

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 2011
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Kirk Session

Moderator: P.A. McDonald
Clerk (Jan. 1/07) & Representative Elder: Cheryl Weeks ('91)
Roll Clerk: Ivan Currie ('59)
J. Wade MacDonald ('78)
Gerald Archibald ('79)
Jean Boyd (until June, 2011) ('82)
Norma Fallows ('82)
William Fisher ('88)
Sadie Hurst ('88)
Kathy Sloan ('88)
Alex Bruce ('91)
Byron Sarson ('95)
Isabel Sarson ('95)
John Bartlett-Visser ('98)
Margaret Bingley ('98)
Barbara Cruickshank ('02)
Michael Laveck ('02)
Ian Murray ('02)
Carol Stevenson ('02)
Susan Burris ('06)
Eric Gray ('06)
Andrew Kennedy ('10)
William Langley ('10)
Mary Pyche ('10)
Jim Russell ('10)
Linda Russell ('10)
Richard Sloan ('10)

Trustees

Ivan Currie ('77)

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Other Service Accompanists: Helen Martin, Chris McDonald, Joyce Currie

Senior Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Senior Choir Accompanist: Helen Martin

Church School Superintendents: Judy Morrison, Nancy Heighton, Linda Wagner

Offering Receipts Secretary: Cindy Roy (until June); Naomi Walker

Presbyterian Record Secretary: Bonnie McLellan

These Days Secretary: Jean Bartholomew

Church Treasurer: Joyce Ross

Auditors: Internal: Russell Trimper **External:** Keith Phillips

Kirk Session Committees:

Worship & Fellowship

Elders: Cheryl Weeks, Convenor, Marg Bingley,
Ivan Currie, Norma Fallows, William Fisher, Eric Gray,
Mike Laveck

3 years: Whitney Pyche-Melanson

2 years: Janice Mumford

1 year: Megan Douglas, Naomi Walker,
Ann Campbell, Kate Watson

Education:

Elders: Ian Murray, Convenor, Gerry Archibald,
Alex Bruce, Mary Pyche, Linda Russell,
John Bartlett-Visser

3 years: Mary Mattatall

2 years: Heather Barkhouse

1 year: Heather Ferguson, Jamie Leck, Erin Douglas
Church School Superintendents

Outreach:

Elders: Barbara Cruickshank, Convenor, Jean Boyd,
Sadie Hurst, Byron Sarson, Isabel Sarson, Ricky Sloan,
Carol Stevenson

3 years: David Campbell

2 years: Dawn Hemsworth

1 year: Lee Walker, Bruce Clarke

Finance & Stewardship

Elders: Susan Burris, Convenor, Andrew Kennedy,
Jim Russell, Kathy Sloan

3 years: Lorena MacDonald, Alex Stevenson,
Ken Langille

2 years: Jamie Walsh

1 year: Margaret Anne Ferreira

Treasurer

Property:

Elders: Wade MacDonald, Convenor, Bill Langley

3 years: David Fallows, Donna Lee Laveck

2 years: Lois Dewar, Gordon Ross, John Stone

1 year: Sean Hiscock, Robert Maskell

Personnel & Planning:

Elders: Gerry Archibald, Convenor, Marg Bingley,
Alex Bruce, Ivan Currie, Norma Fallows, Mike Laveck,
Wade MacDonald, Ian Murray, Clerk of Session

Nominating:

Elders: Norma Fallows, Convenor, Mike Laveck,
Andrew Kennedy, Byron Sarson

Non-elders: Nancy Archibald, Sheila MacDonald

Baptisms 2011

Maikayla Jean

Ethan Fraser & Abigail Marie

Luke Alexander

Molly Kathleen Hayward

Cassandra Grace

Zachary Spurgeon & Jackson Daniel

Kyle George

Caitlin Ava

Caelyn Deborah

daughter of Daniel Wile & Tanya Wagner-Wile

children of Craig Parsons & Lisa Heighton

son of Justin & Laura Rogers

daughter of Allen Hayward & Jennifer Ann Creber

daughter of Ricky & Erin Sloan

sons of Walter Hoeg & Jaime LeFeuvre

son of Quentin & Stephanie Hickey

daughter of Alex & Natalie Stevenson

daughter of Chad Dacey & Amanda Dacey

January 9

March 20

May 8

May 11

June 19

June 26

October 23

October 23

December 4

Deaths 2011

Professing members:

Suzanne Darrach

April 22

Marian Channon

May 6

Freda MacIntyre

September 9

Margaret Fowlie

November 22

Adherents:

Mrs. (A.J.) Catherine "Kitty" MacLean

October 1

A.J. (Al) MacLean

December 24

Weddings of those associated with St. Andrew's

Michael George Dow and Andrea Jill Ryan

March 18

Christopher Thomas Fogarty and Crystal Lynn Jamieson

July 22

Christopher John Trott and Desiree Gayle Smiley

August 10

Justin Adam Boudreau and Meaghan Elizabeth Anne Mattatall

August 13

Annual Review of the Kirk Session - 2011

The Kirk Session of St. Andrew's herewith submits a review for the year 2011. As we mark our 59th year as a congregation, we celebrate God's goodness and ongoing gift of love. We rejoice and give thanks to our Moderator, Rev. Dr. P.A. (Sandy) McDonald, for his faithful service and for his gracious and caring approach to all aspects of his ministry. To his wife, Christine, we are deeply grateful for her endless dedication to the work and witness at St. Andrew's.

On December 31, Musquodoboit Harbour congregation was amalgamated with St. Andrew's and its professing members were added to the Roll. Dr. McDonald served Musquodoboit Harbour along with Iona, Dartmouth and St. Andrew's when he

was appointed in August, 1968 by the Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was called as the Minister of St. Andrew's and Musquodoboit Harbour in June, 1976 and inducted in a service held at Musquodoboit Harbour. The Musquodoboit Harbour church was sold in December 2010 and resold by the buyer in 2011! There was thought given to continuing as a "house church" but in November it was decided to ask the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg to amalgamate the congregation with St. Andrew's by December 31. The national church requires a Presbytery and a congregation to propose a Mission Plan when a congregation is amalgamated and the following plan was approved: Presbyterians Sharing: \$22,000; PWS&D: \$5,000; Camp Geddie: \$10,000; St. Andrew's, Dartmouth (bequests): \$3,000, Sharon Presbyterian Church, Dean: \$3,466 and Elmsdale & Hardwood Lands Charge: \$2,311.

We extend our congratulations to Dr. McDonald for his many years of ministry, witness and work at Musquodoboit Harbour.

The Kirk Session wishes to express appreciation to Dr. Kenneth Cameron for serving our congregation as organist for 19 years. We extend our thanks to Helen Martin and Chris McDonald for serving as supply organists. We acknowledge and celebrate the time and gifts of many folk in the congregation who serve as dedicated volunteers.

The Kirk Session is grateful to Mike Laveck, David Campbell, Bill Fisher, Jacqueline Swift and Bruce Clarke for their leadership and participation in the services when the minister was absent. We are also thankful to Joyce Simard and Kate Watson for leading the Children's Time at some services.

In June, Jean Boyd, a ruling elder at St. Andrew's for 29 years retired; she was ordained as an elder on April 25, 1982. Jean has been very active in the life of St. Andrew's and the Session extends its appreciation to Jean for her keen involvement as a member of Session. The Session presented Mrs. Boyd with a certificate and a Christmas plant to mark her retirement.

We began using the Christ Candle in June; it is lit at the beginning of the service to symbolize Christ, the light of the world and God, the source of light. The candle was given in memory of James Bingley by his wife, Marg. The stand was built by John Stone.

During the year, the Session received, with regret, the retirement of Sheila MacDonald. Sheila did a great deal of the secretarial work of the congregation for over 20 years, including the compilation of the Annual Reports. We are thankful to Sheila for her dedication to this very important part of congregational life.

Cindy Roy resigned as Bulletin Secretary after 2½ years because she moved to British Columbia; Kathy Sloan, one of our elders, is now the Bulletin Secretary; she began this task in June and we are thankful to Kathy for doing this work. For many years, Suzanne Darrach, who died in April, co-ordinated a team to assemble the Annual Reports and newsletters and the Session very much appreciated her work in that area.

During the year, we were very saddened by the death of Freda MacIntyre, who died on September 9. She was admitted as a ruling elder of the Kirk Session on February 28, 1988 and served until May, 2004. The Session is grateful for the contribution that Freda made to the congregational life at St. Andrew's.

The Representative Elder for Presbytery and Synod was Cheryl Weeks.

Roll of Professing Members

During 2011 the following statistical changes have taken place in our Roll of Professing Members:

<u>Professing Members Received:</u>		<u>Professing members Removed</u>	
By Profession of Faith:	1	By Death:	4
By Certificate of Transfer	3	By Act of Session:	2
By Act of Session:	<u>8</u>	<i>Total</i>	6
<i>Total</i>	12		

Total Roll of Professing Members as of December 31, 2010: 329

as of December 31, 2011: 335

Guest preachers and speakers during the year were:

- R. Lindsay Rankin, an elder of Iona Church, Dartmouth and the Synod Hospital Visitor on February 13 & March 6
- Lydia MacKinnon of Calvin Church, Halifax and a candidate certified for ordination by The Presbytery of Cape Breton on July 17 & August 21
- the Rev. Michael Veenema, a minister of our denomination, who lives in Canning, N.S. on September 18 & November 13
- Barbara Summers, staff member of The Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) national office on October 16

- the Rev. Lara Scholey, minister of Bethel Church, Scotsburn and Burns Memorial, West Branch, and Moderator of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, at the 10:30 a.m. service on November 6 to mark the 59th anniversary of the congregation.
- the Rev. Sarah Raeburn of Stairs Memorial United Church, Dartmouth, on November 20, at the annual St. Andrew's Day Service at 7:00 p.m.

Highlights of the year were:

- annual meeting on January 30, combined with worship; testimonies by Megan Douglas & Jamie Leck; potluck luncheon followed in Hall
- the second Vesper Service for Ash Wednesday on March 9 at 6:30 p.m.; ashes from palms used in 2010 were kept and burned at this service.
- the Winter Picnic on March 13 with delicious pizza
- 7 weeks Bible Studies in the Lenten and Easter Seasons
- potluck luncheon and birthday cake followed by folk working together to make a Lenten-Easter banner on April 3
- The "Road to Calvary" service on April 17 (Palm Sunday)
- the Maundy Thursday supper, prepared by the Worship & Fellowship Committee, and service in the Hall; monetary gifts received were given to the Camp Geddie Operating Fund.
- the Good Friday service – "The Seven Words From The Cross"
- the Easter Day sunrise service at 7:00 am followed by breakfast in the Hall and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- the presentation on Mission Awareness Sunday on May 1 by Norma Fallows, President of our Auxiliary about the ministry of the Atlantic Mission Society and by Mike Barkhouse on his 9 months of service on a police mission in Sudan after the service in the Hall.
- the Mission Breakfast on May 14 prepared by the Youth Group in order to raise funds for an "End Hunger" program of PWS&D
- the Monarchist League at the service on May 29
- the celebration of Pentecost, the Banner quiz, the Church School closing and presentation of certificates, followed by the congregational picnic on June 12
- the presentation by Rob Maskell in the Church Hall on September 25 about his trip to Rwanda in November, 2010
- the Women's Inter-Church Council held its Fall Rally and Fellowship at St. Andrew's on October 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- the presentation by Rabbi Ellis, Halifax, about the Jewish faith on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. with dessert at 6:30 in the Church Hall
- the Vacation Bible Camp from July 25-29
- the celebration of our 59th Anniversary on November 7, followed by a potluck luncheon and birthday cake in the Hall
- the Teas & Sales sponsored by the Guild on April 9 & November 5
- the Coffee Party and Craft Sale sponsored by the Guild on April 26 and November 17
- the act of remembrance, with a wreath bearer at the beginning of the service on November 6
- the St. Andrew's Day service on November 20 at 7 p.m., followed by fellowship and singing in the Hall, led by the Kilted Choir
- the presentation of White Gifts on December 11 at the 10:30 a.m. service
- the Church School Christmas Concert on December 11 at 6 p.m.
- the Carol Service on December 18
- the Christmas Eve services at 5 & 7 p.m.

Worship & Fellowship Committee: (responsible for worship, music, Elder Districts, events such as Fellowship Hours, Congregational Picnic and Luncheons, pastoral care)

Services were held each Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on most Sundays at 8 a.m. as well as at the second service on February 20, March 13, April 24, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 2 & 9, November 6 & 27. Communion was also celebrated at the Maundy Thursday service on April 21, the Sunrise Service on Easter Day and at both services on December 24. The Session is grateful to all those who read the scripture lessons at the services. The introductions by the minister prior to the scripture readings were very helpful. The Session is very appreciative of the work of those who provided music at our services. Our thanks to (a) the Choir & the Men's Choir, conducted by Cheryl Weeks and accompanied by Helen Martin, (b) the Kilted Choir, conducted by Scott Watson and accompanied by Chris McDonald, (d) those who provided special music at our services: James Smith, piano; Henry Swift, saxophone; Madelyn Simms, percussion; Joyce Currie, piano; Rebecca Dodge, piano; Quentin Hickey, violin, Scott Hughes, vocal solo; quartets, duet and solos by the choir. Helen Martin led singing in the Church School. The Worship & Fellowship Committee was involved in the selection of the Christ Candle. The Prayer Circle was co-ordinated by Bonnie McLellan, assisted by Sadie Hurst. Bonnie McLellan began her work as co-ordinator for obtaining a Greeting Elder and

Usher each Sunday. The Worship & Fellowship Committee offers thanks to Mike & Heather Barkhouse and E. Margaret MacDonald for their help in planning the program for the Winter Picnic on March 13 and to Earle Hickey for arranging for the delicious pizza. The Worship Committee prepared the meal for the Maundy Thursday supper; the committee offers thanks to Mike & Donna Lee Laveck for preparing the soups and to Norma Fallows for organizing the supper. A Lenten-Easter Banner was crafted by groups of people working in the Church Hall on April 3; each block of the banner depicted a picture related to the Lenten-Easter story. Photographs were taken during the month of May for the preparation of a new church directory. The congregation was encouraged to wear something red on the Day of Pentecost. A very successful potluck supper was held in the Hall on October 1. The Anniversary Offering was divided between Evangel Hall, a Presbyterian Mission to help homeless, socially isolated, marginalized and impoverished individuals find a safe haven from the streets, and Margaret's House. The minister gave a brief description of the meaning of White Gift Sunday on December 11 and many gifts were received for distribution to those in need. Fellowship gatherings were held frequently after the 10:30 a.m. service at which time birthdays were celebrated by singing "Happy Birthday" and the serving of birthday cake, along with drinks. The Session is thankful to those folk who provided the birthday cakes. Potluck luncheons were held on January 30, April 3, and November 6. The Congregational Picnic was held on June 12; we are thankful to Terry Smith, Jamie Leck and David Fallows for organizing the games and to Rob and Donna Maskell for their help in the kitchen.

Property Committee: (responsible for maintenance of building & property, janitorial issues)

In 2011: window blinds were installed in 2 classrooms replacing the drapes that were no longer suitable; John Stone, assisted by Gordon Ross, installed a new door for the exit by the kitchen; a new computer was purchased in January. A few repairs were done by Scott Watson including, leaks in the tower during rainstorms with strong southeast winds. Other minor repairs were done by some members of the Committee. Two neighbours, Doug Sykes and Ron MacLean, provide oversight for the property and check the interior of the church when the Minister is away. The Session gave each a small honorarium.

Education Committee: (responsible for Church School, Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups, Bible Study, Profession of Faith classes, Christmas Concert, Summer Church School, Nursery, Prayer Circle)

Church School classes were provided on most Sundays between early September and mid-June. A nursery and class for ages 3 to 8 were provided on summer Sundays. On the long weekend in May, the pupils remained in the sanctuary and worked on a project related to the theme of the service. Leadership was provided for the Youth Group by Andrew Kennedy and Whitney Pyche-Melanson, with assistance from Megan Douglas and P.A. McDonald. Robyn Murray is the Nursery Coordinator from early September until mid-June; Doris Manuel serves in the Nursery every week during that period - her 55th year of service! A Bible Study was provided for 7 weeks by P.A. McDonald in the winter & spring; one group met in the morning and one in the evening. Several households subscribe to *These Days*, a daily devotional booklet, and the Committee is grateful to Jean Bartholomew for serving as the secretary. A Vacation Bible Camp was held on mornings during a week in July; 21 pupils participated. Leadership was provided by Megan Douglas, Erin Douglas, Martha Yang, Heather Barkhouse, P.A. McDonald, Ross Barkhouse, William Hickey, Helen Martin, Chris McDonald and Allyson Rupert (a friend of Megan Douglas). The Committee provides support for the Superintendents of the Church School. The Committee is grateful to all who help with the Education programs of the Church.

Outreach: (responsible for Prison Ministry, White Gifts, recording of services for shut-ins, Christ Church Clothing and Food Bank, F.O.O.D., Hope Cottage, Christmas Project, promotion of Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D, justice issues, evangelism, Camp Geddie, Prayer Shawl Ministry, wheelchair tabs, Leprosy Mission) The following programs and services were provided during 2011 (a) the Prison Ministry – once every seven or eight weeks, a team of 10 from St. Andrew's conducts a service and spends time with the prisoners at Central N.S. Correctional Facility in Burnside; (b) weekly donations of food, hygiene supplies, clothing for adults and money taken to the Christ Church Food and Clothing Ministry; (c) monthly supper meal for Hope Cottage; (d) monthly lunch for FOOD (Margaret's House, Dartmouth); (e) clothing, books, toys, etc. taken to The Resource Centre; (f) several services on Sunday afternoon at Ocean View Manor; (g) support for the Canadian Bible Society through the direct mail program and Dime Cards in the Church School; (h) Christmas Project – \$2490 was raised to provide Christmas dinner for 25 households through Feed Nova Scotia – coordinators were Peter & Shelagh Dodge and their family; (i) Whitney Pyche-Melanson served as a permanent staff person at Camp Geddie during the summer; (j) White Gifts were received on December 11 and taken to one household; (k) recordings of Sunday services were delivered weekly to shut-ins; (l) money was given by the congregation to Presbyterians Sharing(National Church), Presbyterian World Service and Development, FOOD, Hope Cottage, Camp Geddie, and to a variety of funds that help folk afflicted by natural disasters through PWS&D; (m) Suzanne Darrach, who died in April, served as our representative on the Christian Relief & Development Coalition for 25 years and she also served on the board of the FOOD Society; she did this work with passion and spared no effort in promoting the work of the Coalition. Lee Walker is now our representative on the Coalition; (n) the service of the Minister on the Pastoral Care Committee of Ocean View Manor; (o) many folk participated in the Help-A-Bunch campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society in March; the coordinators were Dan & Cynthia McKeen; (p) the Prayer Shawl Ministry (there is a report elsewhere in the Annual Report); (q) the use of Fair Trade Coffee for the functions in the congregation; (r) can tabs continued to be collected and delivered to Summer Street Industries in New Glasgow by Wade MacDonald, where a staff person turns them in for melting and donates the money for the purchase of wheelchairs; we

reached one million tabs early in the year! (s) *Gifts of Change* catalogue from our national church was made available to the congregation. (t) The Committee made the arrangements for the refreshments for the presentation by Rob Maskell in late September on his trip to Rwanda; the Committee also provided the desserts and beverages for the event at which Rabbi Ellis spoke. (u) The Committee requested the Session to approve a special appeal for repairs and replacement of equipment for Margaret's House from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and to aim for a goal of \$2,500. The Committee is thankful to all those who participated in the various outreach programs.

Finance & Stewardship Committee: (responsible for Budget preparation and monitoring of budget, monthly financial reports, Treasurer and Offering Receipts Secretary oversight, insurance matters, care & counting of the offerings, invitation to congregation to review their level of support, Planned Giving) Bulletin inserts from our national church office on the theme of Stewardship were placed in the Sunday bulletins on occasion. Cindy Roy, the Offering Receipt Secretary, moved to Victoria, BC in June; the committee is grateful to her for the work that she did for the congregation in this capacity. At the request of the Committee, the Session named Naomi Walker as the Offering Receipts Secretary. The committee continues to invite persons to consider using PAR (pre-authorized remittance) for their offerings for several reasons, e.g the reduction in the amount of paper used and in the work of the Treasurer and Offering Receipts Secretary, assistance for the budget planning of the committee, etc. The committee prepared a budget for 2012; the Session approved it for presentation to the annual meeting. The committee continues to work on the matter of the distribution of gifts of bequests that are not designated, securities, insurance, annuities, and real estate, etc. The committee is grateful to Joyce Ross, the Treasurer, for the many hours of work that she devotes to this task and for the clear and helpful reports that she prepares for the committee. The Committee is also grateful to the congregation for its financial support of the ministries of St. Andrew's.

Personnel & Planning Committee: (responsible for administrative issues, nomination of elders to Session Committees, including Convenors; relating to Minister/organists/choir director, planning/vision matters, history, Leading With Care, Website) The Committee provided pastoral support and feedback to the minister and the minister continued to keep the Committee updated on his activities. The Committee also keeps in touch with the organist, the choir director and accompanists. The History Committee was named with Kathy Sloan as the Convenor. Wireless internet was installed in April. A LED projector was purchased; a video camera and laptop were obtained in 2010; these were paid for from a Special Projects Fund, not from the Operating Fund. The Committee named Ian Murray as the contact person for Knox College. A Visioning Study Group was formed. The Committee prepared recommendations for the Session regarding the 2012 Stipend package for the minister as well as salaries for the organist and guest musicians. The website continued to be a useful communication tool for the congregation. The Leading with Care policy continued to be monitored.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee is responsible to bring to the annual meeting a slate of non-elders to serve on the Session Committees, including the treasurer and auditors; the committee seeks replacements for non-elders if vacancies occur during the year.

On behalf of the Kirk Session, I want to extend to the congregation our deepest thanks for supporting the mission and ministry at St. Andrew's during 2011. Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we look forward with hope, faith and confidence to serving a living God with courage and joy during 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl E. Weeks, Clerk of Session

Church School Report 2011

There were 46 students attending Church School from January to June with an average weekly attendance of 17. Between September and the end of December there were 40 students with an average weekly attendance of 18. Classes ended in early June and began again on the second Sunday in September; no classes were held on December 25. On most Communion Sundays, pupils from grades 2 – 9 returned to the sanctuary for the Communion portion of the service. Grades 4 – 9 remained in the sanctuary for “The Road to Calvary” service and for the annual Carol Service.

The curriculum used by the Kindergarten and Primary classes was the “Rock Solid” program and since September the Grade 1 class has also used this program. All other classes used “Seasons of the Spirit”, a program based on the lectionary, which means that the pupils study the same readings that are read in the sanctuary. Each Sunday “The Lord’s Prayer” was repeated and an offering was received; the pupils received Church School envelopes. Classes also provided support for the ministry of the Canadian Bible Society and gathered used stamps for the Leprosy Mission.

To help the congregation celebrate Pentecost, students of the Church School decorated red balloons which they handed out to the congregation. At the luncheon following the Church Service each person was invited to personalize their balloon and place it under the banner which read “The Spirit Has Filled Me With . . .”. Attendance and participation certificates were presented on June 12. Emily Murray thanked the teachers on behalf of the pupils and Ian Murray thanked the staff on behalf of the Session. On that day several Church School pupils also joined with the Senior Choir to sing the anthem. This fall, we have started to include singing, led by Helen Martin, as part of the Church School program.

The annual Christmas Concert was held on December 11 at 6 p.m. Ian Murray chaired the program and Chris McDonald was the pianist. Terry Mumford provided the public address system. The Ladies’ Guild provided a “peanut-free” treat for all the participants. The enthusiasm and effort put into the Concert made it a highlight of the Christmas Season for all.

Teachers in 2011 were Jackie Hurst, Dayle Smiley, Erin Sloan, Megan Douglas, Jennifer Cantley, Heather Ferguson, Donna Lee Laveck, Mary Pyche, Desiree Smiley Trott, Whitney Pyche- Melanson, Alex Pegg and Ricky Sloan. Substitutes and helpers included Erin Douglas, Donna MacRae, E. Margaret MacDonald, Mary Mattatall and Emily Murray. The Church School functions within the requirements of The Leading with Care Policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada thereby providing a climate of safety for the pupils.

A teacher workshop, led by Doug Mattatall, was held on Nov. 20th. Two staff meetings were held; one during the winter session and one in the fall. The Co-Superintendents met on a regular basis throughout the year.

Respectfully,
Judy Morrison, Linda Wagner and Nancy Heighton
Co-Superintendents

St. Andrew’s Auxiliary of the Atlantic Mission Society

The St. Andrew’s Auxiliary of the Atlantic Mission Society met at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, except in the summer. There were 25 members (including 1 male) and 5 associate members on our roll with an average attendance of 18 members. Each meeting included devotions, a study program and a business meeting followed by light refreshments. The study last year “Making Connections – Staying Rooted in an Uprooted World” was completed and the new study is called “Ride the Caribou Trail” describing “home church” groups in the central region of British Columbia.

Several special speakers were welcomed during the year. In January, Michael Barkhouse spoke and showed pictures of his 9 month UN Peace Keeping Mission to Sudan to train police officers, and Sandra Nemo, a social worker and Executive Director of Coverdale Center spoke of her work with women in trouble with the law,

During the year we were saddened by the death on April 22, 2011 of our dear friend, Suzanne Darrach, who had been our treasurer for many years. In June, our Corresponding Secretary, Cindy Roy, moved to Victoria, BC. They are both missed very much!

A donation of \$50.00 was given to the following organizations: F.O.O.D., Evangel Hall, Toronto, Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Program, Street Connection, and Coverdale Foundation. A collection of \$18.00 was given to FOOD for cranberry sauce for the Christmas Dinner. In Memoriam donations of \$50.00 each were sent to the General Society in

memory of Lola MacKenzie and Suzanne Darrach. An In Memoriam for Rev. Dr. Donald MacKay of \$50.00 was sent to Camp Geddie. Christmas gifts were donated by the members to the Mental Health Association for its Christmas party for the

Among Friends program; several of our members also assisted in the preparations for this party.

Norma Fallows and Hilda Visser took part in the World Day of Prayer service in March at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.

The Women's Inter Church Council held the In Gathering Service for the Fellowship of the Least Coin at St. Andrew's in October; our group assisted with providing refreshments.

A Bible is presented to each person baptized at St. Andrew's by the AMS.

The current officers are:

President – Norma Fallows	Program: Margaret Macdonald
Recording Secretary – Chris McDonald	Infant and Toddlers Birthday Cards – June Yetman
Treasurer – Bonnie McLellan	Hospitality: Hilda Visser, Linda Sandberg, Heather Hughes
Corresponding Secretary – June Yetman	Presbyterian Message – Sandy Osborne

New members would be most welcome.

Respectfully submitted
Chris McDonald, *Recording Secretary*

Atlantic Mission Society Treasurer's Report

Mission Fund Receipts

Offering for Missions	\$1875.50
Dues	210.00
In Memoriams	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$2235.50

Expenditures to Presbyterial

(1) Dues	\$ 210.00
(2) Missions	<u>2025.50</u>
Total	\$2235.50

Working Fund Receipts

Balance Forward	\$ 280.43
Collection	444.25
Bring & Buy	288.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
Interest	<u>.06</u>
Total	\$1022.74

Working Fund Expenditures

NL Relief Fund	\$ 50.00
Mission Fund	100.00
Presbyterian Message	222.00
Charities (see below)	300.00
Cards & Stamps	16.10
Miscellaneous	<u>85.80</u>
Total	\$773.90

Balance on Hand	<u>\$248.84</u>
	\$1022.74

Charities: Evangel Hall (Toronto), FOOD, Coverdale, Street Connection, Boys & Girls Club East Dartmouth Breakfast Program, and Camp Geddie

Other Collections:

Relay for Life	\$75.00
Cranberry Sauce for FOOD Christmas Dinner.	\$18.40
Fellowship of Least Coin	\$40.95

Bibles for persons who are baptized – 10 purchased from "Socks for Mission Fund"

Balance in Sock Fund	\$296.16
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Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie McLellan, *Treasurer*

Ladies' Guild Annual Report 2011

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies' Guild met in the church on the second and fourth Tuesday of several months during the year. There are 22 members, with an average attendance of 12 members. In support of the church, the members of the Guild held a Spring Tea and Sale, a Christmas Tea and Sale and provided catering services for some receptions. Morning Coffee Craft Sales were held shortly after the Tea and Sales.

In September, we were saddened by the passing of Freda MacIntyre. She was the President of the Ladies' Guild for several years. Her contribution and dedication are greatly missed.

Notes and cards were sent to sick and bereaved members of the congregation as well as those celebrating special milestones in their lives. Carnations were presented to those who were baptized. Fifty treat bags were assembled for the Church School pupils participating in the annual Church School Christmas Concert. As in past years, Guild members collected an assortment of scarves, mitts, hats, socks and toiletries for Margaret's House in support of its Christmas project. Aid was provided to the Leprosy Mission through the collection of stamps.

\$5,000.00 was given to the church; as well donations were given to Phoenix House Youth Program, Adsum House, Bryony House, Coverdale Centre, Phoenix House in support of their programs and Camp Geddie. A donation was also given to assist the minister of Sharon/Dean after his home was destroyed by fire.

The Guild sincerely thanks Rev. Dr. & Mrs. P.A. McDonald for all their help throughout the year. Sincere appreciation also goes to the congregation for its support. The Guild thanks God for the many blessings of the past year and prays that 2012 will be a year of peace, happiness and good health.

New members are always welcome.

Officers for 2012.

President	Linda Russell
Recording Secretary	Sandy Osborne
Treasurer	Isabelle Young
Corresponding Secretary and Publicity	Nancy Archibald

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Osborne, *Recording Secretary*

Ladies Guild Treasurer's Report December 31, 2011

Receipts

Collections & Dues	\$ 47.45	
Coffee Party (2)	\$ 625.97	
Tea & Sale (2)	\$6,350.76	
Miscellaneous	\$ 202.39	
Total Receipts		\$7,226.57

Disbursements

Postage & Cards	\$ 69.68	
Tea & Sale (2)	\$ 396.23	
Donations	\$ 850.00	
Gifts	\$ 300.00	
St. Andrew's Operating Fund	\$5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 60.15	
Bank Charges	\$ 181.04	
Total Disbursements		\$6,857.10

Total Revenue over Disbursements	\$369.47
Bank Balance December 31, 2010	\$510.72
Balance December 31, 2011	\$880.19

Respectfully submitted,
Isabelle Young, *Treasurer*

Kilted Choir Report 2011

The Choir sang at the Robbie Burns celebration at Iona Church on January 22, at the Clan Donald Ceilidh in March at St. Andrew's, at Jamieson Hall (an assisted living residence) in late April, and at the evening Anniversary Service at Calvin Church, Halifax on Nov. 6.

The annual service to mark St. Andrew's Day was held on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Sarah Raeburn of Stairs Memorial United Church, Dartmouth as the guest preacher. After the service, the choir sang several songs and led those present in some singing. Haggis and refreshments were then served. At the morning service of Nov. 20, the choir sang an anthem.

During the year, the choir bade farewell to Logan McDowell who moved to Edmonton. John Bartlett-Visser and Bill Sutherland were not able to assist with the activities in the autumn; we appreciate their interest and support.

In the autumn, Gerry Ryan retired from the Choir after several years of participation; the choir is grateful for his enthusiasm and involvement.

Currently there are 16 members, including the Director, Scott Watson. Chris McDonald is the accompanist. The choir is grateful for the assistance given by Cheryl Weeks when Chris McDonald was not able to be present.

Director: Scott Watson

Accompanist: Chris McDonald

Co-ordinating Committee: Scott Watson, Chris McDonald, Mike Laveck, Bill Langley, and P.A. McDonald

Kilted Choir Financial Statement 2011

(The Church Treasurer administers the Group's Fund)

Revenue

Expenditures

Photocopying	\$ 9.20	
Burns Supper Tickets	<u>\$25.00</u>	
	\$34.20	\$34.20
Expenditures over revenue		-34.20
Balance forward December 31, 2010		<u>\$584.01</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2011		\$549.81

Choir Report – 2011

The Choir rehearsed on most Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and offered anthems at many services in 2011. For Easter and the Christmas Carol Service we were pleased to have additional singers to enhance the music. Some members of the choir offered solos, a duet and quartets throughout the year. Madelyn Simms & Joyce Currie provided percussion on occasion. The Church School pupils sang an anthem with the choir and the congregation joined in song with the choir for 2 anthems.

The Choir was very saddened by the death of Suzanne Darrach on April 22. Suzanne was a devoted member of the Choir for 50 years and offered her gift of singing solos on many occasions during the 50 years; she will be deeply missed.

At Harvest Thanksgiving, the Choir decorated the Chancel and the fruit and vegetables were then delivered to Feeding Others of Dartmouth.

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all members for their commitment and devotion and to Helen Martin for her continuing loyalty as our accompanist.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Weeks, *Director*

Senior Choir Financial Report 2011

Balance December 31, 2010		105.40
<u>Receipts</u>		
Dues	95.60	
In Memoriam (Sue Darrach)	355.00	
FOOD	100.00	
Interest	<u>.15</u>	
	550.75	<u>550.75</u>
		656.15
<u>Expenses</u>		
NS Choral Federation	75.00	
F.O.O.D.	100.00	
Memorial Flowers	<u>11.49</u>	
	186.49	<u>186.49</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010		469.66

Respectfully submitted,
Hilda Visser, *Treasurer*

Men's Choir

The Men's Choir was established in the spring of 2010 with eleven members to sing periodically. The choir sang anthems mainly in four- part harmony. The choir sang at two 10:30 a.m. services in 2011 and at the Carol Service on December 18, the choir offered two anthems. The choir was accompanied Helen Martin.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Weeks, *Director*

Prayer Shawl Ministry 2011

St. Andrew's Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to administer comfort and loving support world-wide to folk who are ill, grieving or in need of extra prayer. The dedicated knitters of the Prayer Shawl Ministry continued their rewarding work throughout the year. Meeting the 3rd Tuesday morning of most months in various homes, they enjoy a morning of knitting and warm fellowship following prayer and a brief business meeting. Approximately 16 active members and 6 support knitters completed 67 shawls this year and presented 63 cozy shawls to persons in need. 402 shawls, along with a Prayer of Blessing, have been distributed by way of this Ministry since its inception in the fall of 2005 to many corners of the world: Africa, China, Holland, Korea, Rwanda, England, Scotland, Wales, many states of the USA, and to every province of Canada, including the Yukon. Numerous members of our congregation have been comforted by the expressions of concern and compassion that receiving one of the shawls conveys.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry responded to the appeal of General Assembly Moderator Herb Gale early in 2011 on behalf of the Boarding Homes Ministry of Toronto and sent six shawls in support of that Ministry. The goal of the Prayer Shawl Ministry "is to knit shawls and offer them to people in need of encouragement and comfort in difficult times. The shawls are meant to remind the recipients of God's love and faithful presence in their everyday lives and to assure them that the church and community care and pray for them."

Our shawls are created using quality Lion Brand Homespun yarns in a varied and beautiful array of colours. Unfortunately, the cost of the yarn continues to increase. Donations to our Ministry to cover the cost of these yarns have been gratefully received and much appreciated. Donations can be entered on the "Other" line of our church envelopes. Special envelopes for this purpose are also available in the Prayer Shawl area of our church lobby. Yarn required to make each shawl now costs approximately \$26.00. Monetary donations, together with the "devoted labour of love" that is donated by our knitters, will enable us to continue our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

We continue to hear from many recipients who find great comfort from receiving one of our shawls. It is a very rewarding Ministry, knowing how much comfort is experienced by folk during their difficult times. We welcome new members. Come join our camaraderie.

Convenor – Barbara Cruickshank
 Treasurer – Margaret Bingley

Respectfully submitted,
 Madelyn Simms, *Recording Secretary*

Prayer Shawl Ministry Financial Report 2011

Revenue

Donations 1,160.00

Expenditures

Yarn 1,552.07
 Revenue over expenditures - 392.07
 Balance forward December 31, 2010 419.55
 Balance as of December 31, 2011 27.48

Youth Group 2010

The Youth Group met every second Sunday during several months of the year. Leadership was provided by Andrew Kennedy and Whitney Pyche-Melanson; Megan Douglas and P.A. McDonald gave some assistance as well. The group currently has 7 members. The Group organized a congregational event for after the service on April 3 where a banner for Lent-Easter was created. In May it held a Mission breakfast, raising \$228.00 for a food security program in Africa. The group also baked cookies for shut-ins in April and December, had a barbecue at the home of Sandy and Chris McDonald, made a prayer mosaic for the church, painted tiles at Clay Café, played mini golf, skated on the Oval, sold the 2012 Presbyterian calendars, enjoyed board games, and decorated the Christmas tree and sanctuary on Dec. 4.

Respectfully submitted,
 Andrew Kennedy

Youth Group Financial Report 2010

(The Church Treasurer administers the Group's Fund)

Revenue

Presbyterian Calendars	25.00	
Mission Breakfast	228.00	
Donations	31.00	
Calendar Sales	<u>120.80</u>	
	404.80	404.80

Expenditures

Recreation	32.14	
PWS&D Project	<u>228.00</u>	
	260.14	260.14
Revenue over Expenditures		144.66
Balance forward December 31, 2010		<u>269.64</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2011		414.30

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, January 30, 2011

The Annual Meeting of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth, NS was held on Sunday, January 30, 2011 as part of the 10:30 a.m. service of worship. Rev. Dr. P.A. McDonald served as chair.

Cheryl Weeks spoke about the ministry of St. Andrews, explaining the changes made in the past year to the session committees. She expressed appreciation to the many volunteers within the congregation and gratitude on behalf of the session and congregation to Sandy and Chris McDonald for their compassion, generosity and continued hard work to all at St. Andrews.

On motion, Cheryl Weeks/Ricky Sloan, the non-financial reports of the various church organizations and the minutes of the annual meeting held on February 7, 2010 were accepted as printed.

Joyce Ross presented the Treasurer's report for 2010. On motion Joyce Ross/Jim Russell, the Financial Report as accepted.

Andrew Kennedy presented the proposed budget for 2011. On motion Andrew Kennedy/Wade MacDonald, the proposed budget for 2011 was accepted as printed.

Norma Fallows reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. On motion Norma Fallows/Mike Laveck, the following people were named to the following positions and committees of the session:

Worship & Fellowship: 3 years – Whitney Pyche Melanson; 1 year – Ann Campbell, Kate Watson
Education: 3 years – Mary Mattattall; 1 year – Erin Douglas, Jamie Leck
Outreach: 3 years – David Campbell; 1 year – Bruce Clark
Finance & Stewardship: 3 years – Lorena MacDonald, Ken Langille, Alex Stevenson
Property: 3 years – David Fallows, Donna Lee Laveck
Nominating: Sheila MacDonald, Nancy Archibald
Auditors: Internal -Russell Trimper, External - Keith Phillips

Barb Cruickshank spoke about Presbyterians Sharing. On motion, Barb Cruickshank/Lee Walker a proposed allocation for Presbyterians Sharing of \$38,000 for the year 2011 was accepted. On motion, Barb Cruickshank/Carol Stevenson 30% of loose offering will be used to meet the accepted allocation to Presbyterians Sharing.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Chair, Rev. Dr. P.A. McDonald

Secretary, Kathy Sloan