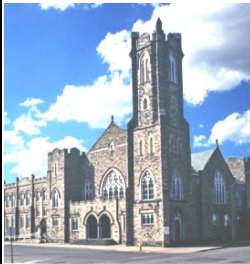


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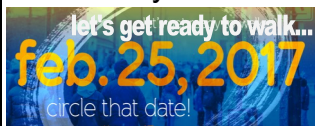
February 19, 2017



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.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

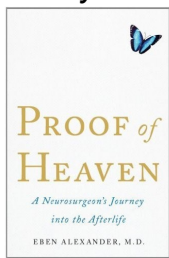
On Sat. Feb 25th, Grace Place, partnered with "The Coldest Night of the Year" organization, is hosting a 2km, 5km or 10km walk in the south core of Thunder Bay where participants can experience what it's like to be on the streets during a cold winter night. The walk starts at 5:00pm (registration at 3:30pm) at The Summit Church (515 N. Syndicate Ave.). Money raised will go to replacing Grace Place's roof. Recruit family & friends to captain your own team or join the "Holy Strollers" Grace Place team online at www.coldestnightoftheyear.org/location/thunderbay or call Melody at 627-9848.



Registration is \$25 (& receive a toque & chili dinner). The fee is waived if the walker raises \$150.

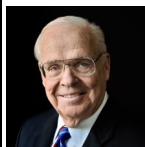
ONE NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling account of a neurosurgeon's own near-death experience. Mar 31st 7:15 @ Rev. Joyce's house. All are welcome. RSVP Joyce & be sure to have read the book. Background & reviews available on amazon.ca



CANADA IN THE WORLD OF TRUMP

As part of our Canada 150 Speaker Series, we are delighted to welcome, Derek Burney, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States, to speak on "Canada in the World of Trump" on March 2nd at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20. Call the office (623-4273) to guarantee your tickets.



Week of Feb 20 — 26, 2017

- Mon 20th Closed for Family Day
- Wed 22nd Fun & Fitness..... 9:30am
- Thu 23rd Restoration Fundraising Cmte 12:00pm
Prayers in Chapel 3:30pm

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

-1 Chronicles 16:34



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:

Barbara & Dick Facca; Anne, Chris, David, Eric & Graham Robertshaw; Trish, James & Andrew Finlay; Bob & Maryellen Fleming; Darryl & Leona Fleming; Jennie Fleming; Madge Forbes.

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

World Day of Social Justice (Feb. 20)

Presbyterian World Service & Development responds to situations where poverty and gender power imbalances prevent women who are victims of sexual violence from seeking treatment and the assistance to combat this widespread injustice. PWS&D works for social justice by promoting the rights of vulnerable groups and removing barriers that prevent individuals from meeting basic needs. After being raped at home, a young woman in Haiti received medical care, emotional support and counsel through PWS&D's program. Her words of gratitude are a testament to just how impactful the project is: "If today I can keep my head up and live my life, it is thanks to you. Please keep up with the good work you are doing."

PWS&D works to restore human dignity



POT LUCK & SLEIGH RIDE

It's time for that wonderful tradition of St. Andrew's Annual Sleigh Ride and Pot Luck! Join us on Sun Feb 26 from 4-7pm at Gammondale Farms (426 McCluskey Dr). Apple Crisp and Ice Cream is provided. Please, because of severe allergies, no seafood or nuts. The cost is \$12/person, \$30 per family (parents and children).



GIRL GUIDES NO LONGER MEETING

Girl Guides will not be meeting for the remainder of the year and so they will not be needing any more plastic milk bags for the time being. Thank you so much to all who have donated bags in the past.



BABIES NEEDING FOOD

During the months of Feb & Mar, Mission and Outreach is asking for donations of baby food to meet the needs of the local Food Bank. Donations can be left in the vestibule at the back of the church.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Conservatory Canada is holding their winter exams on Sat Feb 25th. Volunteers are needed to answer the door from 8:30-6:00. If you are available for part of the day please notify the office.



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED...



On Sun Mar 5th at 7pm there will be an information session at St. Andrew's to answer questions:

- ◆ For anyone interested in Profession of Faith/New Members Classes to be held this spring. This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered or to just inquire about what it means to make a Profession of Faith which leads to membership in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Youth ages 13+ and adults are welcome to participate in the classes. The information session is open to everyone.
- ◆ Are you feeling called to be an Elder in the Presbyterian Church & serve St. Andrew's Church on Session? Don't know what Session or an Elder is? Come check out this opportunity to have your questions answered & discuss how this may be a compelling and new way to serve this community of faith and God! (Note: Youth-Adult may be eligible to serve as an Elder.)

From Rev. Joyce,

Come and See! For whatever reason one of the toughest things to do is invite family and friends to come and see, come check out the church and worship. As it turns out, the only way churches grow is by invitation. Yes, some churches have programs, but the basic point, even of programs specifically targeted at bringing people into church, is that people need an invitation. Yet some studies suggest that anywhere from 85-90 % of people sitting in the pews have no intention of ever inviting someone to church.



How can it be that something that we find life-giving and so important to our own well being is also something we don't share? If you tasted really good food at a restaurant you would be sure to share that experience with family and friends, even inviting them to go with you some time. In fact, you might even offer to pick them up. But when it comes to church and being fed really good spiritual food through word and music, we don't say a word to others outside of the church.

The one thing that brings people into church is an invitation, the one thing that keeps us from inviting is fear. Fear of rejection, fear of messing up a relationship, fear of not having the right words to say, the list goes on and on of things that we fear when inviting people to Church. The one other thing that I have found as truth is often my greatest fears are unrealized. I read a quote many years ago, that read, there can be no courage without fear.

So my invitation to you is push past the fear and invite others to come and see. You don't need to set up any expectations or explain yourself. Just share with them as you might in a conversation about a good restaurant, invite others to Come and See!

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