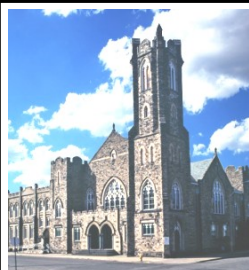


# St. Andrew's News

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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 March April 1 — 7, 2018

- Sun. 1**—Easter Sunday Service—11:00 a.m.
- Mon. 2**—Office closed
- Tues. 3**—Seekers—7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 4**—Fun & Fitness—9:30 a.m.  
Facilities & Finance Meeting—1:00 p.m.
- Thurs. 5**—Music Pups—11:00 a.m.  
Prayers in Chapel—2:00 p.m.

## ST. ANDREW'S SPEAKER SERIES

Transportation in Thunder Bay: A Hub of History  
Thurs. April 19 at 7 p.m. Speakers include members from Lakehead Transportation Museum Society; National Model Railway Association; Northwestern Ontario Aviation Centre; and Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior.

Tickets \$20 at the door. Cash only.

## 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:



**Elizabeth, Donald, Benjamin & Rebecca Lemieux;  
Joy Lempiala; Bryan, Merissa & Shylene Lesovich.**

## PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

### World Health Day (April 7)

To foster a more sustainable, compassionate and just world, good health and well-being for all is vital. Through PWS&D's maternal, newborn and child health projects in Malawi and Afghanistan, our church is helping women and babies access the care they need to survive childbirth and stay healthy. With her son Moses on her back, Rhoda Nyoni tends to a community vegetable garden in Malawi. Many mothers with young children now know the importance of cultivating fresh, healthy produce to feed their families because of nutrition education sessions offered through the program. Pregnant with her second child, Rhoda feels a sense of comfort and hopeful anticipation—she has the support and knowledge to embrace a healthy, hopeful future with her family.



*PWS&D helps mothers and babies lead healthy lives*

## PRES-B JUNIOR CAMP

Before we know it the snow will be gone and summer will be here. That means Pres-B-Camp!!! Forms are now available at the back of the Church. This year Junior Camp will be from July 22-26th and is for those entering grades 3-8 this fall. Senior Camp will be August 27-30th and is for those entering grades 9-12. Volunteer forms are also available for those interested in helping out! Pres-B-Camp is a wonderful chance for you and your friends to make new friends, have fun times, and create memories that will last a lifetime. It would be helpful for the planning of camp if you could submit your forms or indicate your interest in camp by May 15th. We hope you, your children, or your grandchildren can come out and enjoy Pres-B-Camp with us this summer!



## A FINANCIAL UPDATE

February was 17% of the way through the year. The funds raised to date should be close to that amount. We are very happy to report that Presbyterian Sharing is currently at 21%; however, funds raised to support our church continue to fall behind and is currently at 12%.



Our new heating system continues to save us money on our heating bill. In February we had a much colder month than last year and we still had a savings of 32% compared to February 2017. Even with the increases in gas costs over last year that amounts to a savings of \$327 for February.

The March up-date will be available next week.

## FIRST-WESLEY UNITED GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars! Fri. Apr. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. & Sat. Apr. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon, First-Wesley United Church will be holding a Garage Sale. Admission is free. Come and check out a variety of household and yard articles, toys, clothing, books, and more.



## OFFICE CLOSED NOTICE



Our office will be closed on Easter Monday, Apr. 2. We will re-open on Tues. Apr. 3 at 9 a.m.

## POT LUCK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Bring your family and friends to a potluck supper on Sat. April 14th at 5:30 pm at First Presbyterian. Following the meal, Rev. Susan will give a presentation on her recent trip to Haiti. She travelled with a delegation from the Women's Missionary Society PCC. Come and see what our denomination is doing in Haiti.



## THE JOY OF EASTER CONTINUES...

### April 8—Service of Hymns

This service will be built around the music of gifted women who have written hymns of faith.

### April 15—Celebration of Time, Talent & Treasure

A day to celebrate groups and individuals in the Church who contribute to the amazing life and work of St. Andrew's.

### April 22—Given the Chance

Special Music and Worship will be led with Rev. Joyce and the musical band, Given the Chance.

*Services are at regular Worship times on Sunday morning.*

## SEEKERS MEETING

The Seekers will be meeting on April 3 at 7:30 in the Eleanor Patterson Room. All are welcome.



## SPRING FLEA MARKET

The Spring Flea Market sponsored by the Sunday School will be held on May 5 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. Andrew's. Set up will be Thurs. morning from 9 til noon & Fri. starting at 9 am & running all day. Come out and help for a while! We are always glad for the extra help for the morning and/or afternoon shifts. To keep the Church tidy, donations should be brought during the week before the sale. For further info call Marian Childs at 577-1324.



## From Rev. Joyce,

Easter Sunday landing on April Fool's Day is so much fun! The last time Easter fell on April 1 was 62 years ago in 1956. I'm kind of disappointed that I have no kids that I could have sent on an Easter egg hunt. The ideas out there are pretty great, like removing the chocolate from the little foil wrappers and reusing the wrappers to wrap up grapes, or filling plastic eggs with practical items instead of chocolate. Of course, one would only let that go on so long before sharing the good stuff, but even a minister can dream of teasing kids and adults just a little bit. Having said that, I have read a number of articles that suggest that scripturally even contemplating these shenanigans is a sin. I think God has a sense of humour because God gave us humor and laughter.

The history of April Fool's comes out of pagan practices and so this is where the challenges lie. Still many Christians participate in dressing up for Halloween, and we put up Christmas trees, the branches of which are also used in pagan practices to decorate homes for the winter solstice. There may be something credible in giving new and beautiful meaning and joy to things that may not have previously had that purpose. For just today let's look at the irony of April Fool's landing on Easter Sunday. It is a day that people will use against Christians to call us fools for believing that a man died, was buried, and lives again. But it is the very opposite. We believe in the mystery of an empty tomb, not as fools but as people of faith. We celebrate Easter as the day of resurrection. In the days after the tomb was found empty people shared what they had witnessed not only of the empty tomb, but also appearances of Christ. It was so real for them that not only the eleven disciples that remained but others then and throughout the centuries have been willing to risk and lose their lives for this truth and be called fools for their belief. For Christians to be called a fool for Christ and have the God of wisdom as our God is something we are willing to take on. May you know the blessing of an Empty Tomb. Happy Easter!

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**Sunday Worship - 11:00 am**

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