



## *Session Chronicles*    **Volume 1 October 2018**

My apologies for the delayed publication of this issue. Your Session met on October 23, 2018 at which time the following matters were addressed:

- The resignation of Sheila Jakus as elder and member of Session was reluctantly accepted.
- In a letter dated 27 August 2018 the Clerk of General Assembly (G.A.) asked for input from congregations and elders in relation to a discussion paper from G.A. on the matter of LGBTQI in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Session is currently considering a response but welcomes congregation input. Please see me if you would like a copy of the paper.
- You may have noticed recent problems with the heating in parts of the building. Two thermal couples were replaced in the furnace which seems to have rectified the problem. However, there is a suggestion that we might have to replace our current boilers.
- **There is still a need for help in the church office.**
- A special congregational meeting was held after worship on October 28, 2018 during which a unanimous vote of those attending approved transferring \$57,000 from the church Legacy Trust Fund to cover unexpected expenses that were not budgeted for.
- Your Session is planning a retreat for February 2019 to focus on St. John's future ministry in a rapidly changing White Rock/South Surrey.
- A proposal was received from one of our White Rock Lutheran congregants for a joint 15 minute Sunday morning spot on KARI Radio, a Christian station which broadcasts to the Lower Mainland out of Bellingham, Washington. It was proposed that the three congregations sharing worship space at St. John's would work together to broadcast Bible readings, short testimonies and news

of church events. Session decided that the time was not opportune for St. John's to participate in this initiative.

- A search is underway to fill a vacant trustee spot on the Legacy Trust committee. See elder Emily Wilson if you are interested. Also, there is a need for a person with a Chartered Accountant background to compile and submit a report from the Legacy Trust to the Canada Revenue Agency. Again, see Emily Wilson if you are willing and qualified.
- Ongoing water problems involving the elevator pit and leaks through the sanctuary roof continue to plague us. Action is planned for the roof, but the pit continues to stymie us.
- The 127th Session of the Synod of B.C. met from October 12-14, 2018 at Central Presbyterian in Vancouver. The Minister and elder Emily Wilson attended from St. John's. For anyone interested, Emily can provide a copy of the report on what occurred.
- Plans for Christmas worship services, and services while

the Minister is away in South Africa for his daughter Elizma's wedding, are as follows:

**Sunday, December 23rd - Rev. Dr. Gerard Booy**

**Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) one service only - 4pm - Lutheran Pastor David Hilderman**

**Sunday, December 30th - joint Presbyterian-Lutheran worship service - Pastor David Hilderman**

**Sunday, January 6, 2019 - Rev. Dr. Gerard Booy**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019 - Rev. Dr. Gerard Booy**

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