

St. Andrew's News

Sunday, January 17, 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.

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.



Week of Jan. 18—22, 2016

- Mon** Fun & Fitness 9:30 a.m.
- Tue** Visiting Team 2:00 p.m.
- Wed** Fun & Fitness 9:30 a.m.
- Thu** Heritage Committee meeting..... 9:30 a.m.

Following Today's service..

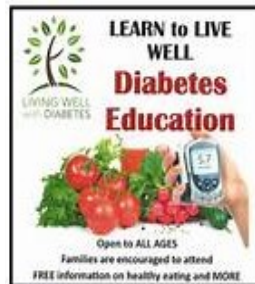
The Parish Health Ministry will hold a blood pressure clinic, and

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



DIABETES WORKSHOPS

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.

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

HERITAGE COMMITTEE UPDATE



There is a new collection on the Heritage Wall...

Pictures of all the babies baptized during 2015, along with their parents, are there for you to see.

The Committee presents each new member of our church family with a *commemorative Teddy Bear*, wearing a "Presbyterian Blue" bow, or a knitted scarf, depending on the season.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



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

To stay informed, please plan to attend.

To help us prepare for your meeting, please have all committee reports are due in the office.

FACILITIES & FINANCE

Where does your money go?

Annual maintenance costs to keep our elevator operational are \$5,295.00



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



From Rev. Joyce

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is a three-year cycle of readings from the scriptures. The RCL as is in common use today was released in 1994, after nine years of consultation among various denominations. It did not come of its own, but was preceded by a number of other lectionary calendars of scriptural readings that provided a basis with which the RCL was developed.

Each week there is a prescribed reading from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Epistles, and the Gospels. Some congregations read all four readings each week; others, like here at St. Andrew's, may use one or more. Some congregations never use the lectionary; others, which can also happen here, use it most of the time but will periodically choose to take a different course of readings. Choosing the scripture readings for each worship service is part of my work as minister.

Over the next three weeks, there are suggested readings in the RCL from 1 Corinthians chapters 12 and 13, which I am planning to use as the basis for our worship (though the arrival of a grand-baby will likely interrupt that plan to some degree!).

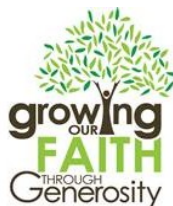
And now you also have some background on how scriptures are chosen each week.



HOW THEN SHOULD WE GIVE?

Cheerfully... We give, not until it hurts, but until it feels good. We learn that giving is a joyful act.

“God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7



THUNDER BAY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Thunder Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra will present

For the Love of Music, a Symphonic Valentine

on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
at the Community Auditorium.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for students and children.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Presbyterians

Stay related to us; keep us in your prayers



Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support and strengthen connections with international mission partners. The PCC has had a close relationship with the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon for thirty years. This has included the presence of personnel teaching at the seminary, visits to the school to learn about issues in Middle Eastern theological education and financial support for special initiatives.

At the 2015 General Assembly, Dr. George Sabra, President of NEST, asked that we continue to partner with Christians in the Middle East. “Stay related to us,” he said. “Stay aware of what is happening to us; encourage us and support us morally, spiritually and materially.

And above all, keep us in your prayers to God almighty, the Lord of our lives and of all history, in whose love and mercy our ancestors, our parents and grandparents, have always trusted.”

Presbyterians Sharing strengthens partnerships

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:

Kara Kornylo; Tessa, Curtis, Bailey, Melanie, and Shayna Larson; Bob Latimer; Jack and Lois Laughton; Fiona and Richard Lawrence; Nathan, Mary Beth, and Benjamin Lawrence; and Don LeCocq.



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