

St. Andrew's News

Sunday, December 6, 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.

WELCOME TO JIM

Please join us in welcoming Jim McLean as our new caretaker. Jim began working with us on Tuesday of this past week. Jim will be here Sundays from 8:30 to 12:30, and Mondays to Thursdays, 8:00 to 12 noon.



Week of Dec. 7—12, 2015

Mon	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
Tues	Service at Grandview.....	11:00 am
	Session	7:00 p.m.
Wed	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch with a Difference	12 noon

Today we welcome Susan Dynes to the pulpit, as Rev. Joyce is leading the service in Geraldton.

On Tuesday, Maryellen Fleming will lead the service at Grandview. Sincere thanks to both of these ladies for their service of ministry.



UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES

- December 13—Advent III—worship at 11:00 a.m., and White Gift Sunday
- December 20—Advent IV—Lessons and Carols followed by a potluck
- December 24—Christmas Eve—two services 7:00 candlelight; and 10 p.m. candlelight with Communion
- December 27—Wassail Service at 11:00 a.m. come and join in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy cider and cookies while we worship

WHAT'S HAPPING IN THE OFFICE

During the month of December...

- Lori Gosselin will cover the office while Faye is away, until the new year; Lori will be in the office Mondays to Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- Fridays, Rev. Joyce plans to be in the building, along with the Caring & Contact person

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY



For all youth in grade 5 and up, please join us at Lakeview Presbyterian at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on **Sunday, December 13, 2015**. If you have questions, please contact Will or Sarah.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & CRAFTS

After the carols and lessons service on Sunday, December 20, please stay for our celebration of Christmas potluck and crafts.

We'll meet in Rowand Hall.

Please bring a dish to share.

Craft projects will be available after lunch.



PRESENTS FOR PEACE

It's time! The tree is up, and Advent has begun!

Donations for the Women's Shelters, Elizabeth Fry Society, and St. Andrew's Children's Aid family may be left under the tree in Rowand Hall, until December 13.

Suggested personal needs include socks, mitts, hats, gift cards, or small kitchen items.

Can't get out to shop? Call Jan Sewell at 622-3110.



DESK CALENDARS FOR SALE

The Parish Health Ministry is once again selling 2016 desk calendars featuring more of the windows of St. Andrew's. Proceeds will go to the church operating budget.

The cost for a refill is \$10; the cost for a calendar in case is \$15; and the cost for two is \$20. These are available in church office.

From Rev. Joyce

Today I am leading worship in Geraldton and providing an opportunity for the Presbyterian Church in that community to celebrate communion. We are truly blessed in this congregation to have three capable worship Leaders in Susan Dynes, Larry Hebert, and Maryellen Fleming, who are willing to lead worship when I am away.

Being part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada means that as a Presbytery we are called to care for one another. All Presbyteries have representation from the ministers and representative elders of each congregation within their bounds. In our case we are part of the Presbytery of Superior, which includes St. Andrew's Geraldton, Lakeview Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Calvin Presbyterian, and ourselves. There are three ordained ministers and one lay minister in the Presbytery.

When a congregation is without a minister, then one is appointed by Presbytery to provide for the pastoral, worship, and governance needs of the congregation. As Geraldton has no minister, I have been tasked with oversight along with their session. Though it is mandated through the Presbyterian Church in Canada's polity that this happen, the spirit in which that occurs can vary from place to place. I give thanks that St. Andrew's Thunder Bay welcomes others into the pulpit and supports me in the ministry that must also take place at St. Andrew's Geraldton.

Blessings upon each of you this week as you live out each day in the Spirit of the God who loves us and asks us to share that love with others.

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:

Charlotte Harmatiuk; Megan, Chris, Cameron, and Isabel Harri; Brian, Janice, Amanda, Andrew, and Michael Hartford; Albert and Illona Hathazi; Albert, Rosanna, Alexa and Robert Hathazi.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

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International Day for People with Disabilities



December 3 is International Day for People with Disabilities. When Atanga Yaaji of Ghana was young, he developed an illness that caused him to lose the use of his right leg. While his other siblings got to go to school, Atanga was encouraged to stay home so that his health could improve.

Atanga eventually enrolled at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Centre — an organization supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development that helps people with disabilities improve their quality of life.

Through the centre's vocational training, Atanga became a bicycle fitter, earning enough money to secure his basic needs. When Atanga's illness took his other leg, the program continued to lend support, providing him with a wheelchair and training in agriculture.

Atanga is full of gratitude for the acceptance, faithful care and training he received at Garu.

PWS&D supports people living with disabilities.

FACILITIES & FINANCE

Where does your money go?

The annual insurance costs for the St. Andrew's property is \$9,700.



GIVING ENVELOPES...

Offering Envelopes



It has happened again...

Recently, envelope # 36 was used, yet our records indicate that #36 is unassigned. If you, or someone you know, has #36, please contact the office for proper acknowledgement.

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