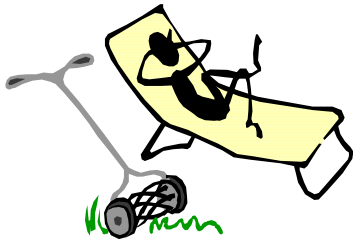


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Summer Greetings from Rev. Vancook

Well, did that year ever fly quickly! When I started work at First last July, it was with the expectation that it would be a lot of pastoral work and a lot of preparation (including some changes) for another minister. Now it looks like things have indeed calmed down enough for a new minister to come in and work among you starting in September. I look forward to hearing how things go with Susan, as she and you grow together in ministry.

There have been a few surprises this year, but most of them have been pleasant. It has been good to see the gradual increase in attendance on Sundays, some of that increase coming from people who have returned to First after a time away. I have been impressed at the willingness with which people have responded when something needs to be done. Another highlight for me has actually been Sunday mornings, where you have given me the freedom to move around while leading worship, and during which you have responded with your attention and your words.

There are still some things that need to be done, but that is just the way it is in a gathering of people who are trying to follow Jesus. I think that it is time to reinvest in the mission work that has been a mark of the ministry of First over the past number of years. There are all kinds of possibilities in the neighbourhood and beyond, and all kinds of people with the resources and gifts to discover and carry out any number of works.

Thank you all for your cooperation. I've appreciated the chance to live among, to work with you and to worship with you. I wish the congregation of First all God's blessings in the new chapter of life about to open.

Bert Vancook



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Search Committee Update

Proceeding with a Call

As you know by now, at the congregational meeting held on June 2, we agreed to extend a call to Susan Mattinson to be the minister at First. After the elders have gathered the signatures of members and adherents to support the call, it will be presented to the Presbytery of Superior at a meeting in mid-June. Upon approval, it will be forwarded to the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island for its approval. After that happens, Susan will be ordained by the Presbytery of PEI at a service lead by her mother, the Rev. Beth Mattinson, who is presently the moderator of that presbytery. The intent is for all that to happen over the first part of the summer, so that Susan can move to Thunder Bay toward the end of August and begin her work here in early September. Also sometime in September, the Presbytery of Superior will hold an induction service to recognize the beginning of Susan's ministry here. This call has been the culmination of a lot of hard work and prayer by the search committee and by the congregation. The task of the search committee will be done when Susan is settled in the manse. Thank you to the individual members of the committee for their wisdom and their effort.

Election of Elders

Over the past month or so, the process of electing elders has gone on.

After the congregation's vote, those who were selected were approached by present session members to ask them to consider being an elder in the congregation for a six-year term. It has taken a little while because it is important for those who have been selected to pray and to consider their call to the job.

It is our hope to be able to name the new elders soon and to ordain them before the end of June. If that is impossible, then we will wait with the ordination until Susan is here in September.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION

We meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 1:00 pm.

In June, we will get together on the 14th and the 28th.

In July, we will get together on the 12th and the 26th.

In August, we will get together on the 9th and the 23rd.

Bring a project and join us.

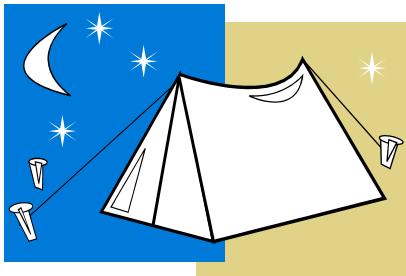


Summer Worship Services

For the months of July and August, worship will begin at 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

Worship leaders:

- July 7: Roberta Casella and Ruth George (elders)
July 14 The Rev David Knudson (retired Lutheran pastor)
July 21 Marion McCreadie (lay minister and member of First)
July 28 Rev. Kerry McLaughlin (prison Chaplain)
August 4 The Rev David Knudson
August 11 Janet Racey + one other elder
August 18 Henry Konrad (lay minister and honorary elder of First)
August 25 Anne Macdonald (United Church lay minister)



Summer Camp

There is still time to register for camp. It is a week long overnight camp for those entering grade 4 to grade 9 in September. This year's camp will be held July 5th-11th at Camp Duncan. Registration forms are available in the church office.

If you have received a paper version of this newsletter but wouldn't mind receiving future newsletters electronically by email, please have your email address added to the Church roll call. It will save paper, envelopes and stamps! Thanks.

Summer Office hours and bulletin deadline

Please note the days and times the office will be open during the summer will fluctuate. However, the deadline for bulletin submission will remain the same on the Wednesdays at noon. The office will be open approximately 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the following days:

- July 5th to July 9th (except the Sunday)
July 19th to July 23rd (except the Sunday)
August 2nd to August 6th (except the Sunday)
and
August 16th to August 20th (except the Sunday)



Normal days and hours (Mondays to Fridays 2 pm-5 pm) will resume September 4th. Thank you.

Spring Luncheon and Farewell to Bert

The Spring Luncheon will be held after Sunday's service on June 23rd. There will be cold cuts and buns, dessert (ice cream) and tea, coffee and juice. Anyone who wishes to bring salad or squares it would be appreciated. The spring luncheon will be an opportunity for the congregation to thank Bert for his year of service at First and to wish him all best wishes for his retirement.



Farewell to Interim Minister

Bert's one-year term as interim minister at First will be completed on June 30. He will be retiring to his camp the next day. Over the summer, the Rev. Jim Patterson will act as interim moderator for First until Susan Mattinson is inducted. Jim will be available for any pastoral emergencies. Jim's email address is mungo1948@gmail.com and his phone number is 807-854-0765. The Rev. Harold Hunt will also be available in emergencies. His email address is revhunt@me.com. His phone number is 345-5400.



Other Farewell

Tawk Cung, Hlawn Bor and their son Jeffrey are moving to Kitchener-Waterloo this summer. They have been part of First since arriving as refugees from Burma by way of India., and have recently become members of the congregation. We wish them God's blessing as they move to a new home.



Treasurer's Report as of end of April, 2013

I have compared the congregations budget figures for 2012 and 2013 to the end of April for each year.

	2012	2013	Diff
Operating fund income	\$49,946	\$36906	-\$13,040
Expenses for 2013	\$63,124	\$46393	-\$16,731
Net Income	-\$17,178	-\$9,486	+\$7,691

Just to explain the numbers, we took in \$13,040 less this year than in 2012 . In 2012 we were still raising money to pay for the new furnace and we received a double rental payment from Bell (the first payment covering 2011 and 2012) which we do not have this year (Bell rent is paid in October). However our expenses are down this year over last by \$16,731. This is mainly from not having the furnace payment this year. I am very optimistic that we will finish the year in a positive position given that our net income is in less of a deficit than at this time last year and we still have some rental income coming in and the Bell rental due later in the year.

Mission Budget

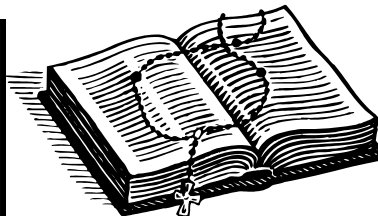
	2012	2013	Diff.
Total income	\$7,430	\$9,501	+\$2,071
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,085	\$6,115	+\$1,030
Special Projects	\$1,850	\$2,735	+\$ 885
PWS&D	\$915	\$1,050	+\$ 135

As you can see all categories this year are up from last year

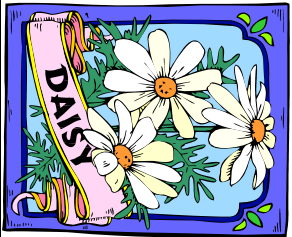
Respectfully submitted,







W. D (Don) Murray, Treasurer

Bible Study
Thursdays
10 am



Choir Practice
Thursdays
7pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Communion Service General Assembly Sunday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 More than Mission Potluck Lunch Windup 12:00</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10 am - Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Session Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>13 10 am - Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 Crafts and Conversation 1:00</p> 	<p>15 Scouts Garage Sale</p> 
<p>16 Aboriginal Day Sunday Fathers Day</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Board of Managers Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 World Refugee Day 10 am - Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 National Aboriginal Day</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Spring Luncheon following service</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10 am - Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 Crafts and Conversation 1:00</p> 	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>						