

#### UPDATE TO AUGUST 7, 2018

The summer is marching by. Special thanks to Jonathan who was able to fill in for Tauran who was unexpectedly unable to be on the sound board, August 5. Jonathan will be filling in for me on August 12 because I'm going sailing. This will be Jonathan's month, for sure. Come September and, hopefully, we will have a new projection screen upfront and the projection team back at task.

#### UPDATE TO JUNE 3, 2018

Rev. Kelley really enjoyed her new headphones this past week. PSALT is looking for ways to improve their ministry and spotlights, headsets and even a digital sound board have crossed our sightline. Our spotlights are ancient and expensive to run. I thought our monitors were next to useless until Blair Purvis and I had them "blaring" away. The gremlin came to visit during our meeting and he figures it is to do with the subwoofer speaker that Tauran tells me is up in the rafters along with our other speakers. (I delivered a tribute in a big church yesterday (that has a digital sound board) and only two speakers suspended from the ceiling.) Ours could do with a cleaning, I am sure. In July, we plan on setting up the scaffolding to hang the new projector screen, fix lights, black out curtains... so much to do, and so little time.

Thanks for your continued hard work. See you in church.

#### UPDATE TO MAY 22, 2018

Special thoughts go with Tapas as he heads home for the months of June and July. Last week Meryl switched with him so that his last projection Sunday was May 20, 2018. See you next fall, Tapas, right?

We are considering updating some of our sound and lighting equipment. Any ideas?

#### UPDATE TO MAY 15, 2018

So little time left in the current church year. And thanks to the PSALT team, we have provided sound for groups of 30 to 300 - maybe even larger. The "Gremlin" rears its annoying sound every once in a while and just when you think you have it tamed, it lets you know it is still around. That happened on Sunday morning during Rev. Kelley's Reflection. More importantly, on Sunday morning, the newest member of the PSALT team ran the board with ease. Welcome Leo Morrows to Second Sunday Sound and Light. Leo is going into grade eight at FEO where he helps run the lights for school activities. Awesome!!!

We had a problem with #2 pac Sunday morning and #5 didn't do much better. I bought a new headset and have it ready to go for next Sunday. I will take the other two out to Long and McQuade to check them out.

Tauran and I met on Saturday last to discuss how to better coverage sound for major events. We have some suggestions. One of our "doing things right" has been our projection. Yeah! Team. Using bold 40 font makes following the powerpoint so much easier. When we get the new screen installed, we will be even able to go bigger. That should happen this summer. The old screen will go to the balcony. Our projector will be reset to match the new screen.

We still need projection help in June - that's in two weeks. Oops. If you are able to help out, let me know.

#### UPDATE TO MAY 8, 2018

Wow, have we ever been busy! It seems that I have had one or two events to cover with sound and light weekly. Special thanks go to Tapas for helping me out on the fifth Sunday of April and for Tauran, who ran the sound and light boards for the Children's Family Service on May 6. The little ones could do with a seminar on how to use their micpacs, but that green light seems to gravitate to amber (mute) so very easily. Anyway, we "Filled our Bucket" with good things on Sunday morning.

The year is winding down. Tapas will be away on for the months of June and July. Dave has volunteered to upload hymns to powerpoint for services during the summer whenever he can. Peter and I installed a large cover for the big stained glass window for use during the evening concerts we hosted in April. Later this summer we will be installing the new projector screen and moving the current one to the balcony. "Summer time and the livin' is easy!!"

I purchased a new headset to replace a current one that fails when it is most needed. P.S. Let me know if you are able to fill in on projection for June.

#### UPDATE TO APRIL 15, 2018

We have been busy!!! Thanks to PSALT team members for their contributions over the past months (and years... and decades for some of us...) to the ministry at St. David's. Since returning on April 4, I have been busy with arranging sound for the Chameleon Drama Group's presentation of "The Corsican Twins." Barry Marcellus stepped in to help on the weekend and, with four rented micpac sets and four extra headsets, we were able to hear all 17 members of the cast. Well done, actors, and thanks, Barry.

On Friday night, April 13, 2018, Meryl, Tauran and I met with Pastor Peter and Directors Simon and Belinda of the Chinese Lutheran family to arrange to provide sound for their mega concert coming up on Saturday, April 21st. They expect a congregation of 500 and have a choir that numbers in the 70s and a 16 piece orchestra. Their program will consist of some 20 hymns, 10 of which the congregation will join. As well, there will be solo performances and readings. Anyway, we were committed from 6 to 10 last Friday night and from 3 to 10 on the upcoming Saturday. Thanks, Tauran and Meryl for helping this program happen.

Meanwhile, summer is approaching. 10 Sundays left before Canada Day. Wow! The schedule seems to be working. Let me know if there are any problems. We hope to have the new screen hung by next Sunday. Tapas is helping me on April 29 - fifth Sunday and there is an error for the first week of May - should be Dave on projection and not Tapas. I'll fix that. See Revision below.

#### UPDATE TO MARCH 20, 2018

So, this morning, I gave Chantal, our office administrator, a crash course in Sound and Light Elementary. She will be running the sound and light boards for the memorial service on March 27, 2018. Thank you, George, for volunteering to work especially hard this coming week with

Palm Sunday then Good Friday services. We really appreciate everyone's dedication to our ministry. Bravo!!

Tomorrow I am off to Guatemala, returning on April 6 in time to handle second Sunday, as usual. See you then.

#### UPDATE TO FEBRUARY 20, 2018

We had a request from the Friendship Club to install a wifi micpac system downstairs in Robertson Hall. So... I called Tauran and we made a date with the Campbells (on task for the March 2, 2018 meeting of the Friendship Club) to gather around the sound box system downstairs. After two and a half hours of cleaning, rewiring, etc., we have sound as well as a revamped sound box. Thank you, Tauran! and thanks to the excellent cheerleading by the Campbells.

The schedule attached below should be a great deal more accurate than the one I posted last week. Oops!

We need sound on Good Friday, March 30, as well as projection on April 29.

#### UPDATE TO FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The new schedule for the upcoming months is uploaded as a file attachment. We will need a sound person for Good Friday. I will be off to Guatemala on March 21, through to April 6 so will be able to handle sound on the second Sundays but won't be able to cover on March 30. Let me know if you are available and I will amend the schedule. We also need projection for the fifth Sunday of April, but that's a long way off.

#### UPDATE TO FEBRUARY 5, 2018

So, after the gremlin attack on January 14, there seems to be only a minor feedback episode at the commencement of the sound board action. It still strikes at the heart of the technician when the rumbling occurs. Thank you so much for your continued faithfulness to the ministry. What we do is so very important!!

#### UPDATE TO JANUARY 14, 2018

I am back at task. One has to marvel at the ease of communication from afar. We had an amazing holiday but it was nice to be on the sound board and to see all the smiling faces at church. We even were fed after service at the "Welcome Back" Lunch. (I did feel welcomed.) However, the gremlin was in fine form for the first three minutes or so of the service. It seemed to need warm up time because after I had turned off the system not once but twice, muting everything I could, the system was just fine. Deb sat with me as PSALT team-member-in-training.

We visited two churches during our trip south, the first in Cambria and the second in Monterey and, each time, I had a visit with the sound and projection people. Our system is comparative. I did see and checked out prices on a new mic pacs used by Apple team teachers in Portland. No tape on the face because the head piece is held in place behind the neck. You might like to

check this out but before we spend money on micpac sets, maybe we need to attack the Gremlin. Suggestions??

UPDATE TO DECEMBER 26, 2017

We did it! Thank you so much for your willingness to "step up to the plate" during this very busy Christmas Season. Your service to St. David's is invaluable.

UPDATE TO DECEMBER 5, 2017

Wow and Wow again! This year is just about finished. As a matter of fact, in 11 days, David and I plan on heading south for Christmas, New Year's and a tad of 2018. I have been busy making arrangements to cover the busy Christmas season. Tapas and Tauran, bless their hearts, are taking on extra shifts to see us through. Tapas will be doing projection on the 24th for both services and Tauran and Tapas will take care of December 31st, the fifth Sunday of December. I will be back to cover second Sunday, January 14, 2018.

SDUC has ordered a new, larger projection screen for the sanctuary and the current screen will move to the balcony. As well, we are beginning to imagine a digital sound board that would enhance our listening experience at St. David's. Time will tell. Meanwhile check the schedule below for changes.

UPDATE TO OCTOBER 29, 2017

Wow! We've been busy!!! Special thanks to Barry for going beyond the call of duty during the Perfectly Imperfects performances last weekend. We had 12 pacs and 14?? mics on the go in addition to imported monitors and loudspeakers plus wired mics. Clare and Akiko helped with projection and I was busy swapping pacs during the rehearsal and performances. This was an awesome musical!!

This week we have two funerals that require sound and projection so Tapas and I are working on October 24th and Deb Charnuski and I on October 26th. Welcome aboard, Deb.

The new schedule has been drawn up to the end of February. There may be extra services so I'll keep you informed.

UPDATE TO OCTOBER 7, 2017

Thanksgiving!! Well, from one PSALT member to all the others, I am thankful for you and your dedication to making SDUC such a great place to worship. Our ministry is so very important. World Communion Day service on October 1 went very well - no semi-connected mic packs and Tauran was right on with mic changes.

This coming Thanksgiving service, Meryl is switching with Alison and Mike on projection and I will be in the sound and light booth. By the way, Happy Birthday, Alison. On Tuesday, we have a memorial service for Homer Young so Tauran has volunteered with back up by me if the service goes beyond Tauran's class time.

We have a future uncharted plan to set up the scaffolding so that more of the spots can be low energy. (Thanks to Ross S. (and me) for donating the new LED spotlights.) We also have to fix the tracks for the black out curtain that seems to have derailed. Life goes on.

Enjoy your weekend! Watch for a new schedule.

UPDATE TO SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

There was a moment of panic when Rev. Peggy's mic started to act up. Turns out that the connection between the headphone and the cord was not secure. Oh, well, Barry had it soon under control. Barry will be doing sound for the "Perfectly Imperfects" concert that is upcoming.

My chore this month will be drawing up our schedule until year end and preparing the PSALT committee report for AGM in early November. Everyone on the team is so good about taking their turn or making arrangements to ensure that the "Sound (light and projection) must go on!!"

UPDATE TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Good morning, team!! It has been a busy summer, for sure. I am so grateful for the willingness and flexibility of our sound and projection team to arise to the occasion for our important ministry. We are blessed to have such an amazing group of volunteers. If you are reading this, and you aren't part of the team, yet, then you are more than welcome to come aboard. Give the office a call or just come up to the balcony to watch the action next Sunday morning.

UPDATE TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Jonathan and Michael were hard at work in the sound/projection booth today. Next week, September 24, 2017, Meryl will be taking projection for Tapas who is out of town and Barry and George will be running Sound and Light. You are amazing, team!