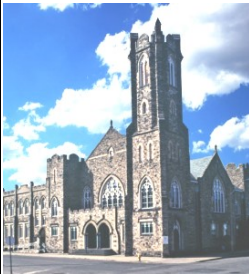


# St. Andrew's News

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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 assistance. We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

## FUNDRAISER SPEAKER SERIES...

On Thu Apr 20th at 7:30pm, St. Andrew's Church is delighted to present special guest, Bill Blaikie, former Member of Parliament and an ordained minister of the United Church in Canada. The topic will be: "Religion and Politics of Trump: Is there any Order in the Chaos?" Tickets (\$10) available at the Community Auditorium or at the church office.



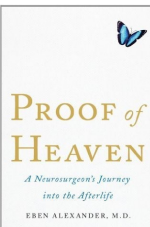
## GARAGE SALE

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



## 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 20 — 26, 2017

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30am
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30am
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mid-week Lenten Service .....	12:05pm
	Lenten Music Series .....	12:15pm
	Prayers in Chapel .....	3:30pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery Elders Retreat.....	7:00pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery Elders Retreat.....	9:30am

## 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:

**Ellwood Hanson; Margaret, Jim, Kathryn, Casey Harding, Charlotte Harmatiuk; Megan, Chris, Cameron & Isabel Harri; Brian, Janice, Amanda, Michael & Andrew Hartford.**

**LENTEN MUSIC** (meditative & quiet) will be presented by the RCCO in the Sanctuary each Thursday during Lent from 12:15 to 12:45. Bring your bag lunch.



## PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

### World Water Day (March 22)

Worldwide, 663 million people live without improved drinking water sources. A lack of clean water is a significant development challenge. In areas of the world where access to water is limited, local Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are responding to improve water sources, build new ones and train volunteers to maintain wells. Support to improve sanitation ensures water stays clean and prevents the spread of illness. PWS&D equips communities to build hand-washing facilities and latrines and educates members about proper hygiene. The results of this program are transformative and far reaching—clean water allows women and men to harvest crops, care for their families, expand their livelihoods and lead healthy, productive lives.

*PWS&D helps families access clean water and sanitation*





## COFFEE HOUR

Join us after service today for a Coffee Hour hosted by St. Aidan's.

## 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 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 Hearing to reflect upon 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 Bonspiel 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 Buttars at 623-3386.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

-Plutarch (45-120 AD)



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Called to Serve

The Session of St. Andrew's is putting forward a call for nominations for elders starting today, March 19<sup>th</sup> until April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you feel that someone in the congregation is a possible candidate for ordination to Eldership, please forward their name to Rev. Joyce or the Clerk of Session, John Mason. Nominations must be signed by the individual(s) making the nomination. *Sealed* nominations may be left with the secretary. There is no formal nomination form. This is an important part of how the Presbyterian Church in Canada functions. Remember this is a term commitment, not for life. Please take seriously the whispering that God may be placing on your heart about eldership, for yourself or another.

## From Rev. Joyce,



This coming weekend our church is hosting a Presbytery-wide Elder's retreat. Many of you will be familiar with the role of Elders in our church, but I remember when I first attended the Presbyterian Church in a community close to my home town, I had no idea what an elder was, and what this thing was they kept referring to as a session. Though the role of Elder has many facets, let me just share a few things that may be helpful. The following comments come from a pamphlet entitled, *Becoming an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Canada*.

Any person who is a member of the church and who seeks to grow in Christian faith might be a suitable elder. An elder is not expected to be perfect, to have an unswerving faith, to have all the answers, or to be elderly in age! An elder receives training, learns from other elders, and grows as a Christian in the role. Being an elder is a spiritual calling that can be challenging, interesting, and fulfilling. It is an experience of ongoing learning and faith development and service. Elders use their God-given gifts to serve and strengthen God's church, helping to lead it forward in its mission to announce the good news to the world.

If you feel God is calling you to the role of Elder in our congregation, or you can think of someone that you feel may be a good candidate for this role, please contact me in the next few days. The retreat will be a wonderful opportunity for people considering eldership to explore and ask questions.

## MISSION TO SEAFARERS



The Mission to Seafarers is hosting their 12th Annual Fundraising Dinner on Fri Apr 7 at the Current River Community Centre. Tickets are \$35. Call 344-8241 to purchase tickets.

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