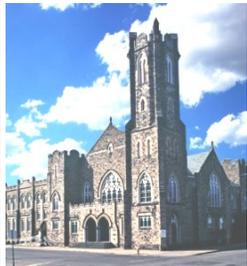


St. Andrew's News

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December 17, 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 17—24, 2017

Sun. 17—Blood Pressure Clinic after Worship
Congregational Pot Luck after Worship

Thurs. 21—Heritage Committee—9:30 a.m.
Prayers in Chapel—2:00 p.m.

Sun. 24—Regular Worship Service—11:00 a.m.

Sun. 24—**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Candlelight Service—7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service with Communion-10:00 p.m.

POT LUCK LUNCH

The Congregational Pot Luck Lunch is TODAY 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:



Lynne Curran; Gordon & Linda Cuthbertson; Mykola Cuthbertson; April Dalby; Mary Dargavel; Mac, Mary, Huw, Calum Davies.

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

10:00 Candlelight Service with Communion

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

Equipping and nurturing future church leaders

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* equip and nurture future church leaders who in turn will equip and nurture others to witness faithfully in the world. In 2017, 18 students graduated from our three theological colleges – Knox College in Toronto, The Presbyterian College in Montreal and Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. These colleges provide a strong academic and practical foundation to prepare students to serve our congregations. The PCC supports ministry candidates and their presbyteries as they work to discern the candidate's call. In 2017, 16 candidates attended the PCC's Guidance Conference, which helps participants recognize their abilities, strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan of growth as they move forward. Together, we also encourage and support new clergy who have just begun their ministries.



Presbyterians Sharing supports visionary church

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

For it is in giving that we receive
-St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), Italian
Roman Catholic friar and preacher.



From Rev. Joyce,

We call today our "Youth and Family Service," and it is a special day because we have people helping lead who are not always able or available to be at worship regularly. Having a young family in these times often means that both parents are working, and Sunday may be the only day that there is a moment to catch one's breath. Having said that, it is also increasingly becoming a day where more activities are packed into life. Even birthday parties for preschoolers are making it difficult for families to come to worship because they start late on Sunday morning, and happen between nap times. For many, Sunday is no longer a sacred day, but another day in the week to get more done. These comments are just some of the observations that many are making as we wonder how to help families make faith and learning about God a regular part of their week.

So many of us came to know the church to be our extended family, a place of joy and to enjoy others, a place of solace and safety, and a place that deepened our understanding of God. We call today youth and family, but every Sunday is just that, because the church is the family of God, young and old, infants to grandparents, we are the church. Sunday is the day the family of God gathers to strengthen each other for our life's journey from beginning to end. Welcome children and parents, friends and neighbours, sister and brothers in Christ, to the one place you should always experience love and the feeling that you are home. Welcome to worship!



URGENTLY NEEDED

The Catholic Action Centre urgently needs men's winter jackets & mitts. Towels & sheets are always needed as well. The Catholic Action Centre has used items available to the poor and those in need strictly on a donation basis—**no price tags**. The Centre is open Tues. Wed. & Thurs. from 10 a.m. to



4 p.m. at 129 E. Miles St. Their van can also pick up gently used furniture, beds, etc., for those wanting to donate larger items.

FROM THE BOOKKEEPER...



After many years of dedicated work, we are very sad to report the bookkeeper's calculator is losing its mind. It can no longer multiply or subtract reliably. If anyone has a spare, gently used adding machine to donate, the current machine would very much like to retire permanently.

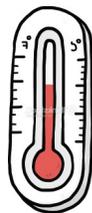
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.



FACILITIES & FINANCE

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.



FRAGRANCE FREE REMINDER

For the health & consideration of other parishioners who attend this place of worship, please refrain from using perfume/cologne and other scented beauty products.



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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am
Office Hours: Mon. to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm