

# St. Andrew's News

August 16, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.  
12th Sunday after Pentecost  
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EPHESIANS 5:19-20

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**WELCOME** to the worship of God this morning, and to our shared life in this church. It is a pleasure to have you with us today. Seat cushions are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask a greeter for help.

We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

## WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUTH August 21—23, 2015



Weekend retreat for ages 14 and up, at Camp Aurora on Warnica Lake.

*Details and application forms are in the main office.*

## CARING FOR OUR SICK

If you are aware of someone from our congregation who is sick or in need of a visit, please advise the office at

telephone 622-4273, or  
email [office@saintapc.ca](mailto:office@saintapc.ca)



## AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR



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A concert with the African Children's Choir will take place at Lakeview Presbyterian on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The concert is a free-will offering to help support children's choirs' programs, which in turn provide support education, care, relief and development in the African countries of Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, and South Africa.

These children melt the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances.

We hope you will attend and support them!

## WEEK OF Aug. 17—23, 2015

**Mon.** Memorial service for Jim Jack 11:30 a.m.

### Please note:

Bob, our Caretaker, is on vacation in August.

Faye is on vacation from August 12th - 30th.

Lori will be covering for her in her absence.

This morning, we welcome Rev. Joyce back from her vacation!

***Have a safe and blessed week!***

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Worship at St. Andrew's is intergenerational. Of course, among those generations, there are children. On any given Sunday, there can be sounds of laughter, crying, and fidgeting from children in worship at St. Andrew's and for these children (and their parents), we give thanks!

We are so glad that you are here, and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- It can be helpful to sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- There is a time with the minister during each service. After this time there are some activities and books available for the children on the mat along the south wall.
- Parents and care givers are encouraged to sit close to the children, to aid in their activities, and be handy should an emergency arise.
- For the safety of the children, please do not allow them to wander throughout the church.

*Jesus welcomed the little children, and we do too!*



*From Rev. Joyce*



The month of August is a study in Ephesians. Hewitt and Will both preached from chapter four, and I am preaching from selected verses from chapters five and six. Following lectionary, it is interesting that some of the most difficult verses to deal with in those two chapters are omitted. Ephesians is actually one of my favorite books of the Bible. There are two prayers in Ephesians that I often use in my personal devotions. The first can be found at 1:15-22 and the second from 3:14-20. These are prayers that I use for the Christian community, particularly the congregation, for family and friends by inserting their names in place of the word “you”, and even for myself using my own name or personal pronouns in order to make these prayers my own.

Using words of scripture for our own prayers can be a very powerful way to connect with the Holy Spirit. The entire book of Psalms is often referred to as the prayer book of the Bible and has been used for centuries by God’s people as a way to praise, give thanks, and express a whole range of emotions from joy to sorrow to anger. Praying scripture then is an ancient practice, one to which many passages from the New Testament also lend themselves, such as Paul’s prayers in Ephesians.

If you have not tried this, it may be an opportunity to expand your experience of prayer. Those for whom this is a regular practice will never tire of using beloved passages or trying out new ones going even deeper into scripture.

### Prayer Invitations

As Christians we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. Today we pray for **David & Mary Welby; Mary West; Geraldine White; Shirley White; Bill, Louise, Hailey, Mallory & Tammison Whitelock; Mary Willianen; Dennis, Catherine, Ken & Kevin Winko; Ruth Wright; Betty Wyer; Darlene Yahn; Rev Joyce & Ken Yanishweski; Joyce Yelland.**



## **PRESBYTERIANS SHARING**

*August 19 is*

*World Humanitarian Day*



In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan—a humanitarian disaster of enormous scope—striking the Philippines, many families lost their homes, crops and seed. One year after the devastating storm, survivors are moving forward as they restore their homes and rebuild their lives.

Analyn Azure Banogon is one of these survivors. “I was sad. After our suffering, all we wanted was a house that was safe.” She and her family now have that—a new, storm-resistant structure on a hill, constructed with assistance from Presbyterian World Service & Development, is providing safety and security.

Analyn is just one of the over 4,000 people who have benefited from shelter repair or construction, providing much hope for the future.

*PWS&D responds to humanitarian disasters*

### **FROM FACILITIES AND FINANCE...**

We are happy to announce that the roof repairs are complete! We were able to get a reduction in the final cost of the project from the estimated \$113,000 to the final \$102,567. We paid for this part of our on-going project to restore the church and seal it up to prevent further damage by using the \$80,000 in the Restoration Fund and utilizing \$28,000 from the Memorial Fund. Since this fund is considered our “emergency” fund, we will be returning the money to the Memorial Fund through donations and fundraising before we can continue the next steps in restoring and repairing the church.

May God bless our work as we seek to maintain this beautiful church, prepare for the work that God has planned for us and do ministry that supports our faith and reaches out to others beyond our walls.

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