

St. Andrew's News

Sunday, November 15, 2015
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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.

Notice from Evening Guild

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
support!**

It is with mixed feeling that members of the Evening Guild are announcing they are no longer able to prepare sandwiches for funeral receptions. We will continue to host, and supply tea, coffee, juice, and dainties for dessert.

Sincere thanks to all supporters for so many years.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

Please note the change of name of the Parish Nurse Ministry to Parish Health Ministry.



We are recruiting volunteers interested in being a part of the Ministry; no medical background is required—just an interest in health issues. If this appeals to you, please contact Sarah Campbell at email sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com We also wish to remind you of our loan cupboard, which consists of wheelchairs, walkers, and canes.

PRAYER INVITATIONS

As Christians, we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with this, we simply move through the church membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers:

Donalda and Norman Galloway; Judy Gardner; Cheryl, Ashley, Carli, and Emily Garrett; Kelly, Anna, Ashlyn, Autumn, and Noah Garton; Marilyn and Terry Garton; and Andrea Gemmell.



Week of November 16—22, 2015

Mon	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30 a.m.
	Visiting team	10:00 a.m.
Tues	Worship Committee	2:00 p.m.
Wed	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch with a Difference	12 noon
Fri	Presbytery.....	6:00 p.m.
Sun	Pancake brunch by IOOF	12 noon

Pancake Brunch

Sunday, November 22 after the service, hosted by the IOOF, who meet here at St. Andrew's.



The cost for the pancake breakfast is **\$7/adult, and kids under 12 are free.**

Proceeds from the brunch are to be split among Camp Quality, Camp Trillium, and St. Andrew's in support of the Kenora Fellowship Centre Roof Project. *Come and bring a friend!*

Get in the Christmas Spirit...

Members of The **Thunder Bay Community Choir**, under the direction of Mary McGhee, will perform their Christmas Concert here at St. Andrew's Presbyterian on

Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

The recipients of the free-will offering for charity this year are

The Lakehead Shrine Club (Khartum Children's Transportation Fund),
and
Lifewater,
(a St. Andrew's Outreach project)



HERITAGE WALL

Christmas is coming and the Heritage wall is ready!

There are pictures and posters that tell the story of "Christmas at St. Andrew's" through the years.



Merry Christmas to all!

From Rev. Joyce

During every worship service, you will hear the line, or some variation of the line, "our tithes and offerings will now be received." Many years ago, I kind of thought of this as the business portion of my worship. I understood on some level that the offering was in response to what God has given me, but the full depth of that understanding has only come in more recent years. At first, it was being asked to be on the board of managers in my home congregation that helped me to understand the full cost of ministry. That was an eye opener! I have heard others say the same thing here at St. Andrew's, when they became aware of the actual financial cost of ministry. Last week the Facilities and Finance team had a message in the newsletter that shared that as a congregation we are falling considerably short of meeting the budget accepted at the annual meeting. In the next weeks, the committee plans to share some actual costs of ministry to help everyone become more aware. These numbers are important.

In light of this, it makes one ponder what is our motivation for giving or tithing, and what does it mean to be stewards? Let's start with the thought that giving to the church is not done from a place of obligation or duty, though that may be some part of it. A more important point may be that the idea of stewardship is to live a generous lifestyle in response to how generous God has been to us. It is about our whole lives and our love for God and others.

Over the next few weeks, let us consider together the idea of stewardship.

Upcoming events around town...

*Christmas Tea—Pinegrove United Church—
Saturday, November 21, from 1—3 p.m.*

*Lakehead Choral Group Christmas Concert
Dec. 2 @ 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes RC Church*

*Christmas Ham Dinner—Knox Shuniah
United Church, Friday, Dec. 4 @ 5 p.m.*

*Carol Sing-along with Lakeview & Friends Choir -
Lakeview Presbyterian, December .4 at 7:30 pm
hot cider and cookies, in support of RFDA*

*Christmas Tea—Westminster United—
December 5 from 1—3:30 p.m.*

*Gentlemen of Harmony Spring Show "Life could be
a Dream" scheduled for May 7/16. Advance
tickets (gifts?) \$20 until December 31/15.*



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Presbyterians

Universal Children's Day

November 20 is Universal Children's Day. In rural Afghanistan, young Tasal spent each day helping his father Zaman raise livestock and cultivate crops on their parcel of land. Tasal was happy to support his family, but because he was busy helping his father during the day, he didn't get the chance to go to school.

Presbyterian World Service & Development's Girls Education Project team conducted meetings in Tasal's village to teach members of the community about the ways that an education can help girls and boys access opportunities for brighter futures. At the end of the session, Zaman was inspired to enroll his son at the local school. "I now understand that it is not only his right to go to school but it is also my responsibility to encourage him and support him," shares Zaman.



FACILITIES & FINANCE

Where does your money go?

To heat the church building, the 2015 bill for Union Gas will be approximately \$17,000. This is a 24% increase from the previous year.

For your information

Proceeds from Flipper Flanagan concert are \$533 for St. Andrew's.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



Stewardship
a way of life

The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship.

We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.

Pope John Paul II

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