



The largest budget line for St. Andrew's is the maintenance of the building. *[Special restoration projects like the Belfry project are not included in these ongoing property operational and maintenance costs.]* This raises the question of whether it is good stewardship to direct so much of the congregation's resources in this way. The recent Belfry project and the associated financial cost has been demanding. However, the relationship between mission and building is intricately woven together. Here are some ways that the St. Andrew's building enables the mission of the congregation.



Loaves and Fishes (our food cupboard program) is housed in the St. Andrew's building. Having a building facilitates storage of food items and provides a place for clients to come.

Affordable rental space to community groups – St. Andrew's hosts a number of community groups, some of which have met at St. Andrew's for many years. In many of these arrangements the actual rental fees charged to community support groups is adjusted from the current rates published on the webpage. In this way St. Andrew's shares its resources with groups that support the community.



Income Generation – There are times when the building actually generates income through rentals for events and more recently to movie production crews.



A worship home – for many the St. Andrew's sanctuary is a link with tradition, family history and is a place where they experience having a spiritual home. The strength of this connection both draws and keep folks part of the mission of the congregation.

In all these ways the building serves as a partner in the mission of the St. Andrew's congregation.