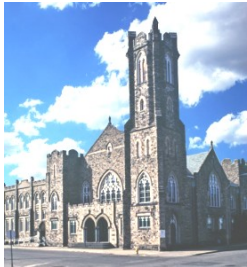


St. Andrew's News

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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.

Week of January 7—13, 2018

- Mon. 8**—Fun & Fitness—9:30 a.m.
Facilities & Finance Meeting—1:00 p.m.
Tues. 9—Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.
Wed. 10—Fun & Fitness—9:30 a.m.
Lunch with a Difference—12:00 noon
Thurs.—Prayers in Chapel—2:00 p.m.

MOMMY MATTERS!

Are you pregnant and interested in meeting other pregnant women? Mommy Matters groups provide pregnant women with an opportunity to meet other pregnant women while participating in activities such as mindful meditation, gardening, and gentle stretching. These sessions are free. For further details visit mommymatters@lakeheadu.ca or call 807-632-7264.



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:

John Dykes; Susan & Bill Dynes; Keith, Heather & Sydney Edgson; Margaret Elliot; Barbara & Dick Facca.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY DISCUSSION

George Kandor, Professor Emeritus of economics at Lakehead University, is hosting this event on Sat. Jan. 27 at the Waverley Library Auditorium from 2 to 4 pm. As a child, Kondor was hidden during the Holocaust in Hungary. His father worked closely with Raoul Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Jews, before being killed by the Soviet Army.



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THANK YOU

Thank you to the anonymous donor who purchased a new calculator for the Bookkeeper. Also thank you to all those who also offered to do so. We are very blessed.

STUDENTS FOR SENIORS PROJECT

Community Clothing Assistance is midway through this project aimed at bringing seniors and youth together. Seniors will have an opportunity to share their experiences with youth who will explain how to find information on the internet. Topics such as seniors benefits, seniors clubs & belonging, health help, seniors apartments & housing, and more. CAA is looking for senior volunteers who want to participate in internet information skills training. Workshops are all on Saturdays—Jan. 13 & 20; Feb. 10; & Mar. 17 from noon til 2 p.m. Refreshments are included along with bus fare, if required. For information call 807-474-3583.



PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

New Ways to Nourish Families

Who better to learn new farming methods from than a farmer in your community? Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farmer-to-farmer agroecology project in Malawi, farmers selected for training are able to share their agricultural knowledge with other families in their village. Techniques like composting and intercropping are helping women and men transform plots of land into thriving sources of nourishment. Since learning to plant groundnuts and pigeon peas together on one plot of land, farmer Abel has seen his soil's fertility improve and his yields double. He and his wife Mercy are incorporating the food they grow into new recipes. "Life has greatly changed for us," shares Abel. *PWS&D supports food security for smallholder farmers*



From Rev. Joyce,

Oh my! Another year come and gone and peering into the next! Years ago my dad said to me that the older I got the faster the years would go by, and so far that has proven to be true. It may be the same number of 365 days, but I am sure that light speed is slowly overcoming the regular speed of the earth's orbit around the sun. For another year, I did not nearly meet my hopes and expectations to visit more people and to visit more often. Thank you cards went unwritten. I missed making some birthday and anniversary phone calls. And I didn't manage to take care of myself in the manner that I knew would be best on a regular basis.

Still, I did enjoy many visits, spent time with individuals and families who were struggling with life issues, or celebrating milestones. I did make many phone calls, and sent off a few cards. I did spend time learning about myself, and achieved a few personal goals. And I got to know many people even better than before, both in the congregation and people who walk with me in other circles.

What I have come to understand as the years pass is there is so much to learn about myself and so much I would like to change, but in this I have learned that life is a journey. I don't make New Year's resolutions, as each day I strive to pay attention to the ways that God is calling me to grow, change, and challenge myself. I don't live everyday as well or perfectly as I might hope, but I have learned to celebrate what is good each day, and see the challenges as growing edges rather than disappointments.

I am grateful for the grace shown me, the forgiveness granted to me, and the love outpoured. Thank you, St. Andrew's, for being willing to walk with me as I grow, learn, and journey. Happy New Year.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

I say that knowing I don't really know what the notice looks like in the newsletter. It is like the subtitle.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power
(Ex 15:6)

A joint service of worship with St. Paul's Anglican, St. Patricks Roman Catholic, First Wesley United and St. Andrew's Presbyterian churches will be held at First Wesley United on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the afternoons of Tues. Feb. 6 and Wed. Feb. 7 to help with the Conservatory of Music exams that are taking place in our Sanctuary. Please contact the church office at 622-4273 for information and to volunteer.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love. *Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), theologian*



ANNUAL CONGEGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for February 11. All groups MUST hand in a report to be put into our Annual Report by **JAN. 14** to allow the office time to compile, print and copy the Annual Report in advance of the meeting. Also, all groups need to hand in their 2017 books as soon as possible for an external review.



Annual Meeting

EVENING GUILD GROUP

It is mixed emotions that the Evening Guild Group announces that it has closed as of Dec. 31. I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have been a great help to us over the years. It was greatly appreciated. Our last function will be the Annual Meeting Lunch which we have looked after in the past. —Betty Murphy, President



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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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