

Staying in  
*touch*



**St. Andrew's**  
United Church of Pakenham

*The Sunflower Project*

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**Special points of interest:**

- Transfer your membership or reaffirm your faith on May 4, 2014.
- See what the JNAC been up to and where they are in the process so far?
- Find out how you can get involved and who to call for information.

Last June southern Alberta was hit by devastating flooding. In response, people across the United Church saent prayers and money in support of those affected. Along with other churches we have received a request from the United Church in High River. This congregation was unable to worship in their church for several months after the flood and many members are still struggling with the long term effects of the flood in their homes and places of employment and recreation.

Following is a **note from** the children and leaders of High River United Church and Rev. Susan Lukey & Rev. David Robertson, outlining a way to show our continued care for our sisters and brothers in High River.

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Lukey and Rev. David Robertson.

*"Would you join the Sunday School children of High River United Church in brightening up High River with sunflowers this spring? Recovery in High River is moving along slowly but surely. There is still a long road ahead of us and with another spring and its rains coming, anxiety will be running high. So our Sunday School children and leaders have decided that we would like to bring a ray of hope to each household in High River. Inspired by a project undertaken in New Orleans, we would like to put an envelope of sunflower seeds, with a note of hope created by our children, into every mailbox in High River. We have*

*learned that sunflowers are great at pulling toxins out of the soil (left by the flood waters and all the chemicals that were mixed in which sat for weeks in parts of town).*

*So we're inviting congregations across Canada to send us some packs of sunflower seeds. We'll need approximately 4,000 packs of seeds to reach every household. So, if you'd like to join us in brightening up High River this spring, we invite you to send 1 pack or 2 or 10 or 20 or more, along with your blessings and hope to the people of our town. Please send them by April 15<sup>th</sup>."*

Mary Ellen Boon @ [ger-rymarty@bell.net](mailto:ger-rymarty@bell.net) and Bronwen Harman @ [bharman@xplornet.ca](mailto:bharman@xplornet.ca) have agreed to send our gathered packets of sunflower seeds to High River with blessings from The Pakenham Pastoral Charge. Further information on the collecting of the seeds will be announced at Sunday service.



*High River could use some cheery sunflowers*



## Membership Has Its Rewards

In the near future we will be calling a new minister. Part of this process requires full members of the Pastoral Charge to vote on recommendations made in a report prepared on our behalf by the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC). See an update on the work of the JNAC below.

If you are not currently a full member of St. Andrew's Unit-

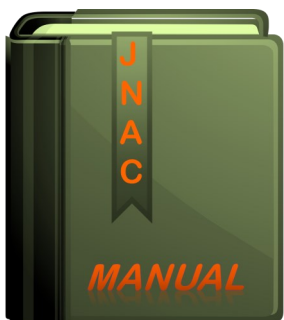
ed Church in Pakenham, or are unsure of your standing, we invite you to consider becoming a member by transfer of membership or reaffirmation of faith on **Sunday, May 04, 2014.**

We want to ensure that you can participate fully in this important step for our congregation so please contact Joan Gillan at 832-2556 to discuss.



*Make sure your voice is heard.*

## Joint Needs Assessment Committee



The Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC), under the able guidance of Presbytery representatives Rev. Sheryl McLeod and Eleanor Rintoul, is working its way through the 29 steps prescribed in the JNAC Manual. They are assembling all of the required information from **A to Z**

(**Andrew's to Zion!**) that is required as the first part of the process for hiring a new Minister.

The JNAC last met on Wednesday, March 26 and is in the final stage of preparing their report and recommendations for presentation to the Official Board of the Pakenham Pastoral Charge.

Their target date for delivering the report and recommendations is April 15 and they are working hard to meet that date. The recommendations, once reviewed by the Official Board, will be brought to church members for ratification in the not too distant future.

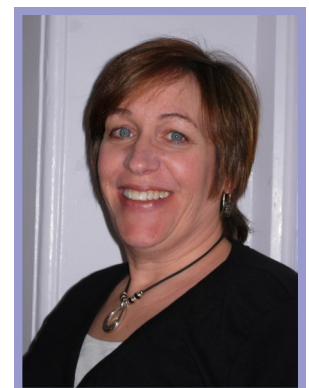
## A Warm St. Andrew's Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome Cathy Reside as our part-time Pastoral Charge administrator.

Cathy lives in Almonte with her husband Bruce and has two daughters Sarah, 19 and Amanda, 16. Sarah is currently at Trent University and Amanda is a student at Canterbury in the drama program.

Cathy loves to cook and also works part-time at St. Paul's Anglican church.

Drop by and welcome the newest member of our church family. Cathy is in the office Wednesday afternoons between 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm and Thursday mornings from 9 am until noon.



**"I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome. Everyone I have met with has been extremely helpful as I become familiar with the Pastoral Charge office.**

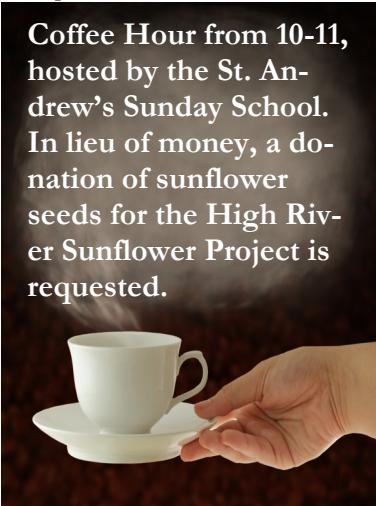
*Cathy Reside*

# What's Happening This Month



## April 06

Coffee Hour from 10-11, hosted by the St. Andrew's Sunday School. In lieu of money, a donation of sunflower seeds for the High River Sunflower Project is requested.



## April 13

### Palm Sunday

Communion.

The Sunday School children will bring their gift of song.

## April 17

One and all are welcome to join us in a Seder Meal at St. Andrew's at 6:30 pm.



*Seder Meal*

# Easter Services

## Apr 18

### Good Friday Service

11:00 a.m. at Zion United



## Apr 20

### Sunrise Easter Service

7:30 am at the Pakenham Bridge

Join us after the service at St. Andrew's for hot cross buns, tea, coffee and juice.

### Easter Service

11:00a.m.

The Sunday school children will join the Sanctuary Choir to provide special music for Easter Sunday.

**Easter is a special time for Christians the world over. We hope you can join us for Easter services and events.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What is the Deadline for Getting Announcements and Other Information in the Weekly Bulletins?**

*Cathy works on the bulletins on Thursday morning so must have your input no later than end of day Wednesday.*

**Q. I have been thinking about helping out but am not sure in what way or who to call. What should I do?**

*There are many ways to contribute so there is undoubtedly something just right for you. You could join a committee. Maybe you like to cook—we are always looking for sandwiches, desserts and help*

*in the kitchen. Maybe you would like to help organize and run one of our upcoming events? The Special Events Committee has lots of things in the works and would love your help. You can do as much or as little as your schedule allows. Everyone is most welcome. Check out the last page of this newsletter for the names of people you can contact.*

## Contact us at 613-624-5400



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### ***Other Positions***

Barb Armstrong, Choir Director and Pianist  
Cathy Reside, Pastoral Charge Administrator  
Verna Humphries, Caretaker: