

St. Andrew's News



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
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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 Apr 10 - 17, 2016

Mon	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30 a.m.
Tues	Evening Guild.....	12:30 p.m.
	Riverview Hogarth Service	11:00 a.m.
	Session Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
Wed	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch with a Difference.....	12:00 noon
Sun	Blood Pressure Clinic.....	After Service

ANNUAL CHURCH FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE...

will be held on: Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is time to set aside items to the flea market and



BAKE SALE

donations should be brought to the church during the week before the sale, books can be brought



anytime. We are also looking for helpers for the flea market both for set up on Friday and for Selling on Saturday. Contact Marian Childs at 577-1324 if interested in helping in any way.

MEN'S ANNUAL SPRING TEA

Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 278 Camelot St. will be hosting their Men's Annual Spring Tea on Saturday, April 23rd from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door or by calling the church office at 345-8823.

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:



Mary & Steve Sipos; Gary & Joe Smith; Joyce Smith; Robert Smith; Joyce Snowdon; Bruce Snyder; Larry & Cathy Sochackey; Michael, Shannon, Allyson, Jadelynn, Austyn, Jordyn, & Syerra Sochackey; Volli & Fran Soer; Marcus & Andrea Steinhäusser; Marilyn Stolz; Barbara, James, Jay, Karen & Leslie Storeshaw; Kristine, Alexandra & Michael Stubbs.



CONGREGATIONAL CURLING EVENT CANCELLED.

THE BOOK OF ACTS - The church's story begins...

For those who like to read ahead, sermons in the coming weeks will focus on the following scriptures:

*April 10 Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); The conversion of Saul

*April 17 Acts 9:36-43; Peter in Lydda and Joppa

*April 24 Acts 11:1-18;

Peter's report to the church at Jerusalem

*May 1 Acts 16:9-15; Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia/The conversion of Lydia



IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TARTAN WEEK...

Thunder Bay Police Pipe Band & First Presbyterian Church in support of ALS Canada are pleased to present:

Thunder Bay Police Pipe Band & Friends in an Afternoon Variety Show of Celtic Music & Dance on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each. Call the First Presbyterian Church office

At 623-0717,

Tuesday to Friday 1-4 p.m.

Posters will be posted on the bulletin boards



From Rev.



There is a discussion happening in the broader context of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) regarding human sexuality, leadership in the church and marriage. This year was established by the 141st General Assembly to be a year of study and prayer regarding human sexuality. Questions have consistently and persistently been presented to the General Assembly (GA) of the church over the last twenty years or so, in the form of what the church calls overtures. Of 37 overtures addressed to the 2015 GA, 24 had to do with issues of sexual orientation and the church and related issues. So this is an important conversation. The Session of St. Andrew's has studied documents that were prepared for churches to aid discussions and desire that the people in the congregation be given a chance to be a part of the conversation as well. To that end materials are available online or can be requested through Joyce. There is also a series of videos that were recorded at Chedoke Presbyterian Church in Hamilton where a presbytery wide event took place to give people a chance to learn about the conversation around human sexuality and the PCC.

As for our congregation, there will be opportunity Thursday May 5th at 7:00 pm in Grant Hall to participate in the discussion. If you plan to attend please also plan to do the work of viewing videos and/or reading the Body, Mind and Soul study guide. We want to have an informed discussion and it would be good if everyone came in with some of the background. Below is a list of websites that can be accessed for information. These links will also be provided on the church's website. We look forward to a lively and respectful discussion as the Presbyterian Church in Canada seeks to discern a way forward.

The following link will take you to a number of documents of the PCC
<http://presbyterian.ca/sexuality/#open-for-information-about-overtures-and-feedback>

The following link is provided by the Presbytery of Hamilton. Both videos or transcripts of the videos are available.
<http://www.presbykirk.com/humansexuality.html>

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Stay related to us; keep us in your prayers



Serving God in Guatemala

Presbyterians Sharing supports Chantel Cole, an International Development Studies student who is on a ten-month work placement in Guatemala. Chantel is a Program Assistant with the community-based Maya-Mam Association for Research and Development, a PWS&D partner organization. AMMID's work is dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable people – particularly the Maya-Mam indigenous community – in the town of Comitancillo. This community, much like other indigenous communities in Guatemala, has historically been marginalized. Chantel shares, "The people of Comitancillo have been warm, kindhearted, great-spirited and supporting. They have opened up their little town to me and have made me feel very welcome here and for that, I am sincerely grateful."

Presbyterians Sharing helps students gain hands-on experience

UPCOMING PANCAKE BRUNCH

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, the IOOF will host a pancake brunch after the service. All are welcome. The cost is \$7 per adult; & kids under 12 are free.



FACILITIES & FINANCE

Where does your money go?

For 2016 we have budgeted \$4000.00 for plowing the parking lot.

So far we've used \$1622.00



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Church Office Hours

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