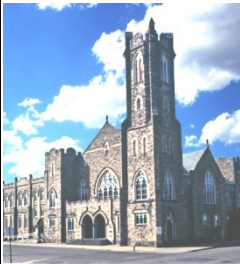


St. Andrew's News

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September 3, 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.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Mark you calendars! Sun. Sept. 10 is Welcome Back Sunday and there is so much happening!

- ◆ Fall Services will be starting at 11:00 am
- ◆ Sunday School celebrating its fall start
- ◆ Coffee Hour hosted by Faith Ed



We welcome you to celebrate the Elder ordinations of Gordon Cuthbertson and Judy Persian as part of the regular service of worship.

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 278 Camelot St. will be hosting the internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir in concert on Sun. Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. This choir will melt your heart with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional Spiritual & Gospel favourites. The concert is free and open to all. Donations will be accepted at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.



RAIN GARDEN TOUR

EcoSuperior is hosting a free self-guided tour of 5 residential rain gardens on Sat. Sept. 9 from 11 am to 4 pm. See how Thunder Bay residents are managing stormwater & naturalizing urban spaces. For information and to register contact EcoSuperior at 624-2141.



Week of September 3 — 9, 2017

- Mon. 4th** OFFICE CLOSED –Labour Day
- Tues. 5th** Seekers—7:30 pm
- Wed. 6th** Facilities & Finance Meeting—1 pm
- Thurs. 7th** Prayers in the Chapel—2 pm

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:



Mark & Andrea Steinhæusser; BarbaraAnn, James, Jay, Karen & Leslie Storeshaw; Kristine, Alexandra & Michael Mark Stubbs; Karyn Sundell & Faith Prosyk.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear. —Mark Twain

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

Administering change

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help administer the Avondbloem Fund, established by George and Evelyn van Beek in 1981. This legacy gift supports practical, creative PCC projects that spread the message of Christ. The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise, a ministry of Paris Presbyterian Church, received a grant to help grow its innovative work. Staff members—who are on social assistance or living with barriers to traditional employment—prepare healthy, homemade soups and stews that are sold in the Paris community and beyond. Proceeds from the sales provide their salaries. Currently, eight people are employed—and two more Raw Carrots will be opening in the next year! This initiative builds self-confidence, provides job training and job creation—a living example of Christ's message of love and hope.

Presbyterians Sharing supports dreams as they are turned into reality



From Rev. Joyce,

The last long weekend of summer. For many, the Labour Day weekend marks the end of summer fun and the beginning of a new school year. Some people are closing up camp or won't be back until Thanksgiving for one last family gathering. Though the first day of fall is not until September 22, many of us consider Labour day and the beginning of September as fall. Regardless of one's age there seems to be a change in routines, if not for ourselves, it is noted in the people around us, as families and caregivers go back to their activities and so are no longer as available to us, or maybe just the opposite, they are around more often because they are back from their vacations.



Sometimes the fall can be like a new beginning. It can be an opportunity to put new things into our routines or consider whether something we have been doing is still of value to us. This can be for those still in the work force, going to school, raising families, or retired. Whether the fall signals the beginning of another round of doctor's appointments for oneself or for loved ones, or endless hours spent watching children at the gym, hockey area, dance practices, or art classes, might I encourage you to choose to spend time talking with, as well as listening and watching, for God. Take books with you to read that teach you more than you learn on a Sunday morning. None of this need be intrusive. Most of it just takes paying attention and expecting God to be with you, yet it can transform your life in unexpected and amazing ways. Give it a shot, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Welcome to September!

MODERATOR'S PRAYER FOR THE DAY AFTER LABOUR DAY

God of play and work, holidays and school days, the fall has begun.

We thank you for the summer past, for walks and picnics, for time at the lake and the pool, for the lazy, hazy days of summer. We thank you for camps and summer programs, and time to do nothing.

We give the fall to you.

We pray for those who are starting school for the first time, for those moving to a new school, for those attending college or university for the first time; may they know you are with them wherever they go. We remember their parents; may parents know you are with their children wherever their children go.

We pray for those starting new jobs this fall, that they would find work meaningful and co-workers helpful and supportive. We pray for those entering the fall with no job, we pray you will give them hope and encouragement and that they may find work. We pray as well for those who have just retired who will find this fall different from the ones they are used to, may they find fulfillment in their retirement.

We remember those who experienced transitions this summer. For those newly married, bless them with good humour and patience. For those who moved to a new city or new home, be with them as they adjust to things that are new, give them new companions on the road.

We remember churches starting up Sunday School programs and weekly activities for young and old. Give strength and insight to leaders, that they may find their tasks not burdensome but rather life-giving. We pray for congregations launching new initiatives, give your people courage as they risk and patience as they learn new ways of showing their love for you and for all people.

We thank you for the fall and the places where you will take us. When this fall is over may we give you the glory for what has happened.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir will begin practices again starting Sun. Sept. 10. The Choir practises for one hour at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays and then sings during the 11:00 service. Call the Choir Director, Nancy Wallace, at 623-4907 if you would like to join the choir, or just come out to take part. You only need enthusiasm for sacred music and the church.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

—Mother Theresa (1910—1997)



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Sunday Worship - 10:00 am

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