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Congregational Meeting to discuss the Visioning Committee's Interim Report
Annesley Sanctuary ~ 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday, May 29th
Before the service with Rev. Kathy Underwood

At the October 17th Special Meeting of the Congregation, a "Visioning Team" was put together to address the major challenges that Annesley United Church faces.

The Board of Elders designed instructions to the Visioning Team in a Terms of Reference document at their November meeting, instructing them to make recommendations that could be presented to the congregation so decisions could be made about how Annesley will proceed in the future.

At the May 10th meeting of the Board of Elders, the Visioning Team presented their Interim Report, which addressed and made recommendations for the following mandate: ***"To consider ways for the building to better pay for itself whether through partnerships with other denominations, utilization of church space for other paying services such as daycare, or even sale of the building."***

As some of the recommendations call for steps that require expenditure of funds, a meeting has been called for ***9:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 29th, in the Sanctuary***, so the Visioning Team can present the Interim Report to the congregation. Everyone is encouraged to attend, to ask questions and to give their input about the recommendations. If the majority of attendees are in agreement, we hope to move ahead as soon as possible. Copies of the report were sent out yesterday, contact us if you did not receive one.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE - A group from Annesley will be participating in the annual Grey Bruce Hike for Hospice **THIS SUNDAY** after services. The Hike for Hospice brings together families, friends and palliative care supporters to celebrate and honour the lives of loved ones and brings awareness and raises funds for local Hospice Palliative care services. Last year, 217 residents and their families called Chapman House their home. The residential hospice palliative care at Chapman House is provided at no cost to residents and their families.

Currently, Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce receives funding for 50% of their operating costs annually. We want to help raise funds to support the other 50%, so that we can ensure quality Hospice Palliative Care continues in Grey Bruce!

This year, Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce is holding a virtual event, and we are excited to participate! Please help them in their efforts to support Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce by donating today.

Pledges will be collected in the Narthex, or Here is the link to the page to donate online:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/s/nbA394>

Upcoming
Worship
Services

May 29th

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Kathy Underwood

June 5th

10:30 a.m.

Written by Rev.
Cathy Hird

June 12th

10:30 a.m.

Phyllis Fleming

June 19th

10:30 a.m.

Picnic at Rotary
Park

HIKE for
HOSPICE

Sunday, May 29th
After the Service

Help them out with a
donation in person, or
online at
Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/s/nbA394>

Save the date!

Sun. June 19th

Church Picnic

Sat. Nov 5th

FALL BAZAAR is BACK!



In Memoriam

Velma Mabel Spencer	March 30, 2022
Dean Andrew Rutherford	April 17, 2022
Donna Hazel Hill	April 30, 2022

Congregational Emails

We are often unsure of what to do with news about one another, as we both want to share to support each other while still respecting privacy. To that end....if you would like us to share news of illness or deaths in your family with the congregational email list, please email to annesley@markdalecable.com , and include the information, as well as letting us know what we can share. As a congregation, we are seeking to hold one another up in love and prayer.

Chair's Report

Most of you who are reading this are aware that at the Board's May 12th meeting, I was acclaimed as the new Chair of the Board of Elders. I wish to acknowledge and thank Dale Fawcett for his leadership and the wonderful work he did as Chair and guiding us during the past couple of years or so through the pandemic. Also, I would be remiss if I did not mention the incredible support, resourcefulness and wisdom of Kathy Underwood, our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, for assisting us at Board Meetings, with Pastoral Care, guiding the Lay Worship Team, the Visioning Team as well as leading us in worship on several occasions.

While I consider myself a relative new comer to Annesley I have tried my best for the past several years to serve our community of faith in any way I can. I am truly humbled to be considered qualified and capable to be Board Chair and look forward to working with board members and the congregation as a whole as we progress through these challenging times.

Although some of the COVID restrictions have eased somewhat, the pandemic is not going away anytime soon and we need to continue to be vigilant to protect others and ourselves from this terrible disease and it's variants. The Reopening Committee continues to meet and provide the Board with advice based on Public Health recommendations.

Despite continuing restrictions and in the absence of a permanent minister, since last fall the Lay Worship Team in conjunction with our Technical Team and volunteers, have done an amazing job in delivering quality in person worship services that are live streamed on YouTube, as well as providing music, singers, readers and in support of guest speakers and script writers. Thank you.

Last October 2021, the Visioning Team was mandated by the Board to look at possible options for shared ministry or partnerships with other faith groups or streaming services between churches. The Visioning Team was also mandated to consider ways for the building to better pay for itself. An Interim Report focusing on recommendations for immediate steps to be taken to maximize the potential for Annesley's physical building was received by the Board on May 12th and will be presented at the congregational meeting on May 29th. I encourage ALL that are able to attend this most important congregation meeting.

We are not alone and together we can accomplish great things! *Dale Beare, Board Chair*

ANNESLEY BOARD OF ELDERS & TRUSTEES 2022 – 2023

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& Lay Worship Team

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JUNE 19th – OUTDOOR SERVICE AND PICNIC AT ROTARY PARK

On Sunday June 19th our worship service will take place at 10:30 in Rotary Park in Markdale. It will be shorter and more casual. Following the service, there will be a picnic and games.



Please bring your own lunch and lawn chair. Beverages and an ice cream treat will be provided. Parking is available on the west side of the park, with some wheelchair accessible sites on the east side closer to the pavilion.

Should the weather be unsuitable for an outdoor gathering, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Annesley.

ANNESLEY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APRIL 30, 2022

OPERATING RECEIPTS	Apr-2022	YTD	YTD	Budget
Account Name	Current Month	2022	2021	
Envelopes	8,231.70	28,974.20	34,283.80	106,000.00
Loose	101.00	216.00		100.00
Initial	25.00	85.00	70.00	200.00
Sub Total	8,357.70	29,275.20	34,353.80	106,300.00
Turkey Supper				
Pie, Plant & Yard Sale				
Pork Chop BBQ				
Other Fundraising-Xmas Bazaar				
-Car Rally				
-Coin Banks			175.00	500.00
-Guess Who's...				
-Men's Brunch				
-Plant Sale				
-FundScript			1,099.54	3,000.00
-Movie Night				
-Online Auction				9,000.00
-Harriston Meats				1,427.00
Other Fundraising Sub Total			1,274.54	
Fundraising Sub Total	0.00	0.00	1,274.54	13,927.00
Rent	320.00	1,446.05	565.00	5,000.00
Weddings		250.00		
Sub Total	320.00	1,696.05	565.00	5,000.00
Observer Subscriptions	50.00	325.00	25.00	50.00
Presbytery Dues				
HST Refund	1,236.34	1,236.34		2,000.00
Interest from Memorial Fund				1,500.00
Shalom Local Support				
Miscellaneous	20.00	20.00		1,000.00
Sunday School				
Music Program				
Deductions (CRA)				
CEWS		955.52	2,641.24	
Sub Total	1,306.34	2,536.86	2,666.24	4,550.00
Total Receipts	9,984.04	33,508.11	38,859.58	129,777.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

Account Name	Apr-2022			Budget
	Current Month	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	
Salaries	3,027.29	12,109.16	11,953.76	36,500.00
Contract Wages	409.70	1,638.80	7,638.80	5,000.00
Benefits	808.99	3,149.12	2,921.26	9,500.00
Interim Minister Deductions				
Surplus				
Sub Total	4,245.98	16,897.08	22,513.82	51,000.00
Travel Allowance				
Cont. Ed. & Learning Res.				
Honourarium	1,100.00	4,400.00	8,400.00	11,000.00
Guest Speakers	512.78	3,065.31		16,000.00
Sub Total	1,612.78	7,465.31	8,400.00	27,000.00
Union Gas	1,007.22	3,573.75	2,278.79	5,000.00
Electricity, Water & Sewer	593.31	3,515.19	3,835.01	7,500.00
Church Maintenance	135.23	1,055.75	2,016.02	5,000.00
Insurance	12,488.04	12,488.04	12,741.84	11,000.00
Sub Total	14,223.80	20,632.73	20,871.66	28,500.00
Office Expenses	530.83	1,768.01	1,077.03	3,000.00
Telephone	109.59	439.05	438.36	1,400.00
Observer Subscriptions		525.00		
Wedding Gratuities				500.00
Presbytery Dues				5,877.00
Bank Fees		60.00	57.50	100.00
Music		572.00	140.00	500.00
M&P Committee				
Membership Committee		30.00		250.00
Outreach Committee			18.40	500.00
S. School, Christian Ed.				200.00
Library			144.20	250.00
Miscellaneous	225.00	276.96	758.08	2,500.00
Worship Committee			130.00	300.00
Fundraising - Pie, Plant, & Yard Sale				
Pork Chop BBQ				
Turkey Supper				
Xmas Bazaar				
Men's Brunch				
Movie Night				
Boiler Repair		595.00		2,500.00
Funeral Gratuities		50.00	50.00	
HST	356.61	1,741.45	1,446.97	4,000.00
PAR & ADP Charges	45.90	212.66	209.86	650.00
Search Com.				
Netcast Ministry			1,342.46	750.00
Sub Total	1,267.93	6,270.13	5,812.86	23,277.00
Total Expenses	21,350.49	51,265.25	57,598.34	129,777.00
RECEIPTS (U)/O EXPENSES	-11,366.45	-17,757.14	-18,738.76	

Finance Report April 2022

Mark Worthington, Chair

The Financial statement to the end of April (included in this Newsletter) indicates a deficit of \$17,757. This is largely because we have paid our Insurance bill of \$12,488.

We are 1/3 of the way through our year and Givings are down \$5078.

This is concerning considering we are back to in person services. The numbers are not in yet on the Harriston meats fund raiser but to the end of April fundraising was \$0.

It is important to point out that we are spending \$0 on music and are only paying for weekly Pulpit supply for the various ministry we are arranging weekly.

It is strongly recommended that people come out or to hear the recommendations, and findings of the Visioning committee on May 29.

They will be asking for "Approval in principle" for use of funds from our Memorial/Investment fund for changes to the building to make it more usable for Rentals etc. One of the suggestions is a chair lift at the steps to the office to make the basement more accessible. Matching "Grants" will be available for some of these upgrades.

Harriston Meat Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in this effort. Our grand total raised was \$2563, which included a generous donation. A total of 37 orders were received, fewer than the same endeavour last year. While we do not wish to over emphasize this type of "product" fundraiser, it is clear that by simply doubling the number of orders, we could effectively double our revenue.

If you have any interest in another "meat" effort this fall, please speak with John Lewis

(519-379-1685).

P.S. Many thanks to the Team.



Update: donations for health care workers

Thanks to the amazing generosity of this congregation, in a wonderful response for a request for donations, we received funds to send "thank you" lunches to both the staff at Grey Gables and the Markdale hospital. And then happily, we realized we had enough money remaining to give Tim Horton's gift cards to the nursing and administration staff at the Participation Lodge in Holland Centre. These folks have also worked so hard during the pandemic to keep their residents safe. As well we still have enough donated money to give Tim Horton's gift cards to the local emergency medical response staff! This means that this Spring approximately 130 local health care workers have received gifts from Annesley acknowledging their dedication and sacrifice in keeping our community safe during this pandemic. Again, thank you so much Annesley folks for donating to this worthwhile project.

Members of the Centering Prayer group

**THE NEXT FUNDSCRIP ORDER COLLECTION DATE
IS SUNDAY, MAY 29th**

FundScrip continues to be an easy and financially successful fundraiser for Annesley. By purchasing retail cash or gift cards through FundScrip for your regular purchases of groceries, gas, hardware, clothing, drugstore supplies, dining and gifts, Annesley receives a donation on average of 3%. This adds up! A purchase of \$50 cash card gets you \$50 in merchandise that you will purchase anyway, and you can still collect your loyalty points! Order forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex, or online and are collected and placed once a month. The orders usually arrive within 3 – 4 business days. Thanks to our loyal supporters, over \$7,000 has been raised in just under five years! New participants are always welcome! Thank you.



Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Parlour

Not big and bold, but small and committed, the Wednesday Bible Study continues to engage in lively, challenging discussion. We use the book “Disciplines”, which leads us to Bible verses and questions by following the lectionary used by the United Church.

We enjoy the insights into God’s word from our life experiences and exposures to other influences. The group welcomes new faces and knowledge to our sometimes feisty group of spiritual travellers. Come and join us on our journey.

Submitted by Karen Smith

Annesley Garden Club

Are looking for anyone who would like to meet on Tuesday mornings to work in the Annesley Gardens. No experience necessary, just an interest in plants and working in the outdoors. Call Noreen Brodie at 519-986-3162 for more information.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Submitted by Howard Newman

Sometimes a worthwhile mission will last a lifetime but, in this instance, it only took 58 years to complete the task.

It all began back in 1964 when I was working in The City of London and living just north of the Angel, Islington. In those days an antique market operated down at the Angel each Saturday morning and I was a frequent prospective purchaser. Not that I bought very much – I didn't have the funds – but I was always on the look-out for an unrecognized treasure.

And that was how I came to acquire an ancient Family Bible that had once belonged to a family in Cornwall. The first entry records the marriage of John and Mary Ann Hore at St. Austell on May 18, 1850.

I could not imagine how any family would abandon such a priceless heirloom and I was determined to find out more about the family and, if possible, return the orphan to its rightful home.

The search took much longer than expected but I won't bore you with the journey and will skip forward to 2020 and the start of the pandemic. In order to use times of lock-down to good effect by reducing my collection of 'stuff' (such a harsh word), I made a final attempt to locate a member of the Hore family who would recognize the importance of the Bible. At last technology had caught-up with my endeavour and I was able to connect with the right person who now lives in a small village in Sussex.



(Photo - page 1. - Sussex Express – photographer – Pamela Newman)

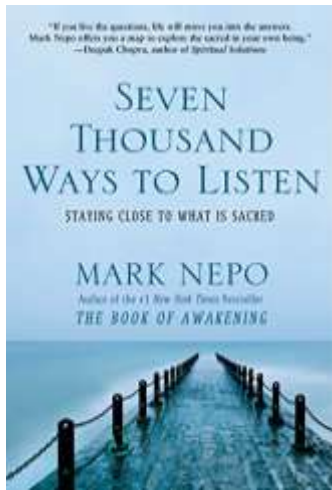
When the restrictions on travel to the U.K. eased earlier this year, Pamela and I quickly seized the opportunity to book a long overdue visit. Of course we took the Bible with us.

Arrangements were made to meet Jeanette Hore for lunch and then to formally pass the Bible back to its family and its forever home. (Photo - page 1. - Sussex Express – photographer – Pamela Newman)

Mission accomplished at last and a good sense of satisfaction and relief.

Incidentally, a few years later I bought a ring, at the antique market, for a young lady. Best investment I ever made!





New to our Library

Seven Thousand Ways to Listen - Mark Nepo

Having experienced hearing loss, Nepo affirms that listening is one of the most mysterious and challenging art forms. “Whatever difficulty you face, there are time-tried ways you can listen your way through. Listening is the doorway to everything that matters.” This remarkable guide unpacks the many ways we are called to redefine ourselves and to name what is meaningful as we face challenges.

Evolving Worship

October 17, 2021 was a benchmark day here at Annesley. During that service, under the guidance of our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Kathy Underwood, a number of needs were recognized. To meet those needs, several initiatives were taken, including the formation of two new (ad hoc) committees, namely the Lay Worship Team and the Visioning Committee.



In Chairman Dale Beare's report elsewhere in this Newsletter, he outlines the mandates which guide each of these vital committees.

We wish to compliment and thank the members of both committees for their demanding and thorough work.

We will be hearing more from the Visioning Committee at the Congregational meeting on Sunday 29, and I would reiterate that their work is critical to where we will find ourselves as a church community in the future.

So I am just going to say a few words in praise of the Lay Worship Team. For fear of leaving anyone out, I will not name names, but there is a considerable network, over and above the original core group. It is through all of their efforts, carried out in the absence of a permanent minister and without a music director, that we are delivered a credible and meaningful worship service each Sunday, week in and week out.

And their efforts are brought to the in-person congregation as well as the viewers on YouTube by a small group of technicians responsible for both online audio and video as well as audibility and screen effects in the sanctuary. And at a material cost well below what was projected and budgeted. It is clear that this "product" continues to improve with each passing week. I commend those involved for working together in spite of some widely differing views and opinions on how best to achieve those ends. Their willingness to collaborate is to be commended.

We thank them, one and all.

The YouTube worship service is made available to us all not without a cost. There are ongoing weekly production expenses. Whether you have been attending worship in person or virtually on YouTube, we thank you for your financial support. We all need to maintain our weekly givings and the best and easiest way is to be on PAR (pre authorized givings). Thank you again

Technology Team Report April 2022

At our Annual congregational meeting last July 14 we were given approval to spend \$\$\$ on a Live Streaming system and Cameras to permit taping, and streaming of Weekly Services and other events including weddings and funerals.

The numbers I suggested were between, \$15-\$25,000 and that was for streaming equipment and cameras only. We got busy buying and installing the equipment in August and were ready to Stream by the time we were back to in person services in October. As time went on we discovered that our sound system was not up to the task.

So in addition to our original needs we have purchased microphones, microphone booster for soft spoken people, New Headphones for Hearing impaired people, new wiring to take the sound from the microphones to the Master Control Center upstairs and a variety of other needs so that the sound is good for the people at home and the sound is also good for the folks seated throughout the sanctuary.

The installation of all of this equipment has been slow due to the time needed from a mostly volunteer workforce. There is quite a mess of wiring and equipment that we are slowly working at tidying up.

There is a dire need for more volunteers to run the equipment and help with the ongoing installation and rigging. If volunteers cannot be found we will incur the expense of hiring paid contracted help for this important part of our building usage.

To date we have spent \$7,764 on the equipment and expect to keep the final tally under \$10,000.

Tim Reilly has been integral in all of this work and currently works the controls every Sunday from about 8 til noon. He also comes into church every Friday to set up a sound system for the Centering Prayer group. All of the events such as weddings funerals chamber of commerce meeting and other rentals such as music recitals etc require Tim's presence. This is not sustainable and why we need a larger group of individuals involved in our Technology needs.

We must also thank Stacey Hiltz and Patti Shaw for their hard work and involvement to bring us the experience they provide by creating and operating the information seen on the Television screens during worship every Sunday. Stacey and Patti have also been involved in launching and updating a new and improved website for the church. This is an ongoing task that requires continual work and is an area more help is needed.

Please feel free to ask any of this group questions and do not be afraid of technology it is much easier than you might think to help out.

Mark Worthington Coordinator



Grey County Cares: Support our Ukranian Refugees in Grey County by buying a button for \$10 or more - donations go directly to Ukranian refugees in Grey County. Sponsored by the Rotary Club. Buttons are in the office or in the Narthex on Sundays.