profound truth when it comes to the human body but certainly no different within the Christian community, the church, Christ's body in the world. And secondly, I have a better sense of what the visible outcasts of Jesus' time must have felt and experienced. When I had to wear dressings over my nose (members of Session witnessed this) I was stared at, avoided, and the subject of many whispered conversations. It was interesting to hear parents hushing their children's questions about what was wrong with that man's face by saying, "Don't stare at him. It's rude to point."

I look forward to a restful summer to fully recover from this ordeal. I wish each and every one of you a very restful, enjoyable and safe summer. If you are visiting other churches during your holidays, do let them know where you are from and offer them our greetings.

Yours in Christ, John Borthwick

HELP US BY SAVING YOUR :

Used Postage Stamps – for Leprosy Relief

Campbell's Soup Labels – for Education Programs

Ultra Cash Register Tapes – to convert to cash

Zehrs Cash Register Tapes – to convert to cash

Canadian Tire Gas Receipts - these gas receipts can be redeemed at Sobeys for groceries. Please be aware that there is an expiry date on these receipts.

All of the above can be placed in the appropriate slots in the container at the Welcome Centre.

**Session Minutes are available for all to read.
They have been placed in a binder in the Library.
We would appreciate your not removing the binder
from the library.**

Paul Pennock, Clerk of Session.

MEMBER UPDATE FORM NOW ONLINE

You can now go online to update the information which is kept by the church office. If you change your address or have a new baby, etc., you can let the church office know by going online at our website: www.standrewsguelph.com and completing the appropriate confidential form which goes directly to the church administrator.

A graphic with the words "Thank You!" in a stylized, blue, 3D font with a white outline, set against a red and white wavy background.

• Don and Ann Endicott are happy to report Ann's return home after over two months in hospitals in Guelph and Kitchener. We are grateful for the support of so many at St. Andrew's. Your concerned enquiries, cheery notes and cards and your visits brightened our days, soup and baked goods soothed our stomachs and your prayers and thoughtfulness strengthened our souls.

Thank You, Ann and Don.

FOOD DRIVE

The first Sunday of each month (**June 4th**) has been designated Food Drive Sunday (please mark these Sundays on your calendar as a reminder.) All food collected is given to the Guelph Food Bank and Chalmers Food Pantry. While all donations are welcome, each month there will be a suggestion for the 'food of the month' - **June is "Canned Fish" month.** A cash donation would also be greatly appreciated. (You may use 3rd line on Offering Envelope).
The Outreach Committee



YOUTH SCHEDULE

Outreach Youth: June 16 - Canoe & Outdoor Trip



CHALMERS DINNER

The Outreach Committee, with the help of others, will be serving the Chalmers Saturday Night Dinner on July 8th. The menu consists of meatloaf with gravy, cabbage salad, mashed potatoes, and Pie for dessert. Kortright Church will be supplying the meatloaf, but we would truly appreciate your help with donations of the other food items on the menu, money or your physical presence. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Centre or speak to a member of the Outreach Committee (Margaret Blatherwick 'Chair', Leslie Lougheed, Rick McDonald, Jan Rafter, Pauline Sanderson, Trudy Smit and Jim Rife) if there is something that you can contribute.

The "Inspire" is going on vacation. This will be the last issue until August 27th (deadline August 20th). Plan ahead and prepare an article on your fall programs for the next issue.

Have a healthy and enjoyable summer. *JOYS AND CONCERNS*

We have celebrated the following baptisms:

- Clair Elizabeth Smith, Chloe Daniella Smith, Alexis Elizabeth Purvis, Brett John Joseph Purvis, Asta Theresa Isabella Thomson

We express our sympathies to:

- Kathleen McGillivray whose father passed away in May.

Please note that registration and information forms for campers and leaders for the Guelph Presbyterian Day Camp are now available on the Welcome Centre, Hallway Bulletin Board or from the Church Office.

SESSION REPORT

- Approved the purchase of computer equipment for the library,
- Agreed to annually review the computer and audiovisual needs of the congregation,
- Agreed to meet on the 13th of June instead of the 20th, to accommodate a change in the meeting time of Presbytery which is necessitated by the meeting of General Assembly the first week in June,
- Discussed security within the church building during events other than Sunday services.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE - Fundraiser.

Please help young pregnant women by taking home a "baby bottle" and filling it with spare change. Please contact Pauline Sanderson in the Church Hall after the worship service. Bottles should be returned by June 25th to Pauline Sanderson or the Church Office. "Michael House" and the Outreach Committee appreciate your help.

Margaret Blatherwick

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Adjoining Properties:

All of St. Andrew's adjoining properties, including the Manse, are rented and providing income to assist St. Andrew's with its operating budget.

However, a percentage of the rental income (\$15,000 for 2006) has been designated to cover maintenance costs for several rental units, including the Manse, due to steady and normal use over the years. The Manse had some plumbing repairs in 2005 and is undergoing additional upgrades, mostly related to age of the plumbing. The Board, through the diligent care of the Adjoining Properties Committee working with the Property Manager Derek Good, ensures that the rental units are kept in good repair and attractive for the tenants.

Church Building and Grounds:

St Andrew's has contracted again with Lady Lawn Care to cut all lawns and do some minor trimming on a regular basis. However, due to concerns about health issues as expressed by some members, St. Andrew's has not arranged for any commercial chemical application or spraying for control of weeds and insects/grubs. Jim Rife, volunteer, has agreed to spread fertilizer this spring on all the lawns. Janet Dalgleish is heading up the Flower Bed Care Committee for 2006, working with the diligent and able assistance of Mary and Jim Rife and other volunteers to maintain the St. Andrew's colourful flower beds and shrubbery. The Work Party re-scheduled for May 13 was cancelled due to the weather. Instead of re-scheduling again, the Property Committee will endeavour to enlist assistance to complete the tasks as weather permits. However, we thank all those who had intended to come out that morning to help - it's all part of good stewardship of the St. Andrew's resources.

A colourful poster "Longterm Restoration Plan - Overview" and "Wish List" is hung on the lobby wall, just outside the Church Office. We encourage you to review this chart and note the various projects, all of which require funding obtained from sources other than the Operating Budget. The Board must, in due diligence, ensure that the funds are in place to complete these projects, before approval can be granted to proceed. Special fundraising efforts, with Session's approval, are also a potential source of funds.

- The Front vestibule repairs and restoration, required as a result of water damage experienced during Fall 2005, will be funded by the Mercer Fund. The repairs have been intermittent but ongoing since December 2005, and are expected to be completed by this summer 2006.
- Replacement of the damaged eavestroughs and downspouts along the Suffolk Street side of the Sanctuary has been approved and will be funded by a special June 2005 donation from the local Masonic Lodge.

One of the major funding sources is the new St. Andrew's Vision and Opportunities Fund, approved by the Session and congregation, comprising of combined monies drawn from various existing funds, including Bequest and Jacob's Chorus. As of the May 2006 meeting, and according to the stipulations of the Fund, the Board would have about \$10,000 available for June 2006, for restoration and maintenance projects, most of which are on the poster. Currently the Board is considering these projects:

- Upgrading the electrical wiring system for the Suffolk Street entrance and lobby (completed, with thanks to John McAllister and electrician John Kerr)
- Repainting or replacing the fire escape at the south end of the CE wing.
- Installation of a new window, to permit ventilation as necessary, for the Choir Room.
- Installation of new locks for the St. Andrew's exterior entrance doors, along with a supply of new keys.
- Grading the lawns and affected flower beds, and repairing the foundations, especially on the Suffolk Street side of the Sanctuary, to resolve an ongoing and long-term problem with water leaking into the basement, pooling and damaging stored items.

Once these are complete, the Board hopes that it will be able to focus on several other projects, all with a Number 1 priority on the chart. Mary Visser Kerr, Chair, Property Committee