

St. Andrew's News

Sunday, January 10, 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.

Week of Jan. 11—16, 2016

Mon	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
Tues	Service at Grandview	11:00 am
	Session meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
Wed	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch with a Difference.....	12 noon
Thu	Heritage Committee meeting.....	9:30 a.m.
Fri	Parish Health Team	12:15 p.m.
	Worship Resource Team	1:30 p.m.

MISSION AND OUTREACH



Members of Mission and Outreach would like to *thank everyone* who gave to the Presents for Peace projects for 2015. Your generosity helped us to support the two Women's Shelters, Elizabeth Fry Society, as well as this season's special project, the CAS (Children's Aid Society) hamper program.

Note for next Sunday, January 17, 2016

The Parish Health Ministry will hold a blood pressure clinic following the service.



Members of the **Evening Guild** will host a coffee hour after the service.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2016, following the service.

To help us prepare for the meeting, for you, please have all committee reports into the office by January 15, 2016.

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT & POTLUCK

First Presbyterian Church invites members of all local Presbyterian churches to a family games night and potluck **at First**, on Saturday, January 16, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



The **Seekers** group will host a *fundraising Chili Luncheon* after the service and prior to the meeting.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

Learn effective tips and strategies to live with your diabetes— pain and fatigue management, preventing low blood glucose, exercise and stress management, healthy eating and much more.



The workshops will be held each Thursday from January 28 to March 3, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

ASANTE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Thunder Bay is honoured once again to host the African Children's Choir who share a glimpse of their music and culture with us. The three concerts for their **Freedom Rising Tour** are scheduled for:

- * January 22 at St. Paul's Anglican at 7:00 p.m.
- * January 23 at Hilldale Lutheran at 2:00 p.m.
- * January 24 at St. Paul's United at 2:00 p.m.



Pre-registration is required.

Please call 345-7339 or register online at www.healthychange.ca.

From Rev. Joyce

To be Christian means to be in community with others. It is basic to our baptismal vows. We pledge that we will teach our children about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, by our own example of how to live as a Christian person, and through teaching at home.

The vows taken during the Sacrament of Baptism are also between the family and the congregation. Families agree that the church will be given the opportunity to help raise their children to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Since the 1700's, the church has mainly done this through providing for Christian education via Sunday School, and for a long time this has worked well.

It could be that it is still the way to go, but I am curious, given today's changing expectation for extracurricular activities, various family dynamics, and the fact that Sunday may be the only day that families have for being quiet together; whether or not a different way of teaching and being together as community beyond Sunday morning is something to consider.

I wonder whether you might be willing to have some conversations with the families and young people in your lives. Let's begin with conversation and prayer and see where God leads us in coming together as a community that teaches, loves, learns, laughs, prays, and serves together.



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:

Nicolette Joyce; Joanne Kembel; Cheryl and Cedric Kibsey; Lois Kibsey; Evelyn Kinsman; Allyson Kirk; Alyssa Kirk; Dave Klages; Gayle Niemi-Klassen, David, Dallas, Dayle, and Devin Klassen; Ann Korcheski; Gladys Kozak; Liisa Kraft; Lana Lang; and Jennifer Laroque, Russel Cohen, and Lexi Lu Stewart.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Presbyterians

The key is good soil

Subsistence farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America make up more than 70 per cent of the world's hungry. While Canada has a good track record for supporting agriculture in its aid programs, the aid budget for agricultural development has been on the decline. Good Soil is an ongoing campaign of Canadian Foodgrains Bank that aims to strengthen government funding for small-scale agriculture.

Increased funding will not only help farmers improve their yields and adapt to changes in climate, it will stimulate economic growth, improve opportunities for women, enhance vital nutrition for children and promote environmental sustainability.

Learn more about the issue at www.foodgrainsbank.ca/good-soil.

PWS&D is working toward a world without hunger



FACILITIES & FINANCE



Where does your money go?

Building maintenance (not including restoration work) annual costs are \$3,060.

INTENTIONALLY AND FREELY

Christian giving is not haphazard, but planned with thoughtfulness and prayer. We give, not because we have to or ought to, but because we want to.



"Each of you must give as you have made up your own mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion...."

2 Corinthians 9:7

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