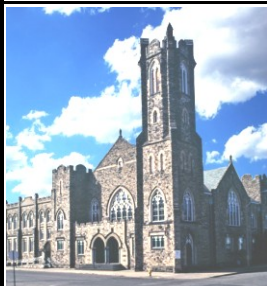


# St. Andrew's News

Website: [www.standrewspres-tbaytel.ca](http://www.standrewspres-tbaytel.ca)

Presbyterian Sharing Sunday

September 25, 2016



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 assistance. We invite guests to sign our guest

book located at the back of the sanctuary.

## HERITAGE COMMITTEE NEWS

Church Camp was a GREAT success! Check out the pictures on the Heritage Wall of Camps past and present.

Also notice the new system for hanging pictures is being used for the first time!

## THANK YOU

to Susan Dynes for leading service this morning!



## 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:

**Alice Munro; Bob & Marilyn Munro; Ian, Joan & Kyle Munro; Betty Murphy; Louise Nastor; Paul Niemi; Heather, Sandy, Jessi, Marlys & Tanner Niskanen; Michael, Janet, Lian & Sean O'Connor; Patricia O'Neill; Derek Oger.**



## PASTA TAKEOUT!



Buongiorno! Pasta Takeout is coming to St. Andrew's on Sunday October 16th from Noon to 1:00pm! Takeout only. Tickets are \$10.00, available in advance from

the office on weekdays or after church on October 2nd & 9th. Containers are provided.

## Week of Sept 26 - Oct 2, 2016

**Mon 26th** Fun & Fitness..... 9:30am

**Tue 27th** St Aidan's Meeting..... 11:30am

**Wed 20th** Fun & Fitness..... 9:30am

Worship Committee Meeting.... 2:30pm

## Upcoming for Sunday October 2



October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. We welcome gifts of breads from around the world for this Sunday. Some will be used for display at our communion and some will be available to try at the coffee hour that will be held after the service. Please join us.

## SUMMER CAMP—THANK YOU!

The Camp Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make Pres-B-Camp 2016 a success. Whether you donated money, time or supplies, you helped to ensure 45 youth had an amazing week this summer. Thank you!



## PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

### Determined to Rise Above Hunger

Witness Ngofi used to have no trouble harvesting enough food for her family in Malawi. But periods of erratic, unpredictable weather have made it increasingly difficult for her to protect her crops. When Witness heard that a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported conservation agriculture program was starting in her village, she signed up right away. Conservation agriculture is a system of farming that helps revitalize the soil and increase yields. The process was challenging at first—the methods strayed from traditional farming and prompted discouraging remarks from other farmers. But despite having little rain, Witness's crop of maize was soon thriving. As her plot continued to flourish, she became a role model for other farmers determined to overcome hunger for the long-term.

*PWS&D supports food security for subsistence farmers*



## What our Church does in the Community



**Lunch With a Difference** ~ Sept. to June ~ held the second Wed. of each month to provide fellowship to those who might otherwise not have someone to share a meal and conversation. This tasty operation runs on donations from each guest. To join us at the lunch, contact the office (622-4273).

**Mission & Outreach** ~ active in St. Andrew's, Thunder Bay, NW Ontario, Canada and Haiti! Funds Lifewater Inc., schools in Haiti, missionary initiatives, Shelter House, TBay Food Bank, Con College & Lakehead U food bank drives, Presents for Peace, Children's Aid Society Christmas Appeal, and the Christmas Cheer Fund. Mission & Outreach works at a local, national and international level. To join contact John Mason at 577-4043

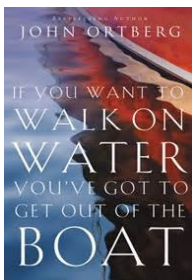
**THANK YOU** to the members of St Aidan's Guild for greeting in September. Members of St. Andrew's Seekers will be greeting in October.



### BOOK STUDY

Rev. Joyce is planning a book study based on the 2002 Christianity Today Book Award winner, *If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the boat.*

In this book, author, John Ortberg, invites you to consider the potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. "The choice is yours to know God as only a water-walker can, aligning yourself with God's purpose for your life in the process."



Choose from the following multi-part sessions:

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov 7 & 14  
(Mon 7:00—8:30)

OR

Oct 6, 13, 20, Nov 3, 10 & 17  
(Thu 1:30—3:00)

You're required to purchase the book. The study guide is optional but very helpful. If you require help finding a copy & to register please see Rev. Joyce.

### FOCUSING ON THE STORIES OF JESUS

Next Sunday, Oct 2, we will be looking at Luke 17:5-10 Some Sayings of Jesus.



## From Rev. Joyce,



I was pondering how seasons in life overlap. Churches are just beginning their programs. Schools, universities, colleges, and tech schools are beginning a new year. Children are being born, while others are watching loved ones come to the end of life. I have family that is watching that happen at the same time.

Ken, my husband, a farmer at heart, was called on by his brother just over a week ago to see if he could come and help with harvest. Harvest is the end of the season for farmers and gardeners alike. And yes, he left for Alberta! I noticed from my backyard that trees in the area are just beginning to get tinges of gold. All of this goes on the world 'round; our summer is another's winter, our harvest just the starting of planting for some. In most parts of Canada, we experience the seasons also through the amount of daylight we get in a day. In the most extreme examples it is darkness for 24 hours in the winter and daylight for 24 hours in the summer.

We also experience seasons in our spiritual lives. One lifetime can hold many spiritual beginnings, or maybe awakenings might be a better word. There are seasons of darkness, when God seems very far away, though it is more likely that we are the ones pulling away from God, and there are seasons when the light is bright and our faith is strong. As a church it is our hope that we are able to meet people where they are at - in seasons of darkness, light, planting or harvest. May our community of faith reflect this openness in our work, worship, fellowship, and love.

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#### **Sunday Worship - 11:00 am**

Office Hours: Mon. to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm