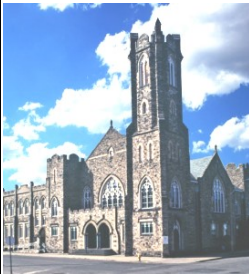


St. Andrew's News

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March 12, 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.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Wesway needs you! Spend some time with someone with special needs, or invite a person with a disability into your home for a short stay. Make a real difference for a local family that needs a short break from being a full time caregiver. Visit wesway.com for more information or call 623-2353.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

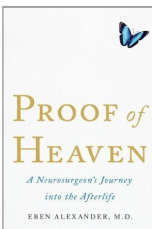


Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

-Colossians 3:15

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.



EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIALS



Did you know that your contributions to the Flower Fund helps to provide flowers throughout the year? Easter Flowers are also a wonderful opportunity to remember friends and family. If you wish to contribute to the flower fund and have a memorial included in the Easter Booklet, please have the memorial in to the office no later than April 7th. Please include, along with your contribution, your name and the names of those you wish to remember.

Week of Mar 13 — 19, 2017

Mon 13 th	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30am
Tue 14 th	Hogarth Riverview Service.....	10:00am
	Evening Guild	12:30pm
	Session Meeting	7:00pm
Wed 15 th	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30am
	Mid-week Lenten Service	12:05pm
Thu 16 th	Heritage Committee.....	9:30am
	Restoration Fundraising Cmte	12:00pm
	Lenten Music Series	12:15pm
	Prayers in Chapel	3:30pm

Lenten Music (meditative music & quietude) will be offered Thursdays at 12:15 in the Sanctuary during Lent. Bring your lunch.

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:

Gerry, Lori, Michael & Scott Gosselin; Peggy Graham; Florence Haire; Alan Halverson; Edith Halverson & Kara Kornlyo; Katharine Hamilton; John, Janet & Ian Hannam.

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

Welcoming the stranger

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Jackie Bannerman is serving as a young adult intern in Budapest, Hungary with our long-standing partner, the Reformed Church in Hungary. Jackie is excited about helping the Kalunba Refugee ministry to build relationships with refugees in a safe environment. She teaches English lessons and helps with Kalunba's website, providing English content to connect international readers. Jackie shares, "I hope to help create a sort of home, if only a temporary one, and provide a much needed sense of hope to people coming from fearful situations with uncertain futures."

Presbyterians Sharing supports refugee work





COFFEE HOUR

Join us after service on March 19th for a Coffee Hour hosted by St. Aidan's.

Coffee Fellowship

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Mid-week Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday 12:05 – 12:25 in the Chapel of St. Andrew's followed by a light lunch for those who can stay for fellowship. Service dates: Mar 15, 22, 29 & Apr 5.



THE 5 SUNDAYS OF LENT

The Season of Lent



The 5 Sundays of Lent will use the theme, Sensing the Gospel, and be presented in the order of: Taste, Sight, Touch, Hearing & Smell. Next Sunday will use the sense of Touch to celebrate Lent.

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.



HURRY, HURRY HARD!!



The Faith & Education Committee would like to welcome everyone to our Curling Bonsel on Sunday April 2 from 2-4pm at the Fort William Curling Club (218 Vickers St N). Whether you curl or would just like to try it out, this is a great opportunity to do so. Be sure to sign up on the notice posted in the hallway outside the office. Any questions, contact Brenda Buttaris at 623-3386.

BAPTISM

This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Noelle Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Jonathan & Lindsay Smith and little sister to big sisters, Isla & Sadie.



PCCONNECTION NEWSPAPER



The Presbyterian Church in Canada is replacing The Record magazine with the PCConnection Newspaper. If you are interested, subscribe now at presbyterian.ca/subscribe.

GARAGE SALE

First Wesley United (130 W Brodie St) is having a Garage Sale, Fri Mar 31st 6-8pm & Sat Apr 1 9am-12pm. Free admission.



From Rev. Joyce,

Last week, as we began our journey through Lent, we focused on the sense of taste. Taste and see that the Lord is good was the phrase that echoed through the service. Today we continue "sensing the gospel" through sight. This one is tricky as each of us sees very differently. If you are like me you can see things close up, but far away all things are blurry. For example, when in grade six I received my first pair of glasses, that night I remember experiencing stars as they shone brightly and beautifully. I had only known stars as blobs of light up until that time. With the glasses I have now, I can see clearly far away, but I have to remove them to see close up. Usually I wear contacts that allow me to see clearly much of the time. It is very much like one's faith journey. At times we can clearly see God at work in our lives and that of others. Other times, it seems that God is pretty blurry. We can't make sense of what is going on around us and it seems as our sight of God has been diminished. Then there are the times when we can't see God at all – not in our lives, not in worship, not in others. Paul says in 1 Cor. 13:12 "Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known" (NRSV). In scripture seeing and knowing are intertwined. In our lives God is not clear, we have to pay attention, we have to have spiritual eyes that are attentive to what God is up to. Yet it will not be until we are separated from this world and return to God that we will fully know God. God already knows us and see us clearly at all times. It is for us to continue to adjust the lens through which we see life. I encourage you to look for God in the coming days in the ordinary and the not so ordinary of your life and may our worship be a place where our eyes are opened, our lenses corrected, and our spiritual sight restored.



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