

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 May 16 - 22, 2016

Mon Fun & Fitness..... 9:30 a.m.
Wed Fun & Fitness..... 9:30 a.m.

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES

Our own St. Andrew's Girl Guides troops will be selling those delicious Girl Guide cookies *TODAY*, after the service. The cost is \$5/box. Mmmmm! You know you want'em!



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:

Darlene & Robert Belanger; Judy Bell; Shannon, Jonathon & Millie Bell; Deborah & Lindsay Bennett; Mona Berry; Diane & Ben Berube; Bruce & Sheila Bowie; Bev Boyington; Greg & Evelyn Brown; Brad, Erin & Brian Bruce; and Doreen Bruce.



RESPONDING TO THE FORT MCMURRAY FIRES

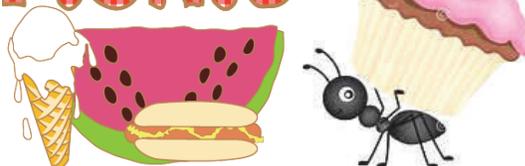
Donations to support immediate relief and long-term rebuilding for people affected by the fires may be made to Presbyterian World Service & Development for "Alberta Fires". Donations can be received by the office or offering plate and forwarded to PWS&D (*Indicate the gift is for "Alberta Fires" on memo line*) or if you would prefer, give online at Presbyterian.ca and indicate "Alberta Fires". Call 1-800-619-7301 to donate with a credit card. For more updates see Presbyterian.ca

CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 12

St. Andrew's potluck picnic will be held on:
Sunday, June 12th after the service
at South Neebing Community Center 1841 Mountain Road.

Please bring your own plates and cutlery. We hope to see you there for a time of fun and fellowship.

PICNIC



THANK YOU

We raised \$1,125.00 in the Flea Market & \$1,151.00 in the Bake Sale, so a great big Thank You to everyone who donated, volunteered and purchased items & sweet treats to make our Bake Sale & Flea Market such a wonderful success.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Stay related to us;
keep us in your prayers



PWS&D Responds to Floods in Pakistan

In 2015, the district of Sajawal in Pakistan experienced the worst flooding in years. Heavy, monsoon rains compounded with melting glaciers in the north washed away homes, roads and infrastructure. Over 200 people lost their lives in the devastating torrent. When waters receded, fields and crops were damaged, meaning many farm families went hungry. In response, Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Food grains Bank, provided emergency food packages to meet the nutritional needs of over 2,000 families affected by the flood. The food packages—containing flour, legumes, oil and salt—relieved families of hunger for five consecutive months and brought renewed strength to those beginning to rebuild their livelihoods.

PWS&D provides food assistance for families

From Rev. Joyce,



Since January I have been participating in an online course the last Wednesday of the month and it runs until the 3rd week of June. The course is called *Starting Well* and is an opportunity for ministers, in their first years of ministry, to reflect on their experiences and also get some instruction on such things as conflict resolution, group dynamics, time management, and self-care. It is offered through the Toronto School of Theology which has seven Christian denominations involved. Both the instructors happen to be Presbyterian ministers and this year all of the participants are also Presbyterians. A number of the participants were fellow-students in my years at seminary.

One requirement of the course is that each person must prepare a case study to present to the class. The instructions say to, "Think of an experience that has had an impact on you, that challenged you and about which you still have some questions and/or concerns." Now I have had any number of experiences that have impacted me and challenged me since my arrival here in Sept 2013, but I had to admit to the class that there were none about which I still had some questions and/or concerns. I am thankful for this, as it means that somehow as diverse as we are in our thinking, and with the challenges we have faced together, this congregation has been supportive and honest. Some people have come to me when they had concerns, particularly when I was doing or saying something they had questions about, and I pray this will continue. For those who do have questions and concerns, and you have not approached me I hope that you feel that, should you choose, you can speak with me. I have also said and believe, that I have the best Session in all of Canada! This considerate, dedicated, and faithful group have done much to help me lead in ministry. I give thanks for St. Andrew's and that my first few years in ministry have been some of the most extraordinary years of my life!

From Facilities & Finance:

Thank you to those who donated for the Carillon Bells. We now have enough to repair them.

We are still hoping to find sponsors to help cover all or part of the cost of waxing the floors (\$700.00) and to cover all or part of the cost to replace our ancient, and failing computer equipment and software (\$4110.00).

If there is an item or part of an item that speaks to you and you wish to contribute we will be please to accept and, if you wish, you can be recognized by name in the following week's newsletter.

The Book of Rose By Alex Macdonald

*A book that may inspire you with a
Thunder Bay theme and a life of faith*

This collection of short stories welcomes you to the world of Rose MacLeod. A world filled with lake captains & lawyers, cops & bootleggers, ministers & killers, & always the birds. She lived for a century on the western shores of Lake Superior and she was much loved by God. She carried that love everywhere she went, spreading kindness always treating loved ones & strangers alike. She lived through wars & Depression she was at one with her God. Above the door to her home she'd painted the words "All Are Welcome Here" & those are the words she lived by. *This book is available at Amazon for \$16.00.*

OFF THE TOP

As an expression of trust in God's providential care, we give off the top of our income instead of what is left over after everything else has been looked after.

*"Honour the Lord
your God with
your substance
and with the first
fruits of all your
produce."
Proverbs 3:9*

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Church Office Hours

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