

Minute for Mission

August 27

Global Mission & Service

Bissell Centre and Childcare

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries like the Bissell Centre. Let us hear a story from Stuart Jackson, ministry personnel at Chalmes Castle Downs United Church, about the behind-the-scenes story of a *Mandate* magazine cover.

The cover of the 2015-2016 Mission & Service special edition showed a father and son who are part of eh Bissell Centre's family support program in Edmonton, Alberta. The background of the cover photo is an alphabet quilt.

For more than 50 years, a group of women at Chalmes Castle Downs United Church has been meeting monthly for tea and fellowship. Twice a year, the group holds a Bissell Baby Shower to support the centre's well-baby program. The women bring hand-knitted baby sets, hand-tailored children's clothing, blankets, diapers, toys, and one year, a quilt to donate to the program. Two staff from the Bissell program attend the tea to receive the gifts with thanks.

Participants sit in a circle as the gifts are opened and passed around. It is a wonderful time of sharing between the church and this Mission & Service-supported community ministry.

We sing thanksgiving for the many people who support Mission & Service and offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the Mission & Service-supported ministries closet to home. What we do together none of us could achieve alone.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Our budgeted operating donations for each week is \$3035 and last week we collected \$3345 (including \$2345 through PAR).

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Summer Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 12 pm

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The Life and Work of St. Andrew's

A warm welcome to all, especially those of you who are here for the first time. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. If you want more information about St. Andrew's just fill in one of the envelopes found in the back of the chair in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We hope that you have been made to feel welcome and will worship with us again. *Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship after service.*

NEXT WEEK'S LECTIONARY (SEPTEMBER 3)

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Committee Meetings

Finance Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Thank you for all the contributions towards VBS. The day is coming and we just need a few more things to be ready:

- * Plastic pop bottles are needed for Tuesday. Contact Sara or drop them off at the church.
- * We need 5-10 battery operated lanterns for Monday. Fortis will be conducting a power outage for a portion of the morning and we need some light for the bathrooms. Contact Sara or drop off your labeled lantern at the church.



UPcoming EVENTS

The Annual Cochrane Labour Day Parade is coming up:
Monday, September 4, 2017

St. Andrew's usually provides hospitality and washroom access. Contact the church if you'd like to get involved.

Holy Humor

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

"Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

Family Camping Weekend

September 8-10

It's almost time to go camping. Sign up to come out for the weekend, the cost is only \$25/night!

If you don't want to camp, just come and join in the activities for the day

Saturday night will be the Community Supper with burgers and hot dogs provided. Just bring a salad or dessert.

An evening worship service will follow the supper.

Sign up early to get your spot reserved.