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Stewardship News

Saint Andrew's Church Crawl by Carole Aylard

February 6th saw Saint Andrew's kicking off the Dartmouth Region Church Crawl event with our Parade of Memories. If you missed it, you missed seeing how the power of God working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Our aim was to showcase this talented congregation while paying homage to our history and highlighting who we have been since Anglicans first began worshipping in Cole Harbour in 1794. This parish supported the event with their talent, their time and their treasure. And had a lot of fun in the process. Together with the Silent Auction, freewill offerings and our seed money we were able to send \$1,000 to our designated charity, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. In partnership with PWRDF, the Foodgrains Bank is a Christian response to hunger and was chosen to honour the first settlers who farmed the land to support the settlement in Halifax.

Our line-up began with Kate Campbell opening the show on her saxophone playing O' Canada and ending the first act on her violin playing Scotland the Brave. Saint Andrew's Belles followed Kate with several selections of favourites. Gary Giles and Hayward Strickland entertained us on the guitar and accordion before playing Amazing Grace while Gary Cox recited Psalm 104 and Reverend Katherine interpreted it with dance. Our second act was a slide show of the history of Anglicans in Cole Harbour which included a surprise visit from the Reverend Joshua Wingate Weeks (aka Reverend Walter) who dropped in from 1794. Imagine trying to explain a tractor or better yet, female priests and bishops to someone from the 18th century. Our Choir and Malachi livened up the slide show along with the reincarnation of the Contemporary choir from our school gym days.

Your 2010 committee wishes to recognize all of the above for their eagerness to participate and their amazing performances. We would also like to gratefully recognize the ACW who provided the sweets, Frank Smith who did ALL the set-up and the lights, Paul Kent who emceed our evening, Victor Henrikson who designed the bulletin/poster, Vicki Henrikson for greeting and Jill Hogg who introduced the members of our parish who are direct descendants of the earliest settlers. We also wish to recognize the loan of costumes and photographs from the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm. As chair of the committee, my heartfelt thanks to Natalie Flam who spent the whole evening in the kitchen and missed the show, to Chantal Foster who coordinated the Silent Auction, to Debbie Fice and Linda Rouleau for all they did behind the scenes and to all our parishioners who attended. The power and Spirit of God that moved this parish to support our Crawl was **AWESOME!** I had so much fun and was so grateful to everyone and especially the end result of our \$1,000 donation to the Foodgrains Bank. From the bottom of my heart **THANK YOU!!!!**

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Special PAR points to note:

- There is no charge to sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
- 36 parishioners have happily enrolled in PAR
- The PAR program helps to improve cash flow especially during the summer months.
- Sign-up documentation is available at the back of the church. Take advantage now



*Our Spring Yard Sale is
scheduled for
Saturday, May 29th
Contact Penny Joudrey
(462-4319) for
information*



From the Rector

The Anglican Church of Saint Andrew in Cole Harbour strives to be a church whose doors are open and welcoming to all. Our belief in God as Creator and Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour compels us to turn our faith into action such that we are a beacon of light in the community where the Holy Spirit is alive and at work in all of our lives.

Any Stewardship workshops I have attended or stewardship materials I have read speak to the importance of a church having a clear vision. At February's Annual General Meeting we passed the above vision for our community! Stewardship in our home calls us to welcome all into our midst. Stewardship in our faith calls us out into our community and beyond! It is with this in mind that I wish to reflect on the first part of our vision. How can we create and inspire a spirit of openness and welcome through Stewardship?

The first opportunity we have to welcome someone is when they first walk through the door of our church. Ideally we welcome them into our home, encourage them to feel comfortable, and enjoy the company shared. Yet fear of seeming too

forward, or not forward enough, can overwhelm us and make it difficult to act. While it's true each of us experiences welcome differently, at those moments it is important to remember that it is in faith that we strive to be welcoming. It may mean stepping out of our comfort zone and remembering what it was like for us to go somewhere where we were not known. It's often as simple as starting with "Hi!" and seeing where it goes!

But does welcoming someone stop at the front door? It's important that we continue to feel comfortable once we've entered, and onward for the weeks, months and years to follow. How do we help people feel connected? People can come to our services week after week and yet never feel connected to the community or feel like

part of the family. Creating and maintaining opportunities for each of us to feel connected and create relationships is the next part of creating a welcoming community. Whether you are the person who is actively into everything, the child who is eager to be here, or the person who has little time to give right now, it matters that you are here! A family, a community, cares that one another exists just as God our creator loves and cares for each and every one of us just the way we are!

Being welcoming means encouraging exchange amongst us. When we make new friends we share our lives and become interconnected. We risk seeing each other for all our good and bad points, but choose to embrace each other in love. This is not always

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Christian Stewardship

In March we will celebrate a “new spring into our steps.” On March 20th we welcomed the season of Spring. It is a reminder to us that the days are getting longer, the temperatures are getting warmer and the expectation is for the earth to once again be fruitful and provide food for all God’s creatures.

The 4th day of April—Easter Sunday—will put an even greater “spring into our steps.” As we join with other Christians in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, we know that the best is yet to come. Because Jesus lives, we too shall live. Like the rest of nature in the springtime we will also produce Christian fruits. That is what Christian stewardship is all about—responding to God’s love in Christ and bringing forth the fruits of faith.

The resurrection of Jesus does a whole lot more than “simply putting a spring into our steps.” It gives us

the assurance that we can live our daily lives with Easter hope and joy. We can say much the same as what St. Paul wrote about to the Philippians: *“For to me to live, is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet, what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.” (1:21-26)*

Paul knew for certain that because of his faith in the resurrection of our Lord he was a saved child of God. He was ready to leave this life with all its toil and labor and enter into everlasting peace and joy with all the

communion of saints. But Paul recognized that Jesus left him here on earth to be His instrument to touch the lives of other people in a way that makes an eternal difference!

What an encouragement for us! Our lives do make a difference! We, like St. Paul, are also instruments in the hands of Jesus to touch the lives of others in a way that makes an eternal difference. Since we have the sure hope in the resurrection of the body unto life everlasting we know that while the best is yet to come, we must also remember that what we do here and now is

important.

God blesses us so that we might bring glory to Him and good things for others. As we manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes we demonstrate that we are fruitful stewards. When we freely and generously give of our time, money and talents we show that our life is about more than having—it is about giving!

May the joy and victory of Easter be reflected in your stewardship!

Linda House
Parish Council Secretary



Thanks to Shirley Ostrander

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Generous God

I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me—my life, my family, my friends - time, talents, and material possessions. All that I have comes from you. Help me to remember this and rejoice in your

goodness.

Walk with me, my God. Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with you and all the good people in our

parish and throughout our Diocese.

Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be a disciple. Help me

hear the call to "Come, Follow me."

I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life.

Amen

Envelope Secretary Update

For those of you who use envelopes each week, we have been asked by the Counters to mention these few items:

- † ***Please write your name and the amount of your donation on the envelope.*** This helps in the counting process for balancing at the end of the day.
- † ***If you missed a week, you can put everything into the one current envelope.*** There is no need to use each envelope in the box. You can put everything into one envelope if you missed a week or two.

As reported in the Annual Report for 2009, these are the parish statistics for giving's:

# of Contributors	% of Contributors	Start of Range	End of Range	Average Individual Annual Contributions	% of Total Contributions for the year	Total Contributions for the year
5	2%	0.01	5.00	4.60	0%	23.00
8	3%	5.01	10.00	10.00	0%	80.00
17	7%	10.01	25.00	20.26	0%	344.50
14	6%	25.01	50.00	39.45	0%	552.25
19	8%	50.01	100.00	82.44	1%	1,566.42
20	9%	100.01	200.00	140.55	2%	2,811.00
53	23%	200.01	500.00	352.98	12%	18,707.90
52	22%	500.01	1,000.00	746.92	24%	38,839.78
31	13%	1000.01	2,000.00	1443.33	28%	44,743.26
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From the Rector cont'd

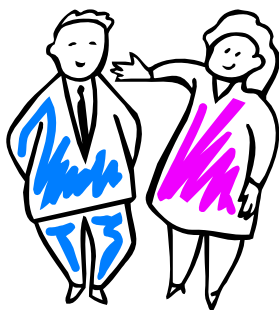
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easy and can lead to joy and pain. God did not promise us that it would always be easy. God has promised us that He will always be there.

As our church strives to be welcoming to all, are we willing to step out in faith and enter into relationships with each other? Whether this is your first time here or you have been here forever, are we willing to be connected to each other and share in a welcome where we all feel like part of this community?

My prayer is that each of us will reflect on how we feel or don't feel welcome in our parish and take steps toward sharing so that we can experience God in each other, and know that we are each needed and wanted in this community. By doing so, we strive to be a church whose doors are open and welcoming to all!

Reverend Katherine



HI! WELCOME to the
Church of Saint Andrew

Increase Your PAR Contribution

As mentioned at our Annual Meeting in February, the budget for the Church for 2010 is increasing by less than 3%. If everyone were to increase their donation by 3%, we would come close to meeting our budgeted income. What does 3% mean to you? As an example, for a donation of \$20.00, a 3% increase would only mean \$.60 more! For those of you who are using our PAR program and wish to increase their donation, a simple email to joan-wild@eastlink.ca with the amount you would like to give can amend your donation.

Stewardship Prayer

O God, I resolve to put You first in my life.

I recognize that You have blessed me with all that I have and all that I am.

As your steward, I resolve to sacrifice when necessary but always to do so out of a spirit of sincere love, just as your Son, Jesus, did for me.

I humbly accept the challenge to share from my means rather than from my excess.

I recognize that being a good steward is nothing more than being truly Christian.

Dear God, I resolve, to be generous with my time, talent and treasure, giving in proportion to the gifts I have been given.

I commit myself to taking care of my body and all of creation.

I know there will be times when I will fail to be a good steward, but I pledge to keep on trying.

I will confidently live each day with a spirit of true peace and joy in knowing that I am doing your will. *Amen.*

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*Blessed are those that
can give without
remembering and
receive without
forgetting.*

Author unknown

Anglican Church Women *Chowder Lunch News*

Although we did not feed the five thousand this year as Jesus story is told to us about feeding the large group of people with two fish and a few loaves of bread. This year was another success with feeding 1,287 people with one hundred and ninety pounds of fish, probably six hundred pounds of potatoes and all the other ingredients that go with a tasty meal of fish chowder and a dessert. For those that like something different, we always serve corn chowder.

This is a fund raising project of our ACW group which has been successful for maybe 20 years?? The idea to hold Chowder Lunches came from Ron and Barbara Noiles (probably because Ronnie likes to make music) and with a small group of ACW members, they decided to attempt this project. If the project was successful and we had some enjoyment, that was okay and if not we would still have some fun for a few Friday's at noon. There has been much enjoyment, relaxation and fellow-

ship; people have learned to work together in close quarters; we have built a new addition/kitchen to our Church; learned new skills; met new friends and learned more about the people we worship with on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. All members of the congregation have given freely of their time, talents and energy to create a program known as *OUR CHOWDER LUNCHESES*. It is always a real joy and privilege to associate with and work together with our church family in this type of atmosphere.

Our funds raised this year will purchase a new sign to be erected on our front lawn to advertise who we are and perhaps encourage others to join us in our time of Worship as we give Thanks to God for the Many Blessings that we receive.

We have been successful only through members of the total congregation who, each week, contribute the many food items including all the desserts. We only purchase the fish as all

other ingredients are donated and there are many, as we observe the bake/craft table displays before the event which is filled with items for sale and at 1:00 P.M. most items have been purchased.

Although most members of the band are not part of our worshipping community, they give freely of their time and talents and with the smiles on their faces, a person quickly identifies these are people who really enjoy creating *GREAT MUSIC*.

Our ACW group always has additional projects each month in assisting with the success of our Church and we are always so thankful that we can help and assist wherever needed and have a nice story to share for another day in our journey.

Carole Elliott
President A.C.W.



***They come from all over for
the ... mm mm good chowder!***