

### **Calling All Volunteers**

VBS Volunteers needed! We are still looking for 4-5 more teens and 4-5 more adults. If you would like to volunteer please contact the office: office@lacombeunitedchurch.ca

### **Devotionals**

If you'd like a devotional book please feel free to take one. Our Daily Bread devotional is available now and the Upper Room devotional should be arriving in the mail soon!

### **Photos**

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#### **Reverend Dave**

As we move into summer, I wish all of you the very best! Whether you are holidaying, or staying home, I hope that the warmth, the birds, and the green restores you and re-energizes you! And for farms and farmers, I hope this season is a blessing.

This month I'd like to talk about keeping in touch. I've been here a year now, and one of the things I resolved to do was to spend a lot of the first year visiting. Well, a variety of things (COVID being one) got in the way of that, though I was able to visit many of you! I really enjoyed that part of ministry, I found it energizing, and I also think it must remain an important part of ministry. I don't ever want to get so busy I can't be in touch!

Here's what I plan to do at this point. I'm going to try to maintain regular "office hours" once per week, at Kavaccino's for a start. That will be an hour and a half or so that I'll just occupy a table (outside, weather permitting) and I welcome you to drop in. This is best for conversations about church, feedback on sermons and worship, and other non-confidential things - there may be a few people there with you!

I'll also be working with Jana to schedule a few visits every week, if possible! I know some weeks will get away from me, but I want to keep getting out to meet you, check in, get to know you, find out what you're struggling with and what is making your heart sing. I'll kind of be working my way through the congregation, but if you'd like me to come out to see you for any reason, or if you'd like to go for coffee, please do let me know! You can contact Jana and she can find a time for you, or contact me directly and we'll set something up. If you find yourself in the hospital, or if you're going through something, don't hesitate to call. I'm lousy at reading minds and I'm not usually "on the grapevine," so if you don't tell me I probably won't know.

Making these personal connections, being there at significant moments, hearing your stories - this is a very important part of ministry, and I have been absolutely delighted to make the connection with you. I won't be too busy for this, so please - call us when you'd like a visit!

Thanks and blessed summer, Dave

"This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive."

-Alice Waters

#### **Reverend Barbara**

A dream come true...

There was once a little girl in Germany whose family vacationed at the Baltic Coast. One morning the girl got up really early, went barefoot down to the beach, and looked over the water. Digging her toes in the sand, she was filled with a tremendous sense of all is good with the world.



In grade four she noticed the Shetland Islands on a map in her classroom which made her wonder what the coast way, way up in the north might look like.

Decades later, all grown up, I am blessed with living, working and playing in Lacombe. And this past May my three daughters and I visited Shetland at the very edge of the United Kingdom. Thank you, God!

Going and coming back, at both ends of my travels, people of St. Andrew's were so excited and happy for me, adding an extra sparkle to my gratitude. Cheers tae dee.







Kim Taube, Karen Taube, Barbara Lieurance, Inga Taube

#### **Financials**

Revenue	<b>Current Month</b>	Year to Date
Contributions and Other	\$22,948.41	\$91,666.65
Expenses	\$30,162.14	\$123,403.82
Net Income (Loss)	(\$2603.48)	\$27,335.62

### **Affirm Committee**

June is Pride month in Canada and around the world and Affirm St. Andrew's is looking for input from you! Pride is a global month of action and celebration, with communities across Canada bringing their own regional flavour to the festivities. Please send us your ideas on how we might raise awareness about Pride and steer our community toward ensuring all people are treated equally, regardless of sexuality, race, gender identity, religion or any other label that might be used as an excuse to compromise their basic human rights.



If you have thoughts on how we can join the celebration, please send your ideas to: <a href="mailto:affirm@lacombeunitedchurch.ca">affirm@lacombeunitedchurch.ca</a>

### Tech Tips - How To Become More Tech Savvy



Can you spot the difference...? dave.st.andrewslacombe@gmail.com dave.st.andrewslacombee@gmail.com

Churches have become a popular target for a gift card scam being circulated by email. If you have received a request to purchase gift cards on Reverend Dave or anyone else's behalf they are trying to scam you. No real business or government agency will ever ask you to purchase gift cards for payment, no church personnel will ever ask you to purchase gift cards on their behalf. Below are a few "red flags" that may point to suspicious emails:



- Spelling errors in an email or in the name of the sender (note the extra "e" on the email address above for Reverend Dave)
- Logos in the email that appear fuzzy, wrong, or distorted
- Extra numbers or letters in URLs of website links

St. Andrew's Calendar Of Events:

www.lacombeunitedchurch.ca/events

Announcements and Updates:

www.lacombeunitedchurch.ca/announcements

Order of Service:

www.lacombeunitedchurch.ca/bulletin