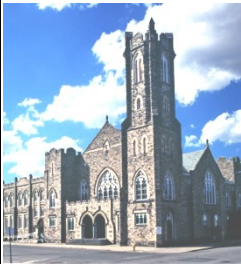


St. Andrew's News

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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.

NEW STAFF

As many of you know, Lori Gosselin will be leaving the Office Administrator position as of July 28th. Please welcome our new Office Administrator, Sonia Rutter. She will be starting Monday July 24th. If you get the chance, please drop in and welcome her to our St. Andrew's family.



Lori will be continuing on as our Bookkeeper but first, she will be taking a 3 month leave of absence starting July 28th and will return to the position Nov 1st. During that time, Shelley Macaulay has graciously agreed to handle the necessary portions of the bookkeeper position.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

You may light another's candle at your own without loss.

-Puerto Rican proverb



THUNDER BAY TRIVIA



Did you know that the idea of amalgamating Port Arthur and Fort William started in 1907 when both towns received their incorporation as cities but amalgamation didn't actually take place until 1970. In 1907 possible names that were bandied about included Willport, Lakeport, Grainopolis and Port Fort. In 1969 when amalgamation was about to become reality, the city names chosen on the ballot were Lakehead, The Lakehead and Thunder Bay. Can you imagine if we were known today as Grainopolites or Portforters!? Makes you love the name Thunder Bay all the more, doesn't it?

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:



Shari, Bill & Kelli Pinner; Jack & Diane Playford; Susan Priddle; Carole & Jerry Prosyk; Etta & Robert Prouty; Judy, Sidney & Kristine Prystanski; Margo Rahmer & Malin Huston; Ed & Jean Rawana.

LIVE ON THE WATERFRONT



On July 26th from 6-9pm, Live on the Waterfront (used to be called Summer in the Park), will feature Robin Ranger, Jean-Paul De Roover and Nadjiwan. Come down to the marina and enjoy some warmth, sunshine and music. Supper can be courtesy of the food vendors. Bring chairs.

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

Singing songs of joy in Malawi

Presbyterian World Service & Development's Building Sustainable Livelihoods program in Malawi supports orphans and vulnerable children, women, and people living with HIV and AIDS to overcome poverty and build hopeful futures. One way this is accomplished is through self-help groups. Last year, 22 groups were established, enabling vulnerable women to save and borrow loans to better care for their families. With her first loan, one woman transformed her life. With her savings, she opened a small grocery stall. Today, she is earning enough to support herself, buy food and hygiene supplies for her family and pay her son's college tuition. "I am really grateful to this project. It is there to empower us," she says. "We are now singing songs of joy."

PWS&D responds to lift families out of poverty



MODERATOR CALLS FOR PRAYER FOR FOREST FIRES RAGING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA INTERIOR

God of mercy,

We pray for the people of the British Columbia interior impacted by these fires—Williams Lake, Cache Creek, Ashcroft Indian Reserve, 100 Mile House—and other places impacted but whose names we do not know.

In mercy, look down upon those who have lost property, we cannot imagine what it is to lose everything in a fire.

In mercy, look down upon those who have left everything behind and do not know if they will have anything to return to, we cannot imagine what that feels like.

In mercy, look down upon those who are driving out through smoke and danger.

We pray for firefighters—we are astounded by their courage, their skill, and their stamina. Keep them safe in extraordinarily dangerous situations. Be with their family and friends, who support them and worry about them.

We pray government officials and emergency planners that they would have wisdom, patience, and calm while all around them there is chaos and uncertainty.

We thank you for communities like Prince George and Kamloops and others that are welcoming evacuees from the fire, give the leaders and citizens of these communities caring hearts, welcoming smiles, and good spirits to show hospitality to the thousands who are arriving on their doorsteps.

God of the weather, we ask for rain with no lightning and cooler weather with no wind.

We bring before you all those connected with the Presbyterian Church's Cariboo Ministry who are impacted by this fire, and all those Presbyterians who may have the opportunity to show hospitality—let them know that they are loved and prayed for by your church.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, Moderator of
the 143rd General Assembly*

VALLEY FRESH BUSKERS FESTIVAL



The Annual Buskers Festival will be held July 29th & 30th in the Bay/Algoma area. Come enjoy the free local entertainers & peruse the unique wares in the shops and stands!

From Rev. Joyce,

Galatians 5:22-23a

...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self—control.



Last weekend I caught a glimpse of what it means to be maturing as a Christian. If you were in church you know that my computer decided to slowly fade out and die on Sunday morning. I was reviewing the service and going over the sermon when that happened and had yet to print all the information off. Now normally that would have sent me over the edge. Maybe it was that I had just come off two weeks of vacation and so was not at Defcon level 3 already, but when the computer's life drained away, rather than freaking out as would have been my first natural reaction (rarely seen by anyone other than Ken), I simply sat back, took a breath and said, "Okay Lord, all that information is in my head. Give me the courage, recollection, peace, and grace to preach a sermon without a script for the first time."

I don't recall ever being that calm when something that important disappeared from my computer screen at such a critical moment. I was so deeply grateful that something in my being has so fundamentally changed over the years that I could just see the problem and deal calmly and rationally. I know that this change is not one that I accomplished on my own. Though the working out of my own faith and trusting God to accomplish God's own purposes in me, change has been taking place for years now. I am so grateful when the change is so evident in an area of my life that even I recognize God's handiwork.

Galatians 5 talk about what happens when our lives are lived out with Christ at the center, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us. This fruit is of the Spirit and by God's grace each of us can change and discover how the Spirit is at work within us.

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