

St. Andrew's News

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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 Mar 21 - 27, 2016

Mon	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
	Core Group	11:00 a.m.
Tues	Seekers	7:30 p.m.
Wed	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
Thurs	Communion Service	7:00 p.m.
Fri	Good Friday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sun	Communion Service	11:00 a.m.



DINNER AUCTION APRIL 7TH

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Dinner Auction on April 7th, 6:30 p.m., at the Columbus Centre (corner of May & Arthur Streets) in support of the Restoration Committee and ongoing efforts to renovate and repair St. Andrew's. This very popular evening of fellowship and good fun will consist of a Live Auction let by auctioneer Peter Kantola, and a Silent Auction let by Jan Sewell. Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$10 for Children under 12. We ask for your support by purchasing tickets for this night of great food and entertainment *PLUS* we ask that you consider donating a prize for auction (examples include: art, antiques, service items, restaurant/hotel gift certificates, new tools/tackle/sporting goods/entertainment items, etc). *Gluten free* meals are available for the event; send your request to John by March 30th. Contact John Mason at 620-3836 to buy tickets (feel free to invite neighbors and friends) and donate a prize. **Thank you!**

CURLING

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 Congregational Curling:
 Sunday, April 10, 2016 at
 Fort William Curling Club.

Fee is \$5.00 each. A sign up sheet will be in the main office.



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers provide a wonderful opportunity to remember friends and family.

Did you know that your contributions will help to provide flowers throughout the year?!

Please contact Kaitlin in the main office with Your contribution and the names of those you wish to remember no later than: Tuesday, March 22, 2016.



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:



Cathy Paton; Norma Patterson; Stephanie Patterson; Kathie, Jamie & Sara Pawlik; Gordon & Marjorie Pawson; Alison Peat; Christine Peat & Fraser Coull; Judy Persian & Jude Atherton; David, Victoria & Lincoln Peterson; Ashley Pianka; Len, Jo-Lynn, Kamryn & Robert Pilkington; Shari, Bill & Kelli Pinner; Jack & Diane Playford; Susan Priddle.

COFFEE HOUR...

After church today, hosted by St. Aidan's Guild. Let us join together for a time of refreshments and fellowship.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Worship
 with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
 at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship
 with Holy Communion
 at 11:00 a.m.



From Rev. Joyce



Sometimes we just need to celebrate the blessings the we experience. Though the annual meeting occurred nearly a month ago, I still wanted to share with you some good news about our financial year end. Turns out, that there were those who chose to give generously to the church in the last weeks of 2015 and we managed a surplus of \$2827.00 in our general operating fund! We could hardly believe it, as all indicators throughout the year and even into the first part of December showed that we would end in a deficit position. As a church, we are deeply grateful for these acts of generous giving. Though the church is about faith, teaching, love, and mission, it is also true that without generous givers we would not be able to reach out to the community as we do or worship in this place that brings much joy and peace to so many. Generous giving allows for the bills to get paid, from staffing to utilities and supplies for the washrooms. Generous giving also enables us to open the doors for activities such as Fun and Fitness, Sparks and Girl Guides, the Diabetes Association, as well as, the Thunder Bay Community Choir's Advent rehearsals and concert, to name just a few.

Evaluating our personal financial offerings to the church can be an important part of our faith journey. We give in response to God's provision and blessing in our lives. Rather than giving till it hurts, we choose to give until it feels good, and in a way that feels like we are truly responding to God's call on our lives. Not only is generous giving important to the work of our church, but so is regular giving. With our ability to travel, but also being away due to illness, or just wanting to enjoy a Sunday at home, sometimes our gifts to the church become sporadic. Ministry from this place happens consistently. Your gifts given regularly through offering envelopes or through Pre-Authorized bank withdrawals makes an enormous difference in our ability to do ministry today and plan for the future. Today we celebrate! Today, we look forward in hope for the ongoing and blessed ministry of this congregation.

SACRED MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Thunder Bay Community Choir - Directed by Mary McGhee. Joy Fahrenbruck and Marcella Smithers, Accompanists and special guest musicians.

Trinity United Church, 30 South Algoma Street.
Friday, March 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Freewill offering accepted in support of Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay.

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Stay related to us; keep us in your prayers



March 22 is World Water Day

One way our church is helping vulnerable families lead healthier lives is by improving their access to clean water. In Lyness's village in Malawi, inadequate toilets led to the contamination of open water sources and the spread of illnesses like diarrhea. But all that has changed. A Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported program helped build sanitation platforms in Lyness's village. These platforms improve the cleanliness of the latrine, its safety and ease of use. "My family no longer suffers from diarrhea as a result of poor sanitation and hygiene," shares Lyness. Clean water and proper sanitation facilities are improving the health and well-being of vulnerable communities in our global village.

PWS&D responds to provide clean water

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR DIABETES!

The Community Care Access Centre is hosting a PEP Talk: Diabetes, Healthy Feet and You an educational workshop, here at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To register contact the North West Community Care Access Centre at: 766-2805 or by email: jenny.su@nw.ccac-ont.ca
Family Members Welcome!



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

This months Blood Pressure Clinic will take place **TODAY** after the service



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Church Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.