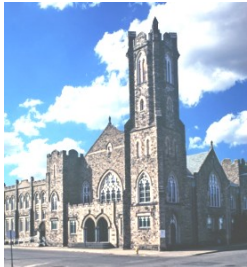


St. Andrew's News

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December 10, 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.

Week of December 10—16, 2017

Mon. 11—Fun & Fitness—9:30 am
Tues. 12—Riverview Hogarth Service-10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.
Wed. 13—Fun & Fitness—9:30 am
Lunch with a Difference—12:00 noon
Thurs. 14—Prayers in Chapel—2:00 pm
Sat. 16—NOSM Charity Concert—7:00 pm

POT LUCK LUNCH

The Congregational Pot Luck Lunch will be held on Sun. Dec. 17 after Worship. There will be a "Special Visitor" stopping by so watch for him! Everyone welcome.



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:



Tara-Lynn, Joshua, Natalie & Tyler Carr; Joan Cates; Bruce, Marian, Stephen Heather & Michael; Jaewook, Seowon, Yeju Cho & Jihye Park; Murial Commisso; Alice Compardo; Ann Connolly; Elizabeth Cook; Hazel Cooper; David Corbett; Gary & Lorie Crozier.

Sensing Christmas

An Advent and Christmas Worship Series

In all the pretty decorations, happy music, and gathering with family or friends, along with the smell of baking, taste of chocolate, and the turkey dinner, that many of us experience or often desire to be part of our Christmas experience, we tend to forget how earthy that first Christmas was. This Advent we look at Christmas again, and while we enjoy our preparations for Christmas, may we also recall the cherished scriptures of new hope in the one called Messiah.



Dec 3 – Advent I – The Tastes of Christmas
An Advent Communion Service

Dec 10 – Advent II – The Touch of Christmas

Dec 17 - Advent III – The Smells of Christmas

Dec 24 – Advent IV – The Sounds of Christmas

Christmas Eve – The Sights of Christmas

7:00 Family Candlelight Service

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

World AIDS Day

Dr. Eddy Jonas, head of women's health at Zanmi Lasantein Haiti, is standing up for victims of gender-based violence. While Haiti's justice system is unable to respond adequately to widespread occurrences of violence against women, Dr. Jonas remains committed to providing the medical care, psychosocial support and community accompaniment victims need to recover. Dr. Jonas is thankful for the support from Presbyterian World Service & Development that is helping address this critical human rights issue and giving victims hope again. "If we can't receive victims and give them proper treatment, then we are a part of the system of violence," says Dr. Jonas. "There is a level of responsibility." His hope for the program is to provide a shelter for women after they receive treatment.



PWS&D protects the rights of vulnerable women

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Caring & Contact desperately needs at least 2 volunteers who are willing to work 2.5 hours every 2nd week to carry out this worthwhile ministry. If you are able to help, please call the office at 622-4273.



From Rev. Joyce,

I have started to write this note numerous times over the last three days. Each time I start there seems to be an interruption. Even now I am scrambling to write before I leave for a meeting. Though this can be challenging, I give thanks. I am busy, I could do ministry 24/7 and still not get it all done, but I welcome the interruptions. It means there are people in the church, there is a ministry that needs attention, there is activity! Regularly, sometimes daily, there seems to be another new person introduced into my life that connects me to someone in the community or to family in the church. I am so grateful. It would be so much more frustrating if there was nothing happening, no people to distract me from whatever task at hand I have before me. Ministry at St. Andrew's is nothing less than joy-filled, hope-filled, and love-filled. Thank you for being who you are, you are a gift to me. I pray that all who enter these doors or encounter you as a person of St. Andrew's, a believer in Christ, that they may have the opportunity to experience your welcome and love.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Generosity is not giving me that which I need more than you do, but it is giving me that which you need more than I do. *-Khalil Gibran (1883-1931), Lebanese-American artist, poet*



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Advent, the season of preparation gives us many opportunities to share. Dec. 17 is White Gift Sunday—a day when each of us can support our final Food Bank Drive of 2017. Please give generously. Two or three items from each of us will make a huge difference to those who need our help.



CHARITY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) is holding their 9th Annual Charity Holiday Concert in support of the Thunder Bay Shelter House on Sat. Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$10 & available at Seattle Coffeehouse, Calico Coffeehouse, & Learner Affairs at NOSM. For more info email jomalette@nosm.ca.



MISSION & OUTREACH WORK

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Mission & Outreach Committee is active on a number of fronts (Local, National, International) supporting organizations & causes from a base budget & targeted fundraising. Christmastime is a prime focus, and we thank you for your support to achieve this broad outreach.

Thunder Bay Community Assistance: Presents for Peace (Faye Peterson Transition House, Beendigen Crisis Home; Elizabeth Fry Society); Christmas Cheer Campaign; Children's Aid Society; Our Kids Count; Underground Gym; Lakehead Social Planning Council; Shelter House.

National Mission: Montreal Refugee Centre—literature for new entries to Canada.

International Mission: Lifewater Inc.—funding water well drilling and pump repairs in Africa & Haiti.

Our wonderful new heating system is in and we are all enjoying it immensely. For the first time since Rev. Joyce arrived she has heat in her office and our upper floor rooms are no longer stifling hot. The bills are all in but unfortunately we have a shortfall of approximately \$20,000. If you are able, please help support our heating system by donating a little extra during this special time of the year.

PRESENTS FOR PEACE

We love the boots we were looking for! We are still looking for a gently used DVD player as well as grooming supplies, socks, hats, games, school supplies, small kitchen items & gift cards. The final Sunday to put your gifts under the tree is Dec. 17. Thank you for your



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