

THE LINK

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



We need an injection. I am not referring to an injection that is administered by a needle. We need a joy injection. A joy injection looks deeper than your circumstances which may seem rather dismal. This is the kind of inoculation that boosts our heart to more healthy patterns of thought and behaviour.

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During February the theme of our music and meditations during worship will be joy based on sermons from the book of Philippians and music with themes of joy. Philippians was written by St. Paul when he was in prison likely facing execution. Paul's circumstances were dire and yet Philippians was written with an undercurrent of joy. Early in the letter of Philippians, Paul indicates that he prays for his friends in the church with joy. He encourages them to live with joy purposefully. "Rejoice in the Lord, and again, I say, rejoice."

I will say again. We need a joy injection. For two years, COVID has robbed us of life's basics – hugs, seeing a smile, handshakes, family gatherings, the ability to celebrate or to mourn a life lived or lost, anniversaries, and retirements. COVID has changed the way that we work, eat, play, exercise, shop and worship. We are exhausted and mutter to ourselves and to others, "How long, O Lord?" We cry to return to normal. We are tired of daily COVID counts, masks, restrictions, physical distancing, and an absence of singing and coffee hour. These have been dire circumstances and we can identify with Paul writing a letter of joy from his prison cell.

How can we be joyful in the kind of world we have lived in for two years? How can our church ever experience joy with such extreme circumstances? To most joy is the result of life on familiar terms. We may describe joy as what happens when we are able to do normal things. From his prison cell facing execution, Paul would disagree. Paul's epistle guides us toward a series of attitudes that make it possible to cope with difficult situations. Joy is not dependent upon our circumstances whether they are favourable or unfavourable. Joy is dependent upon our being guided by a deeper purpose, serving Christ whose core values of faith, hope and love are pathways to the joy we so desperately seek.

During February we will be guided by Paul's uplifting epistle. We will examine songs, Psalms, parables, and patterns that remind us of the true nature of joy that can place us on the path toward a heart full of joy. I cannot wait to see how our joy injection will uplift us. "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." Amen.

Praying for you all with joy,
Pastor Mitch

Session Update

Pastor Coggin opened the meeting with prayer and shared thoughts from the book “Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Krueger, in which he talks about the grace that we see in the cracks and crevices of life. We were reminded that we are called to that kind of grace in our work and in our conversations with each other.

It is with regret that session accepted the resignations from Jack Reimer (Treasurer) and Leona Johns (Envelope Secretary). These are very important roles in the Finance Department where both Jack and Leona have put in many years of faithful service. Both have generously agreed to continue for a few months while we find and train their replacements. The time to really honour their years of commitment and the gift of their time and skills to the church will happen when they retire from their positions. Please pray that the right people will come forward to fill these positions.

You will have seen that the Church Office is still closed. There is a concern about the number of unmasked individuals frequenting the public areas in the church buildings. This impacts everyone who accesses the shared spaces in the building and, as an employer, we have responsibility for the safety of those employed by the church. Reminders are being given to everyone who enters the church facilities regarding the requirement to wear a mask in a public space. Members of session will be making random visits to the church to determine when there is compliance with the mask wearing regulation. Once this is achieved, Whitney will return to the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Session has committed to develop a Communicable Disease Prevention Policy. This is a WorkSafe BC requirement for all employers.

It was agreed, as recommended by the Mission and Outreach Committee, that the Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) campaign in February will focus on the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. PWS&D is partnering with a local partner and the Canadian Food Grains Bank to bring much needed food and resources to the most vulnerable. We are all encouraged to read and learn (see PWS&D website) about the dire situation in Afghanistan.

Session discussed the steep increase in the cost of earthquake insurance and the concern of the high cost of the deductible we would be required to pay if there is a significant earthquake. A letter has been sent to Presbytery articulating our concerns at the significant increase in costs, and the extremely high deductible in the case of a major earthquake.

Developing a vision is an important task that must be completed prior to the search for a new minister. We all made a good start in the fall of 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting at which there was a record attendance. Covid has kept us apart and has slowed down the visioning process. Session has ‘homework’: to consider the summary of the contributions made by those of you who joined the various visioning sessions, and to look for themes and possibly determine further questions for ourselves and the congregation.

Pastor Coggin closed the meeting with reminders and words of encouragement that are as applicable to everyone as much as the elders of the session.

“We are all tired, stressed and maybe on edge; we need to remember those in our congregation who are hurting.

We all have different gifts and different ways of using them.

We all need to ‘hang in there’.

We are all called to prayer.”

As we look ahead into 2022 and the important work that we need to do as we begin the search for a new minister, we can look back and see and know that God has been with us through a challenging 2021 and we can trust him for the year ahead.

We remember God’s promise:

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11

Colina Titus
Clerk of Session

Mission & Outreach

75 WORDS FOR PWS&D

This year, PWS&D is commemorating 75 years of responding to global concern.

PWS&D wants to hear from you!! You can submit a written submission in 75 words or less about why PWS&D matters to the church, or why PWS&D matters to you.

You can submit a written submission to:

Presbyterian World Service & Development,
50 Wynford Dr.

Toronto, Ontario M3C 1J7

or by email: schunoo@presbyterian.ca

Here is one idea, with some scrambled words to solve too.

Presbyterian World Services matters to me as it has helped make positive changes in our global aegilly for 75 years. Presbyterian World Service esdrnops internationally to ensure ifamisel have more and better food to eat. They ireodvp aid to those fleeing ncfotlci and disaster. They pmeotro education and economic empowerment. PWS&D protects fgreesu and muahn rights. PWS&D supports God's nissoim to love and take care of our entire olaglb community.

Answers:

1.village 2.responds 3.families 4.provide 5.conflict
6.promote 7.refugees. 8.human. 9.mission. 10.global

Patti Jackson

Mission & Outreach Committee



January's Promise

Christian Education

WHAT'S NEXT IN YOUR FAITH FORMATION?

Over the past two years we have missed sharing our faith journeys in person. We don't know what this year will hold but the Christian Education committee would like to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in creating opportunities to help strengthen their personal faith journey. What would help you? We are ready for any suggestion: anything from a traditional study, a book group, a movie group, or a walking group, just to name a few.

What do you need for growth? We offer these questions to help you get started

- What does Christian Education mean to you?
- What do you think Christian Education should be?
- What would make Christian Education meaningful for you at St. Andrew's?

Share your thoughts with us at a Zoom session on

Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 27th at 3:00 pm

Or if you prefer email steetzel@telus.net

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We look forward to talking to you.

Linda Coggin
Elizabeth Gichimu
Laura Hawkes
Sabine Teetzel

How has the Covid Pandemic affected Church Worship?

I attended a ZOOM workshop hosted last week by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Thirty-eight people attended the seminar: most were Lutherans, some were from Ontario and Atlantic Canada, a few from BC and the USA. A discussion was held in which all could voice their thoughts of how the church has shifted its perception of theology in the last two years due to the Pandemic.

I was pleasantly surprised by all the positive and innovative comments. We are so used to thinking negatively about the effects of Covid, so perhaps this will give us an opportunity to view a new perspective of what is happening throughout North America, as we consider how the pandemic has affected church worship and programs. Each question below was discussed in breakout rooms and then reported back to the larger audience: comments to the questions are below, but in no particular order.

- **How has your concept of the church changed in the last two years?**
- **How has the pandemic shifted our understanding and theology of the church?**
- **Is the pandemic giving you more permission to live into being the church differently?**
- **Has the pandemic shown us how secular a world we live in?**
- **What are your struggles? Who are we? Have we been surprised by joy?**

Perhaps we need to rethink The Theology of Welcome and what does it really mean to “live welcome”? Are people truly welcomed when they come into the building? Proof of vaccine has turned some away from attendance. Many do not feel welcome. Christmas was painful because of decreased acceptance of those who were not vaccinated. What about those who have walked away from the church?

A Waterloo church expanded their **kitchen ministry**. They opened their kitchen to feed university students with 150 meals per day. Some of the shut-ins were brought a church bulletin and homemade lemon squares

Financial givings: Some churches found there was more adaptability and abundance in financial support and volunteer help.

Many churches had increased financial support from members who felt that they wanted to increase their givings since people were not spending their money on personal items.

Zoom technology provided an intimacy of getting to know people better through on-line communications. A man and wife stated that they felt closer to each other with this new computer technology. Because people were fearful of Covid, many felt liberated to worship at home. A rural community felt joy and so they invested in new technology equipment to embrace on-line worship through technology and consequently all felt connected to each other

Seniors were embraced through the on-line technology.

Many liked “going to church in their PJs with a cup of coffee, sitting at home”. One 90-year-old woman who did not know how to operate a computer suddenly felt confident to learn and embrace this new technology. She now enjoys daily Zoom classes. Some bishops across Canada held a “Summer Sermon Series” in which they shared their resources and provided a series of summer sermons. The clergy felt this was helpful to all the congregations.

Joint Ministries: An Atlantic Canada group decided to hold joint services with their churches and formed a Joint Atlantic Ministry area which came into being through You Tube and technology. They felt that they were “thinking outside the box”. Two BC churches merged with the BC Synod of the Lutherans.

Coffee visits after church via Zoom were an important part of people’s worship experience and were viewed as positive: it felt safe, they met new visitors, five new members joined the church because they felt so welcome, from teenagers to a 90-year-old. Their music flourished and they started a weekly movie night and a monthly book club, all over Zoom. Some people said that they liked the idea of “jumping around from church to church” so that they could visit other churches.

Volunteer activities:

Several churches voiced how they became more active as a volunteer community now rather than attending church.

Church membership Perhaps holding membership in more than one church. Some felt that having membership in just one church is not enough and they wished to consider membership in two different churches because several churches offered different programs which they wished to join. Some churches have noticed an increase in church membership. Because people were fearful of Covid, many felt liberated to worship at home.

People's sense of geography has shifted. The ability to visit different churches through live worship throughout Canada was a real bonus for many. Some enjoyed being "a fly on the wall" in which anonymity was a bonus and being in different churches each Sunday was helpful. More people are worshipping than ever before because of anonymity.

Some pastors felt that the outreach has been affirmative and some feel more involved with the wider community rather than staying within their four walls. One pastor said she enjoyed giving communion and praying with people over the phone. Some pastors who did not like the little packaged Communion packs before Covid, now like them and feel that this is a better way to give Communion.

The pandemic has changed our expectations and given us more freedoms and opportunities to operate in a new way. It was stated on several occasions that *the church is not the building but the church is the people*. The church is more than just worship. Some became more studious with Bible Studies and discussion groups. One church had great success with a weekly "Mom's Night Out" group held at 9 p.m. One lady said that the most profound sense of worship was with people that she will never meet.

Community Involvement: One church held "prayer walks" in the area near their church and realized the great need for affordable housing and helping people with physical needs. While they knew that these two issues were forefront in the community, it was not until they actually took walks around the area, mingled with the people, praying as they walked, that they realized the actual need and importance of helping in a more financial and practical way to the disadvantaged.

Could we ever do without a building? Many buildings are empty now. One USA Presbyterian church sold their property and land and used their resources to help the disabled in their community. They used the money for community needs. They

rented space in the building for the times they needed to get together as a church. One congregation felt that a building can hold a church hostage. After much discussion and prayer, another congregation felt they did not need to meet in person every Sunday. Others felt that congregations still need a space to meet. Some said, "the cosmos is our church" and "the world is our cathedral".

I hope this gives you some new insights as we continue to meet as a church, on-line or in person, and perhaps you too can think of ways to voice your opinions in these matters and questions. Rev. Mitch Coggin has often asked us our opinions as we consider moving ahead as a congregation with a new minister. What are some of the answers you or I would give to these questions?

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Reimer

Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.

We are prepared for take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time.

All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer.

Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination - GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

Stay Blessed!

And welcome in 2022.

Submitted by
Jean Watt

Mission & Outreach

Indigenous News:

A Large Settlement and a New School District

Several years ago, a friend told me that Indigenous children didn't have the same funding for education as non-Indigenous children in Canada. I found that hard to believe. I since have learned that it was not only educational underfunding, but the whole welfare system, with devastating consequences.

In an article I wrote for *The Link* last year, I talked about Cindy Blackstock and her determined, fifteen-year fight for the government to recognize Jordan's Principle. In that article I told the story of Jordan River's sad short life and how he was never able to leave his hospital bed due to the lack of care on his reserve. (Jordan's Principle is a child-first and needs-based principle used in public policy and administration in Canada to ensure that First Nations children living on and off reserve have equitable access to all government funded public services. Private Members Motion 296 in support of Jordan's Principle was passed unanimously in the Canadian House of Commons on December 12, 2007.)

On January 4, 2022, the Canadian federal government reached a \$40-billion settlement with First Nations groups over the systemic underfunding of child welfare services that led to Indigenous children being removed from their families. Half of the money will go toward compensating an estimated 200,000 children who were either taken from their homes or denied medical services over the past three decades. The remainder will attempt to address the chronic underfunding of the system, with \$20 billion over five years earmarked to improve services in Indigenous communities so children will no longer be removed from their homes. This, hopefully, marks the end of a long, contentious legal struggle between the federal government and First Nations.

One of the many comments regarding this final \$40 billion settlement payment was from Cindy Woodhouse, Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations. She said, "If this settlement had been made back in 2007 when negotiations began, this payment would have been in the hundreds of thousands, rather than in the billions". This story is far from over. As was recently reported on CBC Radio and in media coverage across the country, speech therapists and those providing other resources for Indigenous children are

continuing to have huge challenges in accessing funding. As Cindy Blackstock said when the settlement was announced, "No child's life is better today than it was yesterday because of these words on paper. We have to see the government actually deliver after this 15-year legal battle." A final agreement is expected to be approved in late 2022.

On a much brighter note, there has been much coverage and positive local news about Cowichan Tribes opening its own school district dedicated to Indigenous language and culture. Last month, CHEK News reported from the Kindergarten classroom at Quw'utsun Smuneem Elementary School in Duncan, showing young Indigenous children speaking and singing proudly and fluently in their Hul'qumi'num language.

Skye Ryan from CHEK News reported that the young generation of Cowichan Tribes members are learning the ways of their people and pride in their culture. "Then they're going to learn how to treat each other in the future", said their Kindergarten teacher, Marlene Tommy.

Quw'utsun Smuneem is a Kindergarten to Grade 4 Cowichan Tribes school that has been operating since 2003. But now that Cowichan Tribes has voted to have their own school district, this language program is about to become much bigger. Cowichan Tribes Councilor, Stephanie Atleo, lost her native language as a small child when her grandparents stopped speaking it, fearful that they would be punished if they did. She told Skye Ryan, "We'll create a board together, take back control of our children's learning and agree on what the curriculum will look like. It will be a few years before we are fully implemented into this process but we're putting together the resources and hitting the ground running".

It was a joy to watch the young children speaking Hul'qumi'num in the news report and hear how they are taking their teachings home, inspiring parents and grandparents to once again speak Hul'qumi'num with pride.

**Patricia Shuckburgh
Debra Verwey**

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ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORTS PWS&D IN AFGHANISTAN

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is the relief and development agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This year marks the 75th anniversary of PWS&D's commitment to support and empower people throughout the world. PWS&D is committed to Christ's message of love through action. Through PWS&D our church works with the global community to restore human dignity, provide assistance to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged and promote community cooperation that benefits all.

As part of our annual budget, St. Andrew's typically donates \$2,000.00 to international development work and more if it is donated. Each February, Mission & Outreach-Victoria selects a particular focus and encourages its people to donate to PWS&D. This year's donations will be directed to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. When the Taliban took control in August, many folks fled their homes. With this new government in place there are many issues facing the Afghan people - from a collapsing economy to widespread impoverishment. According to the



World Food Program, 2022 has begun with all 34 provinces in 'crisis' and experiencing 'emergency' levels of food insecurity. Access to food is a critical issue and with it being winter, this is an extra challenge for the Afghan people. PWS&D is responding with an experienced local food partner to provide emergency food assistance. Canadian Foodgrains Bank will also be part of the team. Monthly cash donations will go to the most vulnerable families to help them buy food and critical supplies, with women-headed households, the elderly and disabled folks having high priority.

Please consider donating to PWS&D this month.

To donate:

by mail to Church Office, 680 Courtney Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1C1, indicating PWS&D on your cheque, or online through the standrewsvictoria.ca website by etransfer indicating PWS&D on donations.

More information can be found at: werespond.ca or news.un.org

Patti Jackson

Mission & Outreach Committee

A Baker's Dozen!

Congratulations to **Peter and Jane Lewis**
on the safe arrival
of their 13th great grandchild.
Welcome Sloane Elizabeth Lewis!



Christian Education

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Stories—those we tell about our lives and those we hear about other’s lives—are another way for us to listen to and learn about God.

In that spirit, we invite you to share a story and scripture that have shaped your life of faith. The experience might be something you do regularly like taking a walk or gardening or a life changing circumstance that has taught you about God’s presence or provision in our everyday lives. We will compile the stories into a booklet of daily inspiration for people of St. Andrew’s to use during the Lenten Season.

The format for your contribution will include:

Scripture: Book/chapter/verse(s)

Brief story or experience that connects to the scripture OR explains why this scripture has meaning for you.

Original poems or artwork are another option rather than a “story.”

1-2 sentence prayer

Suggested length for the submission is ½ to 1 typed page.

If you have a question or need assistance in ANY way please contact **Linda Coggin** by email lindacoggin@gmail.com or phone 250-880-0932.

Please submit your contribution by:

February 15, 2022.



This is my promise.....as you pray to me, I will respond to you; when you seek me you will find me; when you search for me with all your heart, you will discover me; and I will bless you.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BUDGET 2022 APPROVAL

This is the time of year when we would expect to gather for the annual meeting; not only a time to make decisions, but also a time to give thanks to God for all that we did in the year behind us. And it is an opportunity to anticipate the year ahead.

Sadly, the Annual General Meeting is just one aspect of our church life that cannot be conducted in person. After careful consideration, we will follow the same process as last year, for our decision-making. We will conduct the annual meeting together with the Budget 2022 meeting, in a way that everyone can participate. As you read this, you will soon be, receiving a copy of the annual report. As usual this provides an interesting summary of the year, albeit a very different year.

The annual report also includes the proposed budget for 2022.

The Annual Report

As it is not possible to gather in person, we have taken steps to ensure that everyone is able to receive a copy of the report and be fully included in the important decisions of St. Andrew's.

By making use of email, mail, phone and Zoom, everyone in the congregation can:

- read the annual report.
- read any reports related to the motions on which we need to vote.
- have an opportunity to ask questions.
- hear or read all questions and answers asked by others.
- vote on the motions.

Procedure for AGM 2021 and approval of the 2022 budget

There are 3 regular items that require congregational approval:

- a) Minutes of AGM 2020
- b) Committee reports
- c) Proposed budget for 2022

We anticipate that there will be other motions included in the report. Supporting reports will be circulated.

Steps:

A) By Sunday, February 20, everyone will have received a copy of the 2021 Annual Report that includes the proposed budget for 2022 (paper copies to be distributed to those who do not have email).

B) The congregation is invited to ask questions about the report. In particular, please ask for any information that you need in order to make an informed decision about the motions:

- i. approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (held on March 7, 2021).
- ii. approval of the proposed budget for 2022.
- iii. any other motions included in the report.

These are the ways you can seek answers to any questions you might have:

- Join the Zoom meeting on Saturday, March 5. A Zoom invitation with the exact time will be circulated with the annual report. The Zoom meeting will be moderated by Pastor Coggin. Jack Reimer (Treasurer), David McLean (Property) and Colina Titus (Session Clerk) will be in attendance.
- Phone in to the Zoom meeting by calling in with your question (phone number will be provided)
- Send your questions by email to Colina (Session Clerk) sessionclerk@standrewsvictoria.ca. Colina will pass your question to the person best able to provide an answer.
- Ask an elder to seek an answer to your question(s).
- To achieve a timely completion of the business associated with the annual meeting, all questions must be submitted no later than Thursday, March 3.

Answers to your questions

Following this question-and-answer process, a summary of questions and the answers given will be emailed together with TWASA on March 8 (and hand delivered with worship materials on March 10.)

Although not as helpful as attending a regular congregational meeting, it is hoped that your own questions, those of others, and the answers will be beneficial to your decision-making.

How do you vote?

- On Tuesday, March 15, the weekly TWASA will include an invitation for everyone to vote by completing a Google document (in the same way that the congregation was able to vote for the new elders).
- The voting document will also be posted on the St. Andrew's website.
- Provision will also be made for those without email to vote by phone through the church office or by asking an elder or a friend to email a vote for them.

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- The motions will be clearly stated in the voting document.
- Everyone in the household should vote.

All votes must be submitted by Friday, March 25.

The summary of the questions and responses will be included in the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Important note and rationale for the process for this year's annual meeting procedure:

Because members and adherents cannot interact together with this method (combination of Zoom meeting, phoning and electronic voting) it should be considered irregular and reserved for use only during the pandemic when other real-time options are not possible and important decisions are required.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Colina Titus

sessionclerk@standrewsvictoria.ca

The Jam Cupboard

We still have a variety of jams and relishes for sale, made by Anne Lambie

Price: \$5.00 each or 5 jars for \$20.00.

If you are interested in buying some home preserves, please contact Dorothy @ 250-592-5051 to arrange pickup/delivery.

~ While stocks last! ~



Jams

Raspberry

Loganberry

Black Currant

Blackberry

Strawberry

Gooseberry/Rhubarb

Apricot

Rhubarb/Strawberry

Marmalades

Seville Orange

Seville Ginger

Relishes

Bread & Butter

Mild Salsa

Beet Root Butter Pickles

Surprise Package!

St. Andrew's received a parcel last week. When I unwrapped it, I found a book, an old bulletin from 1968, along with a charming letter from the sender. The book is titled *The Desire of Ages* (Vol. 3) from the *Conflict of the Ages Series*. The letter is as follows:

"Good day,

In 1999, we bought the property of a couple in North Saanich who had both passed away. They had built the house in 1947 and were obviously avid readers because the house was full of books, some of them very old. Before we had the original house moved off the property and floated over to Salt Spring Island on a barge, where it's living another life, I boxed up all the books and put them into storage. When our new home was completed, I gave all those wonderful books a home in our new library.

This winter, because of all the lockdowns and lack of socializing, I decided to clean and purge our library. One of the books that has been living in our library is enclosed. It contains a worship program dated December 1st, 1968, which leads me to believe that the previous land owners, whose last name was Clay, were members of your congregation.

So I am sending these two items to you because I've never been able to discard a book or a little piece of history. What you do with them, is entirely up to you.

Best wishes,

Patricia Trotter"

It was such a kind gesture to go to the trouble to return the book to St. Andrew's. The book, letter and bulletin will undoubtedly go into the archives.

Some will remember that Rev. Leslie Clay ministered to St. Andrew's in the early 1900's, but he died in 1928—so we don't know which member of the Clay family owned the house and that will remain a bit of a mystery—unless someone wants to do some sleuthing...

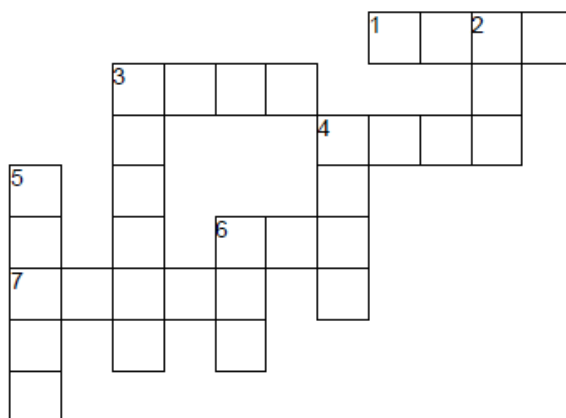
Leona Johns



What a Catch!

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)

The words in this puzzle can be found in Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)



HORIZONTAL

1. To go down below the surface of the water
3. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
4. A small vehicle for travelling on water
6. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean
7. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river

VERTICAL

2. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
3. To get behind someone and go where they go
4. A small vehicle for travelling on water
5. The Son of God
6. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean

FISH

JESUS

NET

SEA

BOAT

SHORE

BOAT

FOLLOW

SINK

SEA