

St. John-In-The-Wilderness Anglican Church



Report to the 162nd Annual Meeting

January 13, 2019

For the year ending

December 31, 2018

St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church

VESTRY MEETING
January 13, 2019

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements; Opening Prayer
2. Election of Vestry Clerk
3. Election of Scrutineers if needed.
4. Acceptance of Agenda
5. Minutes of 2018 Annual Vestry Meeting
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Acceptance of Reports
8. Rector's Report
9. Wardens' Report

- a) We would like to thank and recognize Council for their services this past year

10. Treasurer's Report

11. 2019 Budget Report

12. Nominating Committee Report/Slate of Officers

13. Recognition of Retiring Members

14. New Business

15. Adjournment

St. John-in-the-Wilderness Anglican Church

VESTRY MEETING

January 15, 2017

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend David Hewett opened the 161st vestry meeting with a prayer.
2. Election of Vestry Clerk: Janice McAlpine moved that Sandra Lamoureux be elected as Vestry Clerk, seconded by Brian Fogg. CARRIED.
3. Appointment of Scrutineers: Not required. To be appointed later if necessary.

It should be noted that the church secretary, Ms. Heather Holbrook, e-mailed the agenda, Minutes of the 2017 Vestry Meeting and all the reports submitted by the various ministries and groups for members of the congregation to read before vestry. Minutes were also posted on the church website and minimal copies of written reports were printed for those requiring copies.

4. Acceptance of Agenda: A motion was made by Brenden Fraser to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Mavis Schmid. CARRIED.
5. Minutes of 2017 Annual Vestry Meeting: Ken Walker moved that the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Vestry Meeting be accepted as printed. Seconded by Peter Langille. CARRIED.
6. Business Arising from the Minutes: There was no business arising from the Minutes.
7. Reception of Reports: Peter Langille moved that the reports submitted by the various ministries be accepted as written. Seconded by Jean O'Neil. CARRIED.
8. Rector's Report: Report from Interim Priest, David Hewett is printed below. Before reading his report he made a special point of thanking the wardens for their help and support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at St. John in the Wilderness. It is a wonderful place to worship and I thank you for your support.

We have a Wednesday Bible Study in the Letter to the Romans.

Pastoral ministry continues. If you know of people in the hospital or those who would welcome a visit of a home communion, please let me know or advise the wardens who will inform me.

I am committed to providing you with the best pastoral care and together with the music ministry and lay readers providing you with the best possible worship experience.
9. Wardens' Report: Dave Hains moved that the Wardens' Report be accepted as printed. Seconded by Ingrid Schmid. CARRIED.
10. Treasurer's Report: Mavis Schmid moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Seconded by Maggie Brownridge. CARRIED.
11. 2018 Budget Report: Treasurer Dave Hains presented the 2018 budget. The budget was set on the assumption that there would not be a full-time minister, which is reflected in a salary amount less than usual. Items highlighted included: (a) \$3,000 for a cleaning service once-a-month. The three current church cleaners have agreed to continue which takes care of three of the Sundays in the month. (b) \$4,000 has been set aside to repair the pump organ. (c) The 2019 apportionment should be lower by approximately \$3,000 as it is based on 2018 expenses and those will be lower.

12. Nominating Committee Report/Slate of Officers:

The nominating committee was: Sandra Fraser, Shirley MacKenzie, Brent Anderson & Peter Langille.

For each elected position additional nominations from the floor were called before nominations were closed. It was explained by Janice McAlpine that the name of the Youth Delegate to Synod is presented by the Rector at Clericus and then it is voted on at the Deanery meeting.

The Congregational Council Officers and Members for 2018 are as follows:

Vestry Clerk	Sandra Lamoureux
Rector's Warden	Sandra Fraser (Appointed)
Deputy Rector's Warden	Brent Anderson (Appointed)
People's Warden	Shirley MacKenzie
Deputy People's Warden	Peter Langille
Treasurer	Dave Hains (Appointed by Wardens) (On Council)
Deputy Treasurer	Ingrid Schmid (Appointed by Wardens)
Envelope Secretary	Sandra Lamoureux (Not on Council)
Lay Delegate to Synod	Janice McAlpine
Alternate Delegate to Synod	Fran Taylor (Not on Council)
Youth Member	Durham Langille (Not on Council)
Regular Council Members	Ken Walker (Appointed) Brian Fogg (Appointed) Brenden Fraser Nancy Mann Ingrid Schmid Denise Hillary (Appointed)
AFP Representative	Brenda Clingersmith

Jim Foubister asked for clarification on the number on Council. Reverend Dave Hewett said the rector is the 13th member of Council.

1. Recognition of Retiring Members: Rev. David Hewett thanked Betty Greening for her many years on Council.
2. New Business: Ken Walker informed the meeting that the dates for the Triathlon would be July 28th & 29th. This is later than usual to avoid conflicting with the St. Clair River Run.

3. Adjournment: Peter Langille moved that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

The meeting concluded with the Doxology.

VESTRY REPORT - INTERIM PRIEST

I will look back on 2018 with special affection. It was wonderful to worship at St. John-in-the-Wilderness this year. In addition to the regular Sunday worship there were a number of special services - Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas.

In addition there were the joint services at Canatera Park with the other Anglican churches in June and the shared service with Camlachie United Church at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. I want to thank the lay readers Janice McAlpine, Sandra Fraser, and Fran Taylor for their leadership in worship and their preaching.

There were several visiting preachers who were present during my vacations and in a pulpit exchange. These include the Rt. Rev. Terry Dance, the Ven. Gord Simmonds and the Rev. Patricia Allison.

Thanks to the Rev. Kristen Aikman for her pastoral coverage during the times when I was on vacation.

There were twenty-seven home communions and eleven services at Vision Nursing Home. Attached are a list of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals that were performed under the ministry Of St. John-in-the-Wilderness.

It was pleasing to discern a slight increase in attendance at our Sunday services during the months of September to December. I pray that this trend will continue in 2019.

The schools in the parish were contacted in early November with the offer of supporting a family at Christmas. We were able to support one family this year.

If there was a disappointment this year it was over the inability to establish a Bible Study this past autumn. The Bible Study of Romans continued until Lent when a number of people went the Deanery Bible Studies led by the Rt. Rev. Terry Dance. Perhaps our inability to establish our Wednesday night study in the fall was a result of a late start (1st week of November).

Sheila and I have enjoyed our journey with the people of St. John-in-the-Wilderness. We are grateful for your friendship and support and for the opportunity to be a part of a caring community.

God Bless you in 2019 and in the years to come.

Rev. Dave Hewett

WARDEN'S VESTRY REPORT

As Rector and People's Wardens we would like to say what an honour and a privilege it has been to have served you, the heart and soul of St. John-in-the Wilderness during the year 2018.

We feel that over the past year under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Dave Hewett we have grown in faith and have not wavered in our commitment to carry out God's work within our parish and the community.

A quote from 1 Peter 4:10 "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold of God."

2018 in Review

Welcome to the 2018 Council Members Peter Langille, Denise Hillary, Sandra Fraser, Brenden Fraser, Shirley MacKenzie, Nancy Mann, Janice McAlpine, Brent Anderson, Ken Walker, Brian Fogg, Ingrid Schmid

January

- Rev. Dave Hewett continued as our interim minister

February

- Apportionment for 2018 was paid in full

March - No meeting

April

- \$10,000.00 was allocated to Outreach
- Names of the Selection committee members were approved by Council - Dave Hains, Peter Langille, Janice McAlpine, Deb Walker and Shirley MacKenzie

May

- \$2000 was set aside for youth parishioners to attend Huron Church Camp
- A proposal was put forth to invite the youth of the congregation to become readers and or take part in various church activities as interested

June

- The Mission & Ministry Report was submitted to the Diocese
- The 10:30 service time changed to 9:30 from July 1, 2018 to August 26, 2018.

September

- The July 28, 2018 Triathlon was once again a huge success
- An additional \$5,000 was allocated to Outreach
- A congregational profile workshop organized by Dave Hains was held

October

- The St. John-in-the Wilderness profile was sent to the Diocese

November

- Vestry scheduled for January 13, 2019
- A Bishop's Commission for rural churches of Lambton/Kent was formed

December

- The Bishop's Commission met Dec. 4. Sandra Fraser has volunteered to be on the committee • Ross Leckie was thanked for the unsolicited service he provides to our facility

Sandra Fraser
Rector's Warden

Shirley MacKenzie
People's Warden

Treasurer's Report to Vestry

Jan 13, 2019

2018 in review

This year again was a financial success thanks to the support and generosity of everyone. Our total operating revenue was \$141,883 or 102% of budget. The envelope donations were 101% of plan and our pre-authorized monthly payment approach has been very successful, as it is 52% of the envelope offering.

We continue to be successful with our fundraising efforts.

Operating expenses for the year were \$70,008 or 73% of plan mainly due to not having a full time rector for the year. This resulted in an operating surplus \$71,875. This strong financial position enabled us to increase our Outreach activities to \$17,382.

In summary, we had an overall surplus of \$50,650 of which we transferred \$30,000 to our Building Fund invested with the diocese.

2019 budget

This budget was prepared based on the assumption that the church would have a full time rector for nine months of the year. The envelope offering was increased by \$2600 or 2.3% to cover the projected increase in our total operating expenses. Our expenses reflect the decrease in our apportionment and the potential moving expenses associated with the new rector.

In Summary

Our overall financial health is excellent.

We must realize that fundraising will continue to be a necessary and important part of our revenue. We encourage parishioners to take advantage of FundScrip (gift cards) to support our fundraising efforts.

I would like to thank the Deputy Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, Financial Review Committee, the Budget Committee and the Sunday counters for their assistance.

Respectively submitted.

Dave Hains - Treasurer

Income Statement 31/12/2018

<u>Operating Revenue</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Envelopes	113377	112000	110518
Open	1508	1000	1347
Fundraising	16527	16500	20163
Hall	1932	1700	1720
Investments	8539	8400	8352
<u>Total Operating Revenue</u>	141883	139600	142100

<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Salaries & Benefits	35320	55000	63339
Mileage & Cell	104	1400	1181
Apportionment	19919	19919	19781
Synod	435	600	578
Membership & Dues	199	250	198
Communications & Advertising	1017	1500	1169
Maintainance & Cleaning	2901	5000	1317
Insurance	1552	1600	1504
Utilities	3810	4500	3892
Office Supplies	1063	2000	1979
Training, conferences	0	500	178
Altar	397	500	353
Music	0	300	260
Flowers	702	500	300
Sunday School	0	350	0
HST Rebate	-2746	-2200	-5423

Misc	5306	3550	2749
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	69979	95269	93355
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	71904	44331	48745
<u>Outreach</u>	17382	14000	11786
<u>Overall Surplus</u>	54522	30331	36959
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Capital	3871		9256

Income Statement Details
Dec. 31, 2018

Historical Envelope Revenue

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	\$110,518	\$108,029	\$108,724	\$98,174	\$95,600	\$96,808	\$96,725	\$94,668	\$81,245
	2.3%	-0.6%	10.7%	2.7%	-1.2%	0.1%	2.2%	16.5%	

Apportionment

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
\$19,919	\$19,781	\$17,919	\$12,344	\$13,951	\$19,154	\$17,673

Fundraising applicable to operating

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Plant / Yard sale			\$728	\$500	\$0	\$723
FundScrip	\$1,396		\$2,896			
Pancake supper			\$983	\$554	\$531	\$591
Triathlon			\$16,165	\$13,020	\$7,500	\$9,700
Bottle drive			\$212	\$290	\$299	\$123
Other (Supplies, etc)			-\$821	-\$59	-\$91	-\$29
Total	\$1,396		\$20,163	\$14,305	\$8,239	\$11,108
						\$14,660

Outreach

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
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Alzheimers Society	\$2,000	\$1,000				
Boy's Home	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$300	\$600
Community		\$135	\$137	\$146	\$143	
Diocese of the North		\$598	\$889	\$641	\$702	\$600
Huron Church Camp		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,700	\$2,000	\$1,642
PWRDF	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$700	\$1,800
Inn - Food Bank & Lodge	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,000
Sponsored Child	\$480	\$480	\$480	\$80	\$453	\$400
VBS		\$629	\$0	\$408	\$591	\$439
St. Clair Child & Youth		\$500	\$500			
SASC		\$500	\$500			\$600
Women's Interval Home		\$500	\$500			
Other		\$944	\$1,474	\$3,988	\$2,990	\$1,984
Total	\$9,480	\$11,786	\$10,980	\$11,463	\$10,179	\$10,065

Outreach support for non-financial aspects:

Monthly serving at the Inn, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Prayer Chain, & Nursing Home visitations,

***St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church
Balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 2018***

<u>Assets</u>	<u>As at</u>	<u>As at</u>	<u>As at</u>	<u>As at</u>	<u>As at</u>
	<u>31/Dec/</u>	<u>31/Dec/</u>	<u>31/Dec/</u>	<u>31/Dec/</u>	<u>31/Dec/</u>
	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
Bank Balance		\$54,877	\$56,627	\$39,741	\$36,275

Investments	Original Term	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Value 31-Dec-18
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Short term

Cashable		1.3%	20/Sep/19	\$5,803
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Short term

Cashable		1.3%	20/Sep/19	\$50,182
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Long term

GIC	5 yr	3.01%	9/Jan/19	\$11,599
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Total of all GIC's	\$67,584	\$67,584	\$16,699	\$75,499	\$74,391
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God's House by the Lake

(Administered by the Diocese)

\$127,066	\$120,264	\$111,755	\$103,785	\$57,268
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Renew - Building

(Administered by the Diocese)

\$71,072	\$37,877	\$1,239	\$39,411
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Total Assets

\$265,722	\$225,725	\$186,320	\$258,436	\$258,436
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Liabilities

\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Retained Earnings

\$225,725	\$186,320	\$258,436	\$258,436
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**St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church
2019 Budget**

Prepared by Ingrid Schmid, Brian Fogg, and Dave Hains

Operating Budget 2019

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<u>Capital Budget 2018</u>			
Expenses	3871	10000	10000

ACW VESTRY REPORT

Allow me to begin by saying how blest we are to have such a hardworking, dedicated group of women in this parish. And, I would like to emphasize it is not just the women who come to our monthly meetings but ALL the women (and occasionally men!) of the parish who volunteer. At our monthly meetings we have done crafts, enjoyed Bible studies, discussed ways to distribute funds and even took a road trip to the beautiful gardens in Wilkesport with lunch out! We had a soup and sandwich luncheon on Palm Sunday and Advent Sunday with a good turnout at both. What a marvelous way to socialize! Monthly, we donate cakes to the Huron House Boys Home and we are card carrying members of The Anglican Foundation. Lambton County was a bit warmer thanks to the warm and fuzzy tree and the Missions to Seafarers appreciated the items collected at our Christmas party. Turkey pie making kept us busy in the month of November and this activity is the epitome of the WHOLE parish working together. St. John's was well represented at the spring and fall deanery meetings, as well as the ACW annual meeting in April at the Cathedral. We were honoured to serve at Brenden and Sam's reception at the church as well as at the reception following John Hitchins' funeral service. We have enjoyed a successful year and I would like to express my gratitude for your enthusiasm and faithfulness

Respectfully submitted,
 Brenda Clingersmith , President

ACW Financial Report for 2018

Chequing Account from 2017 \$5,530.98

Receipts for Chequing Account for 2018

Donations	\$205.00
Turkey Pies	\$4,609.00
Interest	\$0.13
Total Receipts	\$4,814.13

Disbursements for 2018

Fund Script	\$1,450.00
The Anglican Foundation of Canada	\$100.00
Huron Church Camp	\$500.00
The Hub	\$500.00
Bluewater Health Items	\$554.48
Coffee Pot	\$22.34
Diapers & Formula	\$300.00
Electric Kettles	\$67.77
Dinners and Lunches	\$35.93
Miscellaneous	\$118.25
Total Disbursements	\$3,648.77

Balance of Chequing Account for 2018 = \$6,696.34

Value of money invested as of Dec. 2018 \$3,713.60

By Edna Hoffswalle

*Reviewed by
Janice
Jan 7/19*

CHOIR VESTRY REPORT

To the congregation,

The choir at St. John in the Wilderness, would like to use this report to invite anyone who might be interested in joining us: please come out and sing!

Singing is good for the soul and, ideally, is a lot of fun.

We are actually a very nice group of people, and not as serious as we look.

The only requirement to being in the group, is participation. Skill is optional.

It should be noted that we are forever grateful to our organist Susan. She is an immense talent, and we could not do what we do without her.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenden Fraser

COFFEE HOUR VESTRY REPORT

Coffee Hour promotes fellowship among the congregation each Sunday after the 10:30 service. Maggie Brownridge and Nancy Mann coordinate the program by purchasing supplies, recruiting volunteers, and helping volunteers as needed.

We wish to thank all the volunteers who provide treats and beverages, and based on attendance it seems that the congregation truly enjoys this opportunity to visit with one another.

Respectfully submitted by

Maggie Brownridge

COUNTERS' VESTRY REPORT

The job of the counters is to assist the Treasurer by counting the collection on Sundays and at other times as needed. We also make deposits and record the financial figures in the church register. Safe church practices are adhered to by the counters working in pairs on a rotation which insures that no two people consistently work together. We use the new office which allows us more privacy to count without interruption. My thanks to a great team, Edna Braithwaite, Brenda Clingersmith, Ingrid Schmid, Duncan Mann, Al Taylor, Brent Anderson, Ron Jackson, and Karen Wilson who takes over for me when necessary. We welcome anyone who likes working with figures and money . Please contact me if interested.

Respectfully submitted

Mavis Schmid

GREETERS VESTRY REPORT

Thank you to all who give their time to greet those who enter through our doors. If you would like to be a greeter please sign the sheet at the back of the church, there are still open spots for 2019.

INN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD VESTRY REPORT

The first Saturday of every month, a team of volunteers from the St. John in the Wilderness congregation prepare and serve meals at the Inn of the Good Shepherd in downtown Sarnia. Each meal, we typically serve over 100 meals. Not only do we share a good meal with those less fortunate, we bring fellowship and friendship to those in need. The sign up sheet is found in the hall on the bulletin board.

LICENSED LAY READERS VESTRY REPORT

“Will You Come and Follow Me” is a hymn that know well here at St. John in the Wilderness and appropriately, it’s the official hymn of The Anglican Lay Readers Association of Ontario.

Your Lay Readers remain to be Fran Taylor, Sandra Fraser and Janice McAlpine. The year 2018 brought the Lay Readers a welcomed leader, teacher and support in form of The Reverend Dave Hewett+. Lay Readers continue to lead Morning Prayer, assist the priest up to the point of Absolution during Holy Communion and rotate preaching one sermon monthly.

We were truly blessed to have had The Rev'd Dave shepherd us however, we are confident that God has chosen a new priest for St. John's under whom we will all flourish.

We are presently licensed under the authority of the Executive Archdeacon, The Venerable Tanya Phibbs+ and will remain so until six months after the appointment of a new Rector. At that time, that person may request the Bishop to re-issue our Lay Readers' licenses.

We are very appreciative for your support and encouragement as we serve God, the Parish and assist the Rector.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice McAlpine

PASTORAL CARE TEAM VESTRY REPORT

Our Pastoral Care Team of 2018 continued to consist of the Rev'd. Dave+, Nancy Mann, Sandra Fraser, Ann Toth and Janice McAlpine with God's guidance. Ann visited with the hearing impaired to serve Holy Communion at home. The Rev'd Dave+ provided home and hospital pastoral care accompanied by a Lay Administrator when requested. Sandra, Nancy and Janice visit Vision Nursing and Rest Home visiting residents and leading church services which include prayer, hymns, sermon and Holy Communion monthly. The Rev'd Dave+ attended as needed and Mike McAlpine assisted us monthly. The residents look forward to these services immensely; numbers attending the services continue to grow and it remains very gratifying ministry for the Team.

All Glory to God for leading us to participate in this fulfilling ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice McAlpine

PRAYER CHAIN GROUP VESTRY REPORT

The Prayer Chain Group was formed in 2009 by Rev. Jenny.

Current members are:

Maggie Brownridge, group coordinator, Charlene Adams, Judith Bond, Sandra Fraser, Nancy Mann, Fran Taylor, Doug Winch, Jean Dennis, Brenda Clingersmith, Leslie Grieves, Janice McAlpine and Nicole Grieve. If you would like to become a member of the group please see Maggie.

We accept prayer requests for both church members and for non-members. Information is confidential and shared only with Prayer Chain members.

As coordinator I convey prayer requests to the group members by email and phone. Every month I obtain updated information on people who were placed on the list 3 months previously and ask if they would like to remain in our prayers. I then share that information with all the Prayer Chain Group members.

In 2018 we received 38 requests for prayers. We pray for these people and their families in our daily prayers.

Respectfully submitted by
Maggie Brownridge

PRAYER SHAWL VESTRY REPORT

As another vestry approaches, I reflect on the wonderful ministry provided by the Prayer Shawl Group. Our group faithfully meets weekly from 1 - 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the church and we gladly welcome any newcomers. If you do not knit or crochet we will be happy to provide instruction for this very rewarding ministry. As in the past, our shawls have extended God's love to anyone in need and the warm Thank You cards from the recipients continue to inspire our work.

We do not sell or charge for our shawls, but accept financial and wool donations gratefully, as they allow us to continue to provide this outreach ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Fraser

FUNDSCRIP VESTRY REPORT

St John in the Wilderness had another very successful year participating in Fundscrip. On a monthly basis parishioners purchase shopping cards, through the church, for businesses throughout the area i.e. grocery stores, gas stations, drug stores, etc. For every purchase the church receives from 2% to 10% (depending on the store) as profit for the church with no extra costs to parishioners or the church.

We have 40 registered supporters and in the twelve months of 2018 St John in the Wilderness earned \$1,426.48, slightly short of last year's profit. If you have not participated, I would encourage you to do so. This is a cost free fund raiser that greatly assists with our outreach. If you would like further information, please contact me.

On behalf of the church I would like to thank everyone that does participated in this lucrative endeavour.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Fraser

Fundscrip Co-ordinator

READERS/INTERCESSORS VESTRY REPORT

Thank you to all who proclaim the message and lead us in the prayers of the people each Sunday. If you are interested in this ministry please speak to Al Taylor.

SERVERS VESTRY REPORT

It seems that each year I write the same things in this report. The servers at St. John in the Wilderness-Lyn Kidd, Mavis Schmid, Perrin Langille, Maggie Brownridge, Sandra Lamoureux, Durham Langille, Brenda Clingersmith—are faithful and dedicated members of this ministry. Praise God! As always, if you are interested in becoming a part of this elite (👑) group, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Clingersmith

SIDESPEOPLE VESTRY REPORT

Sides people have their duties only twice every 6 month period. The young people, when present, are very helpful collecting the BAS books and putting them away. Anyone wishing to participate during the period from July 1 to December 31, 2019, please contact Jim or Jane Gallie.

Thank you to all volunteers.

Jim and Jane Gallie

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We would ask that everyone continue to try and focus on the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The most important thing is to use less of all the resources provided to us. Especially curb the use of 'single-use' items, i.e. 'use it once and throw it away' things.

Mainly our job seems to be chief garbage-haulers. The hall-users still produce a large amount of garbage and I will send them a separate note.

To those that can't drink all of the coffee they bring here in take-out cups, kindly empty the contents into the sink before tossing into a garbage bag. It makes a quite a mess if you don't.

Please keep in mind that the compost pail is for food scraps as much as coffee grounds. This really lightens the garbage load and it won't smell nearly as awful, either.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob & Susan Halliday

OUT OF THE COLD QUILTERS VESTRY REPORT

The quilters and Prayer Shawl knitters meet at the same time on Wednesdays at the church. Quilts are hand tied during Prayer Shawl meetings. Making the quilt is a group effort. Maggie cuts squares from the fabric that is donated to the group. Shalleen sews the squares to make a quilt top and then it is a group effort to put the quilt top in the quilt frame. When the top is finished, Shalleen sews a binding. The quilts are blessed and donated to The Good Shepherd's Lodge.

BLUEWATER TRIATHLON AND DUATHLON AND IRONKID TRIATHLON REPORT

The Bluewater Triathlon and Duathlon and Ironkid Triathlon continues to be a fun unique source of outreach and fundraising for St John in the Wilderness each summer. This was the 23rd year we have hosted the event.

We had a very successful 37th edition of the Bluewater Triathlon and Duathlon on July 28 and Ironkid Triathlon on July 29 2018 in Brights Grove.

We had a record crowd with 300+ adults coming out on the Saturday competing in the Olympic, Sprint and Team events and another 130 kids competing on the Sunday in the Ironkid with all their parents and grandparents watching on.

The event continues to be a good fundraiser, this years event raised \$14480 for the church.

The date for the 2019 Bluewater Triathlon and Duathlon is July 27 and Ironkid Triathlon is July 28. Please keep the weekend open, we need all hands on deck!.

Respectfully submitted by

Ken Walker

SUNDAY SCHOOL VESTRY REPORT

The St. John-in-the-Wilderness Sunday school has about 27 children from 11 families attending. On any given Sunday we typically have 0 to 5 children attending, with an average of about 2 (2.4) every Sunday. We were flat in attendance compared to 2017 and down compared with the previous few years as our children grow up with fewer

coming in - between 2017 and 2008 average weekly attendance was 2.1 (2017) 6.2 (2016/15) 6.5 (2014), 7.1 (2013), 6.4 (2012) and 5.2 (2011-2008).

We had 22 Sundays with no children: January 15, 21, 28; February 18, 25; March 1; April 15; May 27; June 10, 25; July 1, 8, 15, 22; August 5, 12, 19, 26; September 23, 30; October 14, 21, 28; November 4. December attendance is highest, followed by Easter.

The children participating the most include: Lanna Iacobelli (16 Sundays), Evan Iacobelli (13 Sundays), Meron Stone (11 Sundays), Helena Stone (9 Sundays), Camryn Carroll (8 Sundays), Harrison Chadwick (8 Sundays) and McKenna Carroll (7 Sundays). We have 13 children from 8 to 15 years old, 9 children 5 to 7 years old, and 5 children who are 2 to 4 years old (until about 3 years of age children typically attend with parents).

We use a web-based curriculum called Sermons4kids at: <http://www.sermons4kids.com/> . We have a common opening and then typically one class with older children helping younger children where needed. The lessons tend to focus on the love God blesses us with as well as the wisdom which Jesus and others have used to help us accept and deploy the blessing of love. We often sing and do crafts.

Leslie Grieve, Carolyn Iacobelli, Peter/Eve/Morgan Langille and I are the main teachers. We are blessed to have such gifted, caring leaders.

Leslie Grieve with a hardworking core of parishioners hosted a vacation bible school in July - well attended by community children. Thanks to Leslie and team for sharing Christ's joy.

As in 2017, the children hosted the Lessons and Carols Service December 23 as their Christmas Extravaganza with kids and congregation members dressing as their favourite Christmas character. Thanks to Leslie Grieve, Haley Walker and Carolyn Iacobelli for all their support - a number of parents helped as well which is needed and wonderful. Thanks also to Brenden Fraser and Susan Halliday who provided great music support with the kids and to Karen Wilson for baking a gingerbread house for the kids to feast on as celebration afterwards.

I administer the Sunday School and continue to focus on engaging parents, youths, grandparents and others in teaching.

Spending in 2018 was about \$800 - which was donated; \$441.97 of this was donated with tax receipts involved. There was no curriculum cost, funds were used for printing, craft supplies and snacks. Spending for 2019 is expected to be about \$800.

God bless,
Deb Walker

St. John-in-the-Wilderness Vestry Meeting
Sunday, January 13, 2019
CANDIDATE SLATE OF OFFICERS

FOR 2019 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Vestry Clerk	SANDRA LAMOUREUX	
Rector's Warden	SANDRA FRASER (Canonical Extension)	
Deputy Rector's Warden	BRENT ANDERSON (Canonical Extension)	
People's Warden	SHIRLEY MacKENZIE (Canonical Extension)	
Deputy People's Warden	PETER LANGILLE (Canonical Extension)	
Treasurer	DAVE HAINS (Appointed by Wardens)(On council)	
Deputy Treasurer	INGRID SCHMID (Appointed by Wardens)	
Envelope Secretary	SANDRA LAMOUREUX (not on council)	
Lay Delegate to Synod	JANICE MCALPINE	
Alternate Delegate to Synod	FRAN TAYLOR (not on council)	
Youth Member		
Regular Council Members	KEN WALKER	BRIAN FOGG
	DENISE HILLARY	RON JACKSON
	BRENDA CLINGERSMITH	FRAN TAYLOR
AFP Representative	BRENDA CLINGERSMITH	

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (CALL THREE TIMES)

Lay Delegate To Synod	_____
Alternate Delegate To Synod	_____
Council Member	_____

Youth Delegate	_____

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
SANDRA FRASER, SHIRLEY MacKENZIE, BRENT ANDERSON, PETER LANGILLE**