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It is a mistake to look to the Bible to close a discussion; the Bible seeks to open one.



January's Animator Newsletter for Ottawa

Hi Everyone

Hope you had a great Christmas and a very happy New Year. Also hope you managed to get a few days off for yourself!

On December 16th, *Christmas in the Stable* was held at Trinity in Kanata/Carp. Sponsored by Trinity, St. Andrew's (Stittsville), St. Stephen's (Ottawa) and Knox (Ottawa), the event was a great success.

A brief worship service opened and closed the event. In the body of the event, however, people broke into groups and visited four stations (in different order): the shepherds outside; the innkeeper inside; the magi inside; and Mary. The stars were the live animals: sheep, goats, donkeys, and even a llama!

The event was topped off with extraordinary chili, buns, hot chocolate, coffee, tea - and lots of fellowship!
[More pictures.](#)

As usual - here is a [PDF](#) of the newsletter.



PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP

Last November, Karen Plater facilitated a workshop at Knox, Morrisburg on "Planned Giving" - except that it was much more than an introduction to PAR or legacy donations. The following are some of my notes from the event.



Karen talked about the need to change how we talk about money. Raising money for emergency items (e.g., broken boiler or leak in the roof) is important, but does anyone want to belong to an organization whose **sole purpose** is raising money to fix buildings?

What impression do you give to local businesses if you ask for donations to pay for printing bulletins or buying a new organ? Is this the *impression* you want to give?

Shift from \$\$ to Ministries

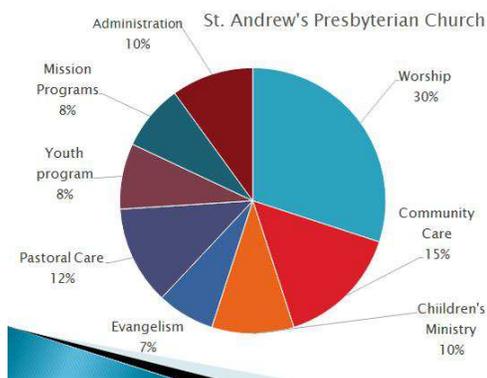
Instead of talking about dollars-and-cents, talk about ministries. **What support do you need for that ministry? Who do you need to be *involved* in that ministry?**

People nowadays tend not to join organizations or make long-term commitments, but are willing to commit (short-term) to organizations that reflect their values and are actively doing something they believe worthwhile. For congregations, this means *ministry*.



Don't ask for money. Ask them to be involved in a specific ministry, and to help financially with that ministry. Donors give **through your ministry** to touch the lives of other people and do God's work. *Keep them posted about the progress of that ministry - If they have donated \$100, tell them what has been accomplished with that \$100. Use numbers:*

- The number of people attending the event or reached
- The number of hours invested
- The amount **invested**



Use Numbers

- \$70 each week provides Christian Education material for our children
- \$15 provides a hot meal for our Out of the Cold Ministry for one person
- \$700 will send one youth to Canada Youth
- \$900 will send one person on a Healing & Reconciliation Tour

[Link to Slide Selections \(PDF\)](#)

Want More Information?

Karen emailed copies of her presentation plus other documents. The actual PowerPoint files are large, but I can email them to you if you want.

She also had handouts on eGiving options which have been posted on the funding page of the presbytery website.

[Link to Funding Page](#) and [Slide Summary](#)

IMPACT OF THANK YOU

People will give 40% more if thanked and acknowledged

Without timely, meaningful and sincere thank yous and detailed information on the impact their donations, charitable organizations lose 60% of annual givings from donors within a one year period. Overtime this drops to 80%-90%.

JANUARY EVENTS

January 6, 2019

- **10:00 a.m. - Covenanting Service** - Gloucester, Ottawa
- **7:00 p.m. – Induction of Rev. Reine Boghos** – St. Timothy's, Ottawa. The Presbytery of Ottawa will meet in a special session at St. Timothy's (2400 Alta Vista Ave.) for the purpose of conducting a public service to induct Reine Boghos to the pastoral charge of St. Timothy's in Ottawa. Presbytery meets at 6:30 p.m. The induction service is a 7:00 p.m.



January 15, 2019

- **10:00-11:30 a.m. – Mom & Tot** – Barrhaven. [More Info.](#)

January 16, 2019

- **7:00 p.m. – Jazz Vespers: James McGowan (piano) and Michael Hanna (vocals)** – Knox, Ottawa.

January 19, 2019

- **9:00 a.m.-noon – Cooking for Matthew House** – Trinity, Kanata.

January 20, 2019

- **12:30-1:30 p.m. – Lunch & Learn: Basics of Handbell Ringing** – St. Andrew's, Ottawa.

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