“To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of Glory” (Col. 1:27)

Now, here is a curious thing: sometimes it is easier to have faith in God than it is in ourselves. Furthermore, it is often easier to have faith in someone else than it is in ourselves! Why is this?

The Christian answer to this might be something like: Because we do not know ourselves as well as we ought. Oddly enough, we often base our self assessment on what we think other people think of us. Strange!

But what does the Bible say? “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid” (Mt. 5:14) St. Paul writes: “..do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you..? In Psalm 8 we read “Yet you have made them a little lower than angels/divine beings/God, and crowned them with glory and honour..!” (each of these words: angels/divine beings/God are good translations of the Hebrew word used in the psalm). A little lower than God!

Can you see how highly the Bible thinks of us?! How can we have so little faith in ourselves when God has so much faith in us?

This Easter my prayer is that each of us will, in the quiet of our own hearts, in the quiet of a new dawn of self-understanding and by the Grace of the Resurrection of Jesus, experience a Resurrection of Faith in ourselves.

Let us Assess ourselves in the light of the Easter and biblical vision of who we are: the Light of the World! Let us allow the Light of Resurrection to guide us to a lasting vision of our True Worth in God’s sight: worthy enough to die for and worthy enough to be raised; worthy enough to live with our Lord, to live a new vision of who we are now, in the present, and in the life of the world to come!

Sharing the Hope of Glory now and in the world to come,
Happy Easter

Rev. Max Woolaver
max@standrewsgrimsby.com
One Sunday Morning
Anonymous Submission

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer.

The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going.

The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the pastor was totally perplexed.

The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain’t too crazy about plain flour. But............. after you mix ’em all together and bake ’em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

He paused, "Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don’t like, whenever we don’t understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making.

After you get through mixing and baking, it’ll probably be something even better than biscuits."

Amen.
As the federal government prepares to spend half a billion dollars to celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday, First Nations in northern Ontario are mourning the loss of three young girls to suicide. These tragedies could have been prevented if Canada provided equitable mental health and other children’s services on reserve. For over 10 years, Canada has known about the discrimination in child welfare, education, and other public services on reserve as well as the resulting harm to First Nations children. The government has been challenged on its lack of progress in providing the services other children receive as a matter of course. In response, they like to cite their century-long pattern of “engaging” with partners and “tough economic times” as barriers to action.

Is Canada so broke that the national treasury needs to rely on racial discrimination against children as a cost saving measure? What are First Nations children losing out to? With $500 million set aside, it would seem that Canada’s birthday party is more of a priority.

The belief that First Nations should make do with less is so engrained in government culture that Canada would rather break the law than cease this policy of racial discrimination against children. In January 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal found the federal government to be discriminating against over 163,000 First Nations kids. They had underfunded child welfare services on reserve and failed to implement Jordan’s Principle to ensure equitable access to public services. The tribunal found that Canada’s chronic underfunding of children’s services was incentivizing the removal of First Nations children from their families and widening the disadvantage sown by residential schools. It also found that the government had been aware of the situation for decades but failed to take any significant action.

Canada accepted the orders without appeal, yet little has changed. Despite lofty pronouncements of an “historic investment,” monies allotted to First Nations child and family services in the 2016 federal budget fell far short of the operational need. Old approaches have been given new labels, with predicable results: the discrimination continues while governments look for sympathy for its “good efforts” and “hard work.” The tribunal is so unsatisfied by Canada’s failure to implement its orders that it has issued two non-compliance orders.

Canada refused to comply with the tribunal’s legally binding order. This underscores the importance of Canadians rising up in greater numbers to demand an end to the government’s unlawful and discriminatory conduct against children. A slumbering public is systemic discrimination’s best friend. We need to stop waiting for government action; we need to demand it.

Because there are solutions. There are decades of recommendations on the books to guide both immediate and long-term change. At the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, we often say that governments do not create change, they respond to it. Start by writing to your MP to demand government compliance with the tribunal orders.

On July 1, we ask that you celebrate Canada for the country it could be. If this is truly a country founded on the values of fairness, equality, justice, and universal human rights, then we need to do better. Equity for First Nations children should be more important to us than a birthday party.

Jennifer King is the reconciliation and policy coordinator and Cindy Blackstock is the executive director at the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada.

Thank you for reading – Michael Edwards
Rector's Vestry Report. Guess When?
Submitted by: Gillian Wood

As I look back over the past year, I realized that we had taken on an ambitious program, financial and otherwise, and throughout the year we sustained some pretty grievous blows as we lost some very valuable members of our congregation. At the same time, we endeavored to try some new approaches to old problems in an effort to bolster up our people, to keep them interested in continuing worship. To attempt new things in an age when so many old institutions are falling apart, when people are demanding conservatism and a status quo to combat feelings of frustration and uncertainty that come in a day such as we are living in, is risky at the best of times; yet we have tried to do a few things a little differently and we have had moderate success. For these successes we need to give thanks to the Lord.

You are remarkable people! I have never known a congregation that has shown such enthusiasm and concern for your common life in worship, in work, and fellowship. It is gratifying to know that you can get along with one another in spite of your different outlooks. It is wonderful to know that there are people big enough to realize that they cannot always have their own way, and yet can share the same allegiance to the same God.

(Wow, I think there were some problems there!)

We are trying here at St. Andrew’s to keep our expenses in line but we do need an increase in income, and that increase will only come as you and I make every effort to increase our giving and support to our church. (OK who guessed 1979?Canon John Hesketh )

Some names you’ll recognize. We relative newcomers often don’t realize the many, many years of service some people have given to St. Andrew’s. Our very sincere thanks to everyone who has served St. Andrew’s so faithfully.

Senior Warden and Cemetery Board Chair: Mark Young
Deputy Warden and Parish Life: Lillie Haworth
A.C.W. Anita Gilbert
Christian Education: Helen Nolan
Couples Club: Margaret Ludberg
Church School: Gwen Medcalf, Pat Barker, Sharon Belfry.

Grant Applications
Submitted by: Liz Fulford

DID YOU KNOW…. Patricia Straker has been very busy writing grant applications on behalf of St. Andrews? It is a very time consuming and detailed process, but her hard work has paid off, in that we recently received approval for not one, but TWO federal grants. A great big thank you goes out to Patricia from all of us.

The first project to be approved is the All Ramped Up grant in the amount of $3,249. We will be installing a ramp and automatic doors at the entrance of the Parish Hall. The funds received will cover approximately 65% of the actual cost. We will be seeking donations to the capital improvement fund to cover the balance.

The second project to be approved is the Doors Wide Open grant in the amount of $25,000. This project will enable St. Andrews to install handicapped accessible washrooms in the Parish Hall. Patricia and Gerry Straker have generously committed to a personal donation of up to $20,000 towards completion of these projects. We wish to thank the Strakers for their generous commitment to St. Andrews. Again, any shortfall will have to be made up through donations to the capital improvement fund.

The property committee, under Peter Zulauf’s leadership will be very busy as both projects must be completed within twelve months. Peter is actively seeking additional quotes so that the work can start quickly. A big thank you to Peter for this time consuming work.

It is very exciting to have two projects underway at the same time! The grants have already been received…..the money is in the bank! We will keep you posted on the work and all fundraising efforts to cover the balance of these projects. Donations to the capital improvement fund can be made at any time.
Life at St. Andrew’s

Thanks to all who submitted photos
Announcements

Thank you from the Stewardship committee for your response to the information package you received early in October. The Corporation and committees are working toward curtailing expenses, but at the same time keeping our properties in repair and the programmes in both the Parish and beyond viable. Thank you for your continuing support of your Church and its’ mission.

WANTED YOUNG COOKS:
Under 70 would be great! Preparing meals is one of our big Fund raisers for the Church. Gillian (definitely) Lesley (maybe) are suffering from “cooking burnout”. We have been the main cooks for a few years for:
- The Winona Men’s Club Beef Dinner (Wednesday May 3)
- Turkey Dinner (Friday Sept. 9)
- Winona Men’s Turkey Dinner (Wednesday Dec. 6)
WE NEED HELP. Please contact one of us. Many thanks.

FRIEND to FRIEND WANTED:
Men & Women who enjoy listening and talking, can spare an hour every other week. Don’t miss this opportunity to brighten up your life.
Please see Judy Connor (905 945 8350)

FOOD BANK:
Food for St. Matthew’s House and the Grimsby Food Bank may be left in the basket by the Baptismal font or in the box in the Parish Hall lobby. This food is delivered monthly.

WED. EVENING SERVICE & BIBLE STUDY:
7 p.m., every Wednesday in the Church. Bible Study follows the service in the Fireside Room.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:
10 a.m., Thursdays in the Fireside Room.

GIFT CARDS:
Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Graduations, Birthdays... looking for a meaningful gift? Gift cards supporting the educational needs of children through Starfish Nicaragua are available year round. For more information please contact Jane Malgo at: 905-309-6616 or by email at janemalgo@gmail.com.

AFTERNOON TEA & SILENT AUCTION:
Celebrate Canada’s 150th Birthday by joining us on Saturday, April 29th from 2 - 4 p.m. Tickets are $20 per person (not available at the door), for tickets please call the church office at 905 945 8894 or email at info@standrewsgrimsby.com. Tickets also available at the church office Monday to Friday 9 - 12 p.m. Feel free to wear fashions from your favourite era!

EUCHRE 2017:
Last Friday of every month. 7 - 10 p.m., $5.00 per person includes snacks/refreshments & door prizes. For more info see Pat, Susan or Sheri.

YARD SALE:
Saturday 6 May 8.00-12.00. Help to raise funds for St. Andrew’s. Start your spring cleaning and find a new home for your “I never use” items. Please no junk, if you wouldn’t buy it don’t bring it. Items can be left at the hall Sunday April 30 and after.

MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT:
Saturday, May 13th. Doors open at 5:30 pm, pot luck dinner at 6(ish) with movie to follow shortly afterwards. Please bring your favourite dish (or dessert) and enjoy the evening. We are showing “The Big Chill”. Movie/dinner is free, goodwill offering gladly accepted.

Please note that regular announcements are posted each week in the bulleting insert, on the monitor and the calendar on the bulleting board in the Parish Hall.
The Women's Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of the month in the Fireside Room. We welcome all women, who have, or have had, cancer. Please phone Lesley Smith: 905 945 1330 for more information.

ACW: The Anglican Church Women co-ordinates the Christmas Bazaar, provides receptions following funerals, and other events at St. Andrew's and enjoy two social events each year ~ a June BBQ and a dinner in December. Information: Gillian Wood: 905 309 7798 Gillian.wood@sympatico.ca

Back Pew Coffee: Fair Trade Coffee for sale for a greener Church available the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Parish Hall. For more information or to place an order: Angela Bromley 905 309 1470

Ruth and Naomi: is a widow's support group meeting the first Sunday of each month for a Pot Luck lunch. Contact: Jean Ruttan-Yates 905 945 4003 billyjean@sympatico.ca

Movie & Dinner Nights: The 3rd Saturday (unless otherwise specified) of every month, with most movie nights being pot luck with some being themed events. Contact: Peter Bromley pbromley@sympatico.ca

Men's Lunch: An informal soup and sandwich lunch every 3rd Wednesday at 12 noon in the Fireside Room, Parish Hall. A free will donation. Come as you are! Bring a friend!

Men's Breakfast: Breakfast at Bogey's at Casablanca Inn the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8am. All welcome, join this casual gathering.

Sunday Dinner: The last Sunday of each month at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall. An informal worship followed by pot luck supper. All ages welcome. Information: Mary Smith 905 945 2605

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3pm in the Fireside Room. Come to knit or crochet shawls for the ill, bereaved and for Baptisms. Tea, goodies, fellowship and knitting. Information: Kit Dickenson: 905 309 6702

Euchre: The last Friday of each month, except December, at 7pm in Parish Hall. Only $5.00 includes snacks/refreshments/door prizes. Bring a friend or come alone ~ all ages and abilities welcome. Information: Pat Hore phore@cogeco.ca or Susan Cooper scooper35@cogeco.ca
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