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- JANE'S WALK**—May 5 (meeting at the Acadia Recreation Complex at 10:00 am). Jane's Walk is a series of free neighbourhood walking tours that helps put people in touch with their environment and with each other, by bridging social and geographic gaps and creating a space for cities to discover themselves. Through our work with Acadia Strong Neighbour Initiative, McDougall has been set as a "stopping point" for the Acadia walk (guided by Corinne Sandhurst). For details regarding other walks throughout Calgary (and the world), check janeswalk.net.
"You've got to get out and walk" ... Jane Jacobs
- MOTHER'S DAY TEA** — May 6 following the service. Invite your grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, best friend or girl friend to tea and a light lunch in honour of Mother's Day. (Please note: this is the weekend before Mother's Day as we recognize many families have their own traditions, and yes, everyone is invited and welcome to attend). See p.9 for more details.
- GOD AT THE MOVIES**—May 15 we will go see the movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel". We saw a preview for this movie in December, and it's all that the God at the Movies crew has been talking about since. Please note the date change from May 1 to May 15. Timing details will be updated once this information is available.
- ANNUAL SENIORS' LUNCHEON**—May 16, plan to gather at 11:15 AM with entertainment to start



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday
(9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
closed over lunch hour

Friday
(9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

OFFICE CLOSED:

May 21—Victoria Day
Jul 2—Canada Day

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Golden Jubilee Capital Update ... pg.9
- what happens with the St. Andrew's experiment after May 6? ... pg.3

Evening Worship—May 6th @ 7:00pm

This is an evening worship experience for everyone. Come and journey with us to the tomb of Lazarus, where Jesus wept, as we make space for God's light and grace to move through our gathered community. Come to the tomb and experience a story of God's love, as we explore ancient words in a new way. Come and share in the good news, as we open our hearts to a story of lamentation and joy; anger and reconciliation; death and life. Come and join in the music and worship as we seek new depths in communion with one another.



We are planning a weekend of fun and fellowship for June 8-10 at Sylvan Lake. This year we have invited families from St. Andrew's to join us. Bring your family and friends. Plan to sleep in your motorhome, tent or sleep in one of the cabins. Enjoy campfires, crafts, sports, relaxing in the sun, singing, Sunday worship by the lake, weiner roast, pot-luck smorgasbord, pancakes and s'mores. If you want more information (or you'd like to be part of the planning team), please contact Karen at karen.muc@shaw.ca



Registration forms are available on the round oak table, or through the church office.

Youth Ministry News



On April 20 and 21, McDougall United's Youth Group joined the youth from St David's United and Woodcliff United for a 30-Hour Famine event. The youth spent Friday at Woodcliff exploring the creation story, then transitioned over to McDougall to finish the event off with a simulation of providing for a country while navigating the inequality of the global market. We had a blast, and want to say a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped with everything from leading activities, to prepping the best dinner we've ever had (to cap off the famine), to helping clean up afterwards, to sleeping on the church floor overnight so we could have the necessary adult numbers!



Saturday May 12, 2012
6:30pm @ McDougall United
Tickets \$12.50 in advance,
or \$15 at the door
(Tickets available after worship)

On Saturday, May 12, 2012, the Youth Group will be presenting the fifth installment of our inter-active murder mystery evenings here at McDougall United Church.

For those who may be new to the murder mystery experience here, it's a fun and comedic evening of slightly irreverent mayhem offered to all of you. In past murder mysteries, we have killed off McDougall staff, the Executive Council, a Joint Needs Assessment Committee, and in our last production, we took the murdering to the very gates of heaven. This dramatic production is intended for ALL AGES; no blood or guts. It's also interactive - you will have an opportunity to look for clues and solve the mystery before the final act reveals the answers! Cap it off with an awesome dessert buffet catered by Lord Beaverbrook High School's Culinary Arts class, and you have all the fixings for an entertaining night out on Mother's Day weekend!





Evaluation of Worship with St. Andrew's United Church

Following the May 6 worship service a questionnaire will be available to receive your comments about shared worship and shared use of our sanctuary with St. Andrews United Church.

Following the June 3 worship service there will be a congregational meeting for further information and discussion. At this time, motions will be presented on how we wish to proceed going forward. Secret ballot voting will be held thereafter with ballots to be returned for counting June 17 when the results will be announced.

Please let us know your views throughout this process.

... Barrie Clayton (Chair, Worship & Music)



The Scholarship Committee will be assessing the applications in the next couple of weeks and scholarships will be awarded on May 27.

If you would like to contribute to this valuable program, please make donations through the Sunday offering or directly through the church office. Cheques should be made out to McDougall United Church with a notation for "Scholarships".

Thanks, from Nick Perrin

We Need The Following:

non-perishable food items for the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank

on May 6 all food/money donations will be matched by both Campbell's and Shaw Cable

St. Andrew's will also participate in this worthwhile venture ... bring your food bank donation and watch it triple!

For the months of May and June, the Inn from the Cold volunteers from McDougall are looking for the following donations:

- backpacks
- sweat pants
- blue jeans
- summer shorts
- hotel-size shampoos (not soap)

Please leave your donations in the box outside the sanctuary.

Thank you.



Upcoming Worship Plan

Apr 29 we will worship at 9:00 am. In An Anxious World, Fear No Evil. Psalm 23 and 1 John 3:16-24.

May 6 (Shared Worship with St. Andrew's): St. Andrew's is hosting this service. Communion will be served. Following the service, please join St. Andrew's for their Mother's Day Tea (see p.9 for further details).

May 6 (Evening Worship) at 7:00 PM: this will be the last evening worship before the summer. Come and join in the music and worship as we seek new depths in communion with one another.

May 13 we return to our worship time of 9:50 AM. We celebrate Mother's Day and another year of Faith Friends.

May 20 (Victoria Day Weekend): Psalm 1—Building Our Lives on a Solid Foundation.

May 27: Pentecost Sunday, Celebration of Graduates, and Communion. This will also be Bill Weaver's last Sunday as McDougall's Youth Minister. Gen 1 and Rev 21:1-6.

Jun 3: McDougall's 51st Anniversary! Our worship service will be followed by a Congregational Meeting to discuss the recent experiment with St. Andrew's regarding sharing of worship space (see Barrie's article on p.3 for more details). As well, this is the last day of the Alberta & NW Conference at SAIT.

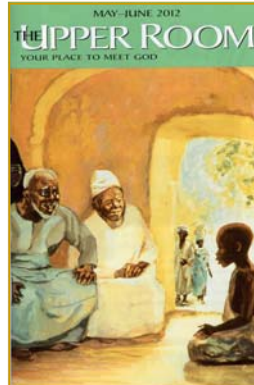
Upcoming Concerts

These concerts, while not sponsored by McDougall, they do take place at McDougall. Come out for an evening of music and fellowship.

May 5: Westwinds Music Society presents their Spring Concert. The concert starts at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for Adults, and \$5 for Students/Seniors.

May 13: Westside Children's Choir presents "Here's to Song". The concert starts at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, and \$7 for 12 and under.

May 26: Stampede City Chorus presents their 2012 Convention Show of Champions. If you like barbershop, this is the place to be! There will be over 100 singers with four choruses performing. The evening starts at 7:30 PM and tickets are \$20.



The May/June edition of The Upper Room is now available in the Library. These pocket-sized booklets offer a scripture reading, devotion, thought for the day and a closing prayer for each day.

If we run out of copies of these booklets, please let the church office know, and we can arrange to order additional copies for upcoming editions.

Worship Planning Session

On Tuesday, May 29, we have scheduled our annual worship planning meeting. This is the meeting that provides the "raw materials" for our annual worship plan. During this meeting, we will consider three things:

- What "special occasion" Sundays can we mark on the worship calendar for next year? Examples are the obvious ones – Christmas, Easter, Pentecost – but also include anniversary Sundays, school holidays, and specially themed Sundays.
- Are there things we'd like to change about our worship services? In past years we have discussed the "flow" of the service, including times of silence, the way we pass the peace, and even whether we should be taking up an offering!
- The main part of the meeting concerns the themes we think will be important in the coming year. It was from this planning meeting last year that the major sermon series came – Mark, United Church core beliefs, and the upcoming series on the history of the United Church in Alberta.

Leaders of groups, members of Council and committees – are particularly invited to this planning session. It's your chance to help shape the worship of the church, so that it stays in touch with the issues and ministry of the church in its various parts. However, anyone who has an interest in the worship of the church is most welcome to be a part of this process – the more, the merrier, and the better our plan will reflect the interests of the congregation. The planning session will be held on May 29 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

At this meeting we will NOT evaluate the worship experiment with St. Andrew's. However, under the second and third bullet points we WILL spend time discussing opportunities/challenges that a partnership with St. Andrew's may open up for us.

Music Programs

BEL CANTO Ladies Ensemble	Welcomes ladies with prior voice training	M&M Room	Thurs May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 6:15 to 7:15 PM	This dynamic chorus sings both a cappella and accompanied. The Bel Cantos regularly present music for worship services and also participate in concerts. Contact: Pam Gibson at 403-252-1620
CELEBRATION SINGERS	Welcomes all adults	Sanctuary	Thurs May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 7:15 PM–9:00 PM	The choir sings a variety of choral literature. In all anthem selections, we seek to present songs which Praise our Lord and lead His church to worship Him. Please come and add your voice to ours. Contact: Pam Gibson 403-279-2973 or 403-252-1620
CELEBRATION SINGERS (Brush-Up Practice)		M&M Room	Thurs May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Would you like additional practice for upcoming musical selections. Join us in the M&M Room on Thursday mornings.
MANO BELLS	Welcomes all ages	Sanctuary	Tues May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 7:00 PM–8:30 PM	Ring out your joy. Come learn to play the Mano Bells (handbells). It's fun and simple. No musical experience necessary. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620

Children, Youth and Families Programs

SPARKS	girls aged 5-6	Lower Level God's Rainbow Room	May 7, 14 and 28	Contact Vanessa Patyana at 403-801-8362.
BROWNIES	girls aged 7-8		May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Contact Margaret Talley at 403-252-0870.
FAITH FRIENDS	Welcomes Age 3 to Grade 6	Lower Level Sarah's Hall Good Shepherd Garden of Eden	Sunday Mornings 9:50 –11:00 AM	Children meet downstairs at 9:50 am to begin their "Godly Play" storytime. Beginning their spiritual journey children engage in activities to foster a feeling of community, understanding and connection with God. Karen Holmes 403-252-1620 ext 222.
YOUTH GROUP	Welcomes Grade 7 to 12	Lower Level Holy Grounds Coffee Lounge	Sunday Mornings 9:50 –11:00 AM	On Sunday morning, youth are invited to the Lower Level to gather as a community and interact with the scriptures and explore faith topics intended to draw contemporary relevance from ancient words. Contact: Bill Weaver 403-252-1620 ext 225

Healing and Care Programs

HEALING PATHWAY	Welcomes all	Chapel	Thurs May 10 & 24 9:00 AM–12 Noon Mon May 14 & 28 6:30 PM–9:00 PM	We work with the body's energy systems using techniques which promote deep relaxation. Appointments must be booked. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
INN FROM THE COLD	Welcomes and requires many volunteers	Hospitality Hall	Sun May 27	The fourth Sunday of each month McDougall hosts homeless guests for dinner, overnight stay and breakfast. Several volunteers are required for several shifts and laundry. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
LABYRINTH	Welcomes all	Hospitality Hall	Walks are Scheduled for Thursdays and Saturdays (see page 8 For details)	Are you seeking spiritual practices that quiet the mind and/or allow time for self-reflection and prayer? Walking the Labyrinth is an accepted spiritual practice for those who are seeking to deepen their faith.
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	Welcomes all who knit or crochet	Ruth Hall	Tues Jun 19 1:30 PM–3:30 PM	If you like to knit or crochet you would be welcome to join us creating shawls for this ministry. Each shawl is blessed with prayer and given to people in need of spiritual comfort. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620

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Programs and Small Groups for Adults

55+ Discussion @ Lunch (bring a bag lunch)	Welcomes ALL Women	M & M Room	We are finished for the summer, check September's newsletter for future dates!	We meet every other Tuesday (noon to 2:00 PM). We begin with a bag lunch then enjoy discussing a variety of topics. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION	Open to All	M & M Room	Thurs May 24 1:00 PM–3:30 PM	We will discuss the book "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
COMMUNITY KITCHEN	Open to All	Church Office Kitchen	Mon May 28 6:30 PM–10:00 PM Sat Jun 2 8:30 AM–4:00 PM	Planning, Preparing and cooking with a group. Taking home 10-14 meals and soup to be frozen. Save some money and have a lot of fun. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
CURIOSITY CLUB ON CHRISTIANITY	Open to All	Holy Grounds Coffee Lounge (Lower Level)	Tues May 22 7:30 PM–9:00 PM	Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
FRIENDSHIP CLUB	Welcomes all senior adults	Hospitality Hall	Fri May 17 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Details to be announced in future bulletins.
GOD @ THE MOVIES	Open to All	Various movie theatres	Tues May 15 Please note the change in date.	We will go see the movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel". Timing will be announced once this information is released. See page 1 for more details.
LADIES FELLOWSHIP	Welcomes all women	Hospitality Hall M & M Room	Wed May 2 10:30 AM–2:00 PM Please note the change in time.	Sandwich making for Drop-In Centre at 10:30 AM in the Kitchen. We then gather in the M&M Room at 11:30 AM for our Spring Luncheon which will be served at noon. Newcomers are welcome to attend. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
LADIES OF LITERATURE	Open to All Ladies	M & M Room	Mon May 14 7:15 PM–9:00 PM	We will discuss the book "The Secret Daughter" by Shipli Somaya Gowda. Contact: Ruth Dunsire 403-271-2846.
MEN'S CLUB	Welcomes All Men	Hospitality Hall & Kitchen	Sat May 12 8:30 AM–10:30 AM	All men are invited to share fellowship over a hearty breakfast. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
MULTI-FOLKALS	Welcomes Folks 50+		May 25 7:30 PM–10:00 PM	Details to be announced. Watch future bulletins.
YOGA	Welcomes all Adults	M&M Room	Tues Evening May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6:30 PM–8:00 PM	This gentle yoga is for beginner and ongoing students. COST: \$240 for 12 weeks or \$30/class drop-in. Contact: Erin 403-966-5168 or erinmic@telus.net

Support Groups

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP	Welcomes all Care Givers	Library	Thurs May 10 and 24 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	A support group for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Contact the church office: 403-252-1620
GAMBLERS' ANONYMOUS	Welcomes all	Library	Saturday Mornings May 5, 12, 19 and 26 10:30 AM–11:30 AM	Is gambling a problem for you? Alberta Gamblers' Anonymous is a non-profit, self-supporting fellowship of recovering compulsive gamblers who meet regularly to help others recover. For information or other meeting locations: www.albertaga.net
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS	Welcomes all	M&M Room	Saturday Mornings May 5, 12, 19 and 26 9:15 AM–10:30 AM	Is food a problem for you? OA is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues. Website: www.aa.org
TOPS, Take off Pounds Sensibly	Welcomes all Adults	M&M Room	Tuesday Mornings May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 9:00–10:30 AM	Is your weight posing a risk of health problems for you? T.O.P.S. is dedicated to providing encouragement and information for a healthy lifestyle. Minimal cost.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NEWS

Here we are nearly May! The winter that wasn't is over, those who went south to avoid the cold are back and the life of the church continues on. Seldom, during the life of McDougall do we get opportunities to take a bold step and make a difference. When it was decided 50+ years ago to build a fellowship hall — that was a bold step. When we decided some ten years ago to build an addition to our church — that was a bold step. And now we have an opportunity to look at another potential bold step — shared ministries with St. Andrew's United. Like any other bold step this one is not to be taken lightly. We plan to have various conversations with you about the opportunities with St. Andrew's. Barrie Clayton (Chair, Worship & Music) has included a note on page 3 that outlines the process going forward. I encourage you to read his article and if you have questions or concerns please ask Barrie, or any other member of council.

I received a letter during my absence from Joan Greig (Chair, Calgary Presbyterial United Church Women). Joan was writing to advise that Freda Stewart, from our

congregation, is the Co-President of Calgary Presbyterial United Church Women. There is a 25-year tradition to display the banner in the church of the congregation of the President. We will be honouring Freda for her work at a future date with the hanging of the banner, but in the meantime, when you see Freda, congratulate her on her continuing work in the life of the church.

One of the items from the 2012 Budget was a forecasted deficit of \$16,500. At that time we told you we were looking at ways to increase our revenues. One initiative that Frank Kurucz is working on involves the purchase/selling of gift cards. This program has been successful in other congregations so please look for information on the "test run" that Frank is preparing to do at McDougall. If you would like more information on the program or would like to help with the setting up or running of the program, please contact Frank or myself.

At the AGM a motion (2012-AGM-06) was made that McDougall requests Calgary Presbytery to establish a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC). A further

motion (2012-AGM-07) authorized Executive Council to appoint the appropriate members to the JNAC.

We have completed the first motion as a letter was sent to Calgary Presbytery for consideration at their Feb 22 meeting requesting a JNAC for McDougall. I have been in touch with the Calgary Presbytery office and they acknowledge the request and are in the process of determining two Calgary Presbytery representatives to serve on this committee.

From McDougall's viewpoint we have seven people that have volunteered to serve on this committee. Their names will be put forth at our Executive Council meeting on May 8. If they are accepted by Council, we will announce their names on May 13. All members of the congregation are encouraged to think about their own ministries and the ministry plans that are important to you and to speak to the members of the JNAC about your wishes.

Finally, I would like to thank our Property Committee for a job well done! Without the tireless work of these people behind the scenes, things would not operate as smoothly as they do. Recently the Property Committee brought a motion to Council requesting approval to negotiate a fixed 5-year energy plan with Enmax for our electricity. This was unanimously approved by Council and our Property Committee is now negotiating an 8.5 cent/kWh rate with Enmax. Seeing as how our energy bill has fluctuated between 8.5 cents/kWh and 15 cents/kWh this looks like another win/win for our Property Committee.

Remember to fill out your comment cards on the services with St. Andrew's. We need your comments and thoughts as we go forward.

God Bless,
Earl Jones, Chair of Executive Council

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 2012 we have a shortfall of \$10,919. Our actual income is \$134,092 compared to a budget amount of \$132,783. Our expenses are \$145,011 compared to a budget of \$136,915. Part of the reason for the increase was problems with the heating units. The repairs could not be delayed so we had to incur the expenses. This type of expense used up part of our reserves. Please prayerfully consider ways that you could help McDougall meet the shortfall. You can help by finding ways to decrease our expenses or help us raise funds.

The fundraiser I mentioned last month is progressing. We now have four members, one additional person would be helpful. It would only take 1-2 hrs/month, mostly after church on Sunday. Let me know if you are interested. Once the experiment with St Andrew's is over we will be looking for a few families to test the program.

Remember to let council members know your thoughts about the test with St Andrews. I would be happy to hear from you.
... Frank Kurucz (Treasurer)



Library News by Janet and Joan

We have some good books to suggest for reading while you enjoy our "Calgary Spring".

D—Novels

Velva Jean Learns to Drive; Jennifer Nixon
The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party (the newest book in the Ladies' Detective Series); Alexander McCall Smith
Huck; Janet Elder
Made from Scratch; Jenna Woginrich
We Bought a Zoo (A True Story); Benjamin Mee
The Book of Secrets, M.G. Vassanji
Riddle Me a Fish; Joan K. Wallis
Too Many Notes, Mr. Mozart; Robert Barnard
Dreams from My Father; Barack Obama
Twenty-Two Provocative Canadians; edited by Kerry Longpre & Margaret Dickson

H—Life and Spiritual Growth

Anam Cara; John O'Donohue

S - Church Development

Mission Among the Buffalo; James Ernest Nix

Janet and I both enjoyed "Velva Jean Learns to Drive" by Jennifer Niven. One book that has been in the Library for four years and has never been borrowed is "Girls" by Lori Lansens. We have put it out with the new books and hope you will choose to read it ... we both enjoyed it!



a place of learning,
spiritual nurture and renewal

The Stories that change our lives come from many sources. We will spend time with stories from the Judeo-Christian and other world religions, from writers of our time and of course with our own stories. As well, stories can be bridges to healing and reconciliation. Come join us for a season of transformation through the sharing of stories.

On the same theme of "Sharing Stories ... Changing Lives", the 2012 Western Women's Conference is scheduled for Sep 28-30. Women of all ages, gathering for a weekend of sharing stories and song, learning and renewal, laughter and silence. Laurel Dykstra (Co-Editor of Liberating Biblical Study) and Rabbi Laura Kaplan will be part of the theme animation team helping participants engage in a Jewish-Christian dialogue. Following the weekend two additional days will be available for integration and going deeper during the "post conference" retreat.

Check out their website (www.naramatacentre.net) for more information. Registration is open, and space is still available for their summer programs.

Naramata Centre — inspiring people to make a difference in the world

Naramata Centre is an incredible place for everyone! It is nestled on the hills overlooking Okanagan Lake. During the summer they have week long programs for adults, teenagers and children of all ages!

This year's theme is
*"Sharing Stories ...
Changing Lives"*.

Thursday Morning Walks (9:00 am to 11:00 am) will be open walks ... with the space to enter and walk as you are ready. There will be meditation music and chairs at the edge of the labyrinth for contemplation prior to (or after) your walk. The McDougall Healing Pathways Team will make use of the Chapel, and appointments for Healing Pathway treatments can be pre-booked with them if you wish.

1st, 3rd (and 5th) Thursday Evenings (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm) will again be open walks ... with the space to enter and walk as you are ready. Meditation music will be played, and the Chapel will be available to "center yourself" prior to (or after) your walk as needed.

2nd Thursday Evening (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm) will be a structured walk ... you need to arrive at 7:00 pm. The evening begins with a group walk, and ends with another group walk. These evenings will be facilitated by Therese Dale-Kunicky of Heartwaves Sacred Sound Group. We will walk the labyrinth to the sounds of harps, crystal singing bowls and other instruments. For this walk only, admission is by donation (to cover the cost of instruments).

4th Thursday Evening (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm) again will be a structured walk. These evenings will be hosted by different facilitators. We begin the evening at 7:00 pm with teaching and centering work, and then end the evening with a group walk. These facilitated walks normally have a small "teaching component" about the practice of walking the labyrinth. They are a good place for those who wish to learn more about labyrinth walking. There will also be time for centering ... where we take time to quiet our hearts and minds to prepare for the walk. These sessions start as a group at 7:00 pm, but you are free to leave when you are done walking.

First Saturday of Each Month (8:30 am to 10:30 am) these are structured walks and will be facilitated by Therese Dale-Kunicky. The sessions will start at 8:30 am with a talk on the history and traditions of walking the labyrinth as a form of meditation. We will follow the discussion with a group walk.



Labyrinth Walks

A year has passed since we had the Golden Jubilee Capital Campaign to raise additional funds to pay down our Mortgage. We received many generous donations during the campaign and \$200,000 of the Building & Development loan was paid down in the middle of 2011 reducing the debt to \$538,175.

In all 139 responses have been received covering a total of \$526,506 in donations and pledges spread over the three years of the Campaign

Additional donations were received in the later months of 2011 and so early in January 2012 another \$75,000 was paid down reducing the loan to \$463,175.

We anticipate more donations during the month of May as members turn their 2012 pledges into donations and this should allow us to further reduce the loan in the middle of 2012.



However we still have a shortfall of \$211,669 between the total of pledges and donations and the original mortgage. There may be some members who are still considering pledges or donations or may wish to increase their commitments.

We urge them to make their financial commitment during the month of May. Envelopes with pledge forms and brochures are still available on the table in the Narthex.

Should you have any questions about your pledges for 2012 please contact Judy Smith, (Treasurer, The McDougall United Church Foundation) at 403-279-3330; or Brian Dowse (Chair, Stewardship & Finance Committee) at 403-201-3091; or Bill Paynter at 403-271-0104.

Faith Friends

The Faith Friends program is winding down, however, there are plans in the works for informal sessions through June and the summer months. We will learn about our faith through stories, crafts and games! Come and join us ... more information to follow.

But until then, we have the Mother's Day Tea scheduled for May 6 ... see the information box to the right.

On May 13 during the worship service we will recognize those volunteers who have provided leadership with our children's program this past year. As well, we will celebrate our children!

... Karen Holmes &
Margaret Holden-Scott



not just for "Faith Friends" ...
the Mother's Day Tea (May 6)

Following worship on May 6 the children of St. Andrew's and McDougall will host a Tea in celebration of mothers. All are welcome to attend!

Contributions of dainty sandwiches or petite treats would be greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please drop off your contributions on the tables just outside the kitchen on the morning of May 6.

Thank you for your support.

For more information please contact either Lisa at lisa@andychurch.org, or Karen at karen.muc@shaw.ca



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Thank You Notes ...

Bouquets go to Larry Chaney for seeing what needs to be done ... and doing it without being asked. Thanks Larry!

... *the congregation*

Thanks to all our McDougall friends for their thoughts, prayers and support during Hugh's year long battle with cancer and his recent death. Special thanks to Rev. Karen for her comfort and concern for the family, as well as presiding over Hugh's "Celebration of Life". Thanks also to Pam Gibson for her beautiful music.

... *Marilyn McKevitt*

Thanks to Alf & Ann Berridge, Doug & Aileen Berridge and family, and Marie Pennycook for all they do each month to coordinate communion. Your years of dedication to this service are greatly appreciated.

... *the congregation*

The Memorial Garden Committee would like to thank the 55+ Ladies Group for their kind donation to the Memorial Garden for "seed" money. There have been other anonymous donations made, for which we are also very grateful and which will help to get the garden started.

... *Claire Myers, Memorial Garden Committee*

My heartfelt thanks to everyone at McDougall for your love and support after the death of my brother. With all the cards, calls and visits from this community, I felt loved and cared for during a very painful time. Words will never express how much it meant to know that I was not alone.

... *Thank you from Jennifer Weaver*

A special thank you to Val MacLeod for her excellent presentation "An Active Participant in my Health". Val's talk was very informative and an inspiration to us all.

... *the Ladies of 55+*



Mark Your Calendar

- The June Newsletter will be published on June 3, therefore the deadline is a firm May 28
- Congregational Meeting to discuss possible opportunities with St. Andrew's—Jun 3
- Stampede Breakfast—July 8

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- ◆ Karen Holmes
- ◆ Dave Holmes

Youth and Children's Minister:

- ◆ Bill Weaver

Babyfold Coordinator:

- ◆ Krista Linzmayer

Music:

- ◆ Pam Gibson
- ◆ Tanya Wan Lim

Facilities Coordinator:

- ◆ John Naylor

Caretakers:

- ◆ Harpal Chahal
- ◆ Will Mehew (as required)

Administration:

- ◆ Lori Wilson
- ◆ Kathy Fitzowich

On behalf of the congregation, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Eleanor Anderson and Judy Smith and all their volunteers for arranging our funeral receptions. From rounding up the volunteers, to shopping for and preparing the food, and setting up the Hospitality Hall ... Eleanor and Judy after years of experience are experts at their job. Thank you ladies for the wonderful volunteer work that you do!

... *The Pastoral Care & Evangelism Committee*

Grateful thanks to our church family for all the cards, calls and flowers we received when Gordon's mother passed away on April 14. We are blessed to have such caring friends.

... *Gordon & Mary Stevens*

Alberta & NW Conference 2012 — May 31 to Jun 2 at SAIT

They are in need of stewards to help facilitate the conference. The stewards are the liaison between the business committees and the conference delegates. This is an opportunity for people who are not normally involved in the wider church to see how a conference runs. They need at least 25 stewards per day. If you are interested in assisting in this role, please contact the church office, or Margot directly at 403-286-5775.

It is hoped that each congregation will offer 3-4 volunteers as

