

Epiphany
Sunday

St. Andrew's New

Sunday, January 3, 2016

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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.

DIABETES WORKSHOP



The Canadian Diabetes Association is holding a workshop for people with Type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes, and their caregivers to learn tools and gain skills to help you manage diabetes and to take a step towards Healthy Change.

Learn effective tips and strategies in: pain and fatigue management, preventing low blood glucose, exercise & stress management, healthy eating and much more.

The workshop will be held each Thursday from January 28th to March 3rd from 9:30am to 12:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Pre-registration is Required. Please call 345-7339 or register online at www.healthychange.ca.

THANK YOU TO OUR GREETERS

Thank you to Caring and Contact for greeting in December. The Evening Guild will be greeting in January.



NURSERY VOLUNTEER LIST

Volunteers are needed to assist us in the nursery. Adults and older teenagers preferred. The sign up list is on the bulletin board outside the office, or call Sandra Dewsberry @ 475-7239.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Maryellen Fleming for leading today's service.



Week of Jan. 4 - 9, 2015

Mon Fun & Fitness 9:30 a.m.
Tue Facilities & Finance Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Wed Fun & Fitness 9:30 a.m.
Fri Worship Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.



SESSION REQUEST...

Attention all Groups and Committees: We ask that your annual report submission for 2015 be forwarded to the church office by January 15th.

BOOKEEPER REQUEST IT'S YEAR END!



Year End is coming! Anyone with 2015 receipts for reimbursement is requested to hand them in before Jan 15th.



FACILITIES & FINANCE

Where does your money go?

To operate the Sunday School for our children it cost \$600 in 2015.

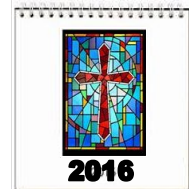
Want more details on where your money goes? Join us at our Annual General Meeting held after church and a luncheon on Sunday February 21st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

Sunday School will be taking a 2 week Christmas break. There will be no Sunday School on Dec 27th and Jan 3rd. We will resume on Jan 10th.



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 a case is \$15; and the cost for two is \$20.

From Rev. Joyce

Happy New Year! This year my family brought in the New Year in a new way. We celebrated the marriage of one of my nephews. In fact, it will be a couple more days before I arrive back home from Alberta where the celebration took place. New Years can, for many, bring the sense of new hope - there is a reason people make New Year's resolutions. For Ken and I there is also the anticipation of new birth with the arrival of our first grandchild later this month. And though we sit in the middle of winter, people often wait for spring knowing that it brings about the renewal of creation through flowing streams, growing gardens, and green grass.

Newness and hope. In a church that is 106 years old where do we find our newness that brings life and hope. This is a question I have been pondering for sometime as I am sure others have done for a long time before me. I have a longing to find ways to connect with the families that are a part of St. Andrew's and to touch others through how we minister to the community. The Visiting ministry has been an answer to prayer that I have had from the time I arrived at St. Andrew's. This team was established this past fall to help in bringing the love of our congregation to those who call St. Andrew's their church. The team's focus is on people of the congregation for whom access to the church is limited or non-existent, though its reach is not necessarily limited to that group. Now I find that my prayer is for the younger families of St. Andrew's.

I do not know how God is calling us to show the love of God to our children and their families, I know that many of them attend here at least periodically. Other children who were baptized here never have opportunity to learn more about God's love for them and the love we have for them. I ask that you might join me in a prayer for discernment, guidance, and wisdom, that as a congregation we would know God's desire for our ministry to families. Then let us share the possibilities with one another. I trust that God will guide us and bless us when we pay attention, listen, and act in accordance to God's will. Amen.



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:

Lisa Jack; Joyce Jefferson; Jon, Bonnie, Cameron & Hannah Johnsen; Jean Johnson; Allen & Kathy Johnston; Janice Joseph.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Dec 27th 2015 & Jan 3rd 2016

Food Assistance a Relief for Families in Pakistan



Narso and her family used to grow enough nutritious food on their small parcel of land to last them for months. But a severe drought affecting large swaths of land in Pakistan destroyed grain crops and left the family—and many others in the village—without enough food to eat. Narso and her husband are disabled, so their only source of income during the drought was the small earnings of their youngest son, who worked as a helper in a house a village away. In response, Presbyterian World Service & Development collaborated with local partners to distribute food packages to families affected by the drought. “I have been saved from taking out loans, selling my livestock and borrowing food,” shares Narso.

PWS&D responds with food assistance

Advocating for Refugees

Presbyterians Sharing supports Action Réfugiés Montréal as it advocates for refugees in Montreal and beyond, promoting partnerships for mutual empowerment among people in refugee and faith communities and society at large. Through its detention, sponsorship and twinning programs ARM provides hope and assistance while raising awareness of refugee rights. The Twinning Program pairs newly-arrived refugee women with women volunteers, helping to break isolation, create unique bonds of friendship and introduce the women to realities they might never have otherwise encountered. The twins meet at least six hours per month for at least six months, and also participate in regular group activities hosted by ARM, including potlucks, information sessions and collective cooking.

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