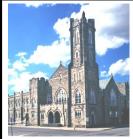
# St. Andrew's News

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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 lo-

cated at the back of the sanctuary.

### 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 \$10 at the door & Cash only. Children 10 & under FREE.

# PRAYER INVITATIONS



As Christians, we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with *Sord,* this, we simply move through the church Hear Our membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers:

Michael Luski; Brooke, Fallon, lan & Shelley Macaulay; Marguerite Macaulay; Ann MacDonald; Hugh MacDonald; Mildred Macdonald; Murray & Rose Macdonald; Laurel, Evelyn & Michael MacGray.

# PRESBYTERIAN SHARING Easing suffering in Bangladesh.

Since the outbreak of state-led violence against the March is 25% of the way through the year. The Rohingya minority in Myanmar's Rakhine state, Safiri has been living in fear. Her husband was shot and her entire village burned to the ground. One night, fearing an attack by members of the army, she fled with her children across dangerous countryside to the Balukhai camp in Bangladesh. Their arrival brought new challenges—shelter conditions were miserable and food, water and sanitation services scarce. Safiri's story of suffering is hard to grasp, but her needs for survival are very real. PWS&D, alongside Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is helping 🚱 Rohingya refugees like Safiri meet their basic needs and find hope that life will once again be normal.

# Week of April 15 — 21, 2018

Mon. 16 — Fun & Fitness — 9:30 a.m.

Wed. 18 — Fun & Fitness — 9:30 a.m.

Worship Committee — 2:00 p.m

Thurs. 19 — Music Pups — 11:00 a.m.

Prayers in Chapel —2:00 p.m.

Speaker Series — 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 22—IOOF Pancake Brunch—After Service

### 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 a 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 will us this summer!

## A FINANCIAL UPDATE

funds raised to date should be close to that



amount. We are very happy to report that Presbyterian Sharing is currently at 33%; however, funds raised to support our church continue to fall behind and is currently at 20%—still 5% behind where

we should be. This 5% shortage equates to approximately \$10,000.

Our new heating system continues to save us money on our heating bill. Even with the colder temperatures this March compared to last year, we still had a savings of 34%. Despite the increases in gas costs that still amounts to a savings of \$972.00 over 1 month!!! That's phenomenal!!!

# From Rev. Joyce,

Time, Talent, and Treasure - the three T's of Stewardship. When we respond to God's work in our own lives we do so with our time and energy, the gifts and talents we have been given as individuals who have different strengths, abilities, and things that bring us joy. We also give back to God in the one way that is easily measurable-with our money. In the Old and New Testaments people brought a portion of their harvest from herds, fields and gardens because that was the measure. When coins came into circulation money became and continues to be the measure of our wealth. We give a portion of our money back to God, but all we gift of ourselves is done in response to the love of God for us. God gave the gift of himself to us in the person of Jesus and so we respond by giving back what we know and understand to have been God's in the first place. He entrusted to us time, talent, and treasure for our well-being and that of the community both sacred and civic.

Today in worship, and coinciding with Volunteer Week, we honor those who give in many ways to the church and to the community. Thank you to each person willing to share with us today. Below is a list of the many groups and a couple of individuals within our own church who consistently are the hands and feet of Christ in this place as we welcome and love each other and all those God brings into our midst. Know that each act of giving done out of love for God, whether noted here or not, is the work of the body of Christ and you are important and appreciated.

Parish Health Ministry, Prayer Shawls Ministry Elders on Session, Facilities and Finance Team Ushers, Greeters, Visiting Ministry Seekers Woman's Group, St. Aiden's Women Guild Youth Group Leaders Pres B Camp Leaders and Volunteers Heritage Committee, Caring & Contact Group Lunch with a d Difference Crew Mission and Outreach Committee St. Andrew's Choir, Leading with Care Committee Jan Sewell – flowers, decorations, and paraments Cheryl Kibsey – Assistance for Wedding and Funerals Sunday School Teachers, Faith Education Committee Prayer Chain Ministry, Trustees Financial Services Reviewers, Worship Committee Nursery Attendants, Flea Market and Bake Sale Crew St. Andrew's Tea & Bazaar Volunteers Fund Raising/Special Events Team **Counting Teams** 

# **Pancake Brunch**

Bring your family and friends to a pancake brunch after worship on Sun. April 22 at St. Andrews. Brought to you by The Odd Fellows: Men and Women helping our community since the 1800's. \$8.00 per Adult and Children 12 and under are free. Come for worship and food!

### THE JOY OF EASTER CONTINUES...

#### **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.

# **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.

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Gratitude is an opener of locked-up blessings. *Marianne Williamson (b.1962), author* 

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