

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 Apr 25 - May 1, 2016

Mon Fun & Fitness 9:30 a.m.
Tues St. Aidan's 11:30 a.m.
Wed Fun & Fitness 9:30 a.m.
Sat Bake Sale & Flea Market 9:30 a.m.

The Shack By: William Young

NY Time #1 Bestseller: for 52 consecutive weeks, 172 weeks running. Over 20 million copies sold, translated into 40+ different languages & now a movie with a release date of November 18th, 2016. If you want to read the book and enjoy a conversation about *The Shack*, then plan to buy it or get it from the Library. There will be an evening of desert and conversation 7:00 pm Friday, May 13th at Rev. Joyce's house. If you are planning to participate email or call Joyce.

ANNUAL CHURCH FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE...

will be held *THIS* coming 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 donations should be brought to the church this week. 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.

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 24 Guest Worship Leader – Will Newton
*May 1 Acts 16:9-15; Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia/The conversion of Lydia

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: **Jack, Debbie, Courtney & Kristen Wall; Nancy Wallace; Kelly, Dawn, Julia, Olivia & Ryan Walsh; Larry & Paulette Waugh & Ashley Theriault; David & Mary Welby; Mary West; Geraldine White; Shirley White; Bill, Louise, Hailey, Mallory & Tammison Whitelock; Mary Willianen; Denis, Catherine, Ken & Kevin Winko; Ruth Wright & Betty Wyer**



CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION

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 is an important conversation. 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.

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>

The following link will take you to an independent webpage: *Presbyterians Standing for Apostolic Love and Truth*. www.psalt.info



From Facilities & Finance,

As Joyce is away this week the Facilities and Finance committee are taking this opportunity to take over the column for this week!



As a committee we have been very intentional in our decision making. Staff and committees have stayed within budget limits. Yet, it was due to the amazing generosity of the congregation that we actually had a surplus of just over \$2000.00 this past year - something that we had not expected at all. As many of you are aware we managed to present a balanced budget for approval at the Annual Meeting of the congregation in February. If all things go as predicted, we will hopefully come out \$16.00 in the black. You may find that number rather humorous, but it is truly a feat!

Still in 2016 there are things that we did not budget for as it would not have been fiscally wise, but we dream about things we could do and so we decided to put together a wish list and see if there were things that would spur interest for individuals in the congregation in a way that they might like to partially or completely sponsor certain wish list items. Your sponsorship could be acknowledged publicly, as we are always happy to share our good news. Or recognition could be done more privately if that is more your style. Either way, the generosity is valued and appreciated. This list will change and be updated throughout the year, so with joy and hope we share the beginnings of the congregational wish list:

- Guest Musicians**.....\$50 - \$150 per guest
- Hymn Licensing**.....\$713.00
(so that we can have the hymns in the large print bulletins)
- Floor Waxing**.....\$700.00 (approx.)
- New computers/software for office**...(total \$4,110)
- Computer for Secretary**.....\$1250.00
- Computer for Bookkeeper**.....\$1250.00
- New version of ChurchWatch software**..\$960.00
- New version of Accounting Software (Sage)**..\$400.00
- Cheque-writing printer**.....\$250.00
- Carillon Bells repair and upgrade** – (so that our bells will ring again) – still working on the cost.

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Stay related to us; keep us in your prayers



Nepal Earthquake – One Year Later

When the 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on April 25, 2015—one year ago—it seemed to Saraswati Purkoti that all hope was lost. The single mother lost her home and livelihood in the tragic disaster. “I was cutting grass with my son when the earth started trembling. We hugged each other, crying,” she shares. With support from Presbyterian World Service & Development, Saraswati has been provided with seeds and tools to build a greenhouse. She is now earning a steady income as a vegetable farmer and her children no longer go to bed hungry. PWS&D, in collaboration with partners at the ACT Alliance, is helping people touched by this tragedy rebuild their livelihoods and find the strength to move forward.

PWS&D provides support after natural disasters

WHEN IN HOSPITAL...

When visiting at the Regional Hospital Rev. Joyce only has access to a list of patients designated St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Unfortunately, only 40% of the patients have any religion listed. In order to receive a visit when in the hospital, please have a family member or friend notify the church office that you are in the hospital and would appreciate a visit.



CHEERFULLY

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

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7



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Church Office Hours

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