

St. Andrew's News

Website: <http://standrewspres-tbay.ca>

Sunday, September 20, 2015



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for clean-up of lower level under the sanctuary and hopefully kitchen too...

Show up in work clothing and prepared to get dirty!

See the weekly schedule for days and times.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Have you ever considered sharing your time and talents with the younger folk of our congregation, where you might enjoy this rewarding experience?

Each teacher would only teach one to two months a year, depending on numbers.

If you are interested, please contact Brenda Buttars at telephone 623-3386.



Prayer Invitations

As Christians we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. This week we ask you to include in your prayers -

Brad, Erin, and Brian Bruce; Doreen Bruce; Gordon and Wendy Bruce; Dan, Jody, Crystal, and Jordan Budd; Jim and Barbara Buie; William and Mary Buie; Jeff Bull; and David and Susan Burrows.



Schedule for week of Sept. 21— 27

- Mon** Fun & Fitness (welcome new)... 9:30 a.m.
SS Teacher workshop/dinner.... 5:30 p.m.
- Tues** St. Aidan's meeting..... 11:30 am
- Wed** Fun & Fitness (welcome new).... 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs** clean-up of lower level..... 9:00 a.m.
- Fri** clean-up continues..... 9:00 a.m.
- Sat** clean-up of kitchen..... 9:00 a.m.
- Sun** BP Clinic following service 12 noon

Note that Rev. Joyce will be preaching in Geraldton on Sunday, September 27; Susan Dynes will lead worship at St. Andrew's.

Important dates to mark...

1. Sunday, October 25 @ 7:00 p.m.—a community service of celebration of our church journey.
2. New date for annual Tea and Bazaar—please note date is November 14, 2015.

FILL THE SHELVES

September is here...
School has begun...

At St. Andrew's, this means that it's time to launch a new food drive to help re-stock the shelves of the food bank. Please leave donations in the totes at the back of the sanctuary. Any and all donations are necessary for our

Mission and Outreach.



SHELTER HOUSE

St. Andrew's is hoping for eight volunteers for one of the teams to help with meal preparation at Shelter House. Our current assigned day is the 3rd Friday of each month, but we will only accept the request if we have eight volunteers confirmed.

If you think this might interest you, please contact Lana Lang at telephone 622-1490.



From Rev. Joyce...



The last couple of weeks, as the church has started gearing up with activity, planning, and meetings, for me, there has been a major focus on pastoral care. Today we celebrate the Prayer Shawl ministry with a blessing upon the shawls that are lovingly and prayerfully created by people of our congregation. These are given to anyone of whom we are aware is in need of comfort.

As well, we are introducing a ministry for a Visiting Team; this ministry was approved by Session at the September meeting. This concept and team has been developed as I have come to realize that I am not able to visit, on a regular basis, the many people who are part of the church family but are unable to attend worship for any number of reasons. It is so important that people know that they are not forgotten by the church.

Our pastoral care happens in many forms in the church. The Caring and Contact team writes cards and makes phone calls to this group of people, providing a special link to church. Caring and Contact also provides a friendly welcome on weekday mornings for those who call or visit the church.

The newly-created Visiting Ministry is part of a whole pastoral care ministry which includes the Prayer Shawl ministry, Caring and Contact, Ushers, Greeters, the Parish Nurse Ministry, the Lunch with a Difference Ministry, the Mission and Outreach Ministry, contact with Elders and the volunteers who gathers once a month to aid residents in being able to attend our worship service at Grandview Lodge.

For the September service at Grandview, I used a passage from 1 John 4:11-12 as the basis for the service and the message. It reads, "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

The most valuable gift we can give one another is love. This church has a wonderful capacity for love and for caring. May everyone who we encounter, in this building and beyond its walls, experience the love of God because we have loved them as shown by our care for them.

Presbyterians Sharing...

September 21 is the International Day of Prayer for Peace



Ongoing conflict in Syria has left refugees in Lebanon and Jordan in desperate need of shelter, clothing and food.

Om Mohammed lives in Lebanon with her three children. Without a husband, she is the sole provider for her family.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is helping provide food aid for Syrian refugees like Om through food vouchers. Om is able to purchase essential items like rice, sugar, milk, yogurt, cheese and eggs that will help keep her children healthy and strong. Om enjoys being able to shop in the grocery store and decide which food items she wants to purchase.

PWS&D continues to respond to injustices and conflict in our global village.

PWS&D responds to violent conflict

Check out the heritage wall...

The Heritage Committee has been digging into the archives and has come up with a collection of pictures on a variety of subjects.



*Do you remember these events?
Are you in any of the pictures?*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

How can you use the gifts God has given you - time, talent and treasure—to participate in God's mission?

**"Stewardship Is A
Way Of Sharing
God's Blessings"**

The gift without the giver is rare.

*James Russell Lowell (1819-1891),
author, poet and diplomat*



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