

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 JUNE 10 — JUNE 16, 2018

Tues. 12 — Session Meeting — 6:00 pm
Wed. 13 — Lunch With a Difference — 12:00 pm
Thurs. 14 — IOOF — 8:00 pm
Sun. 17 — Worship Time Change — 10:00 am

WORSHIP TIME IS CHANGING!

Special reminder **summer worship** time will be changing from 11:00 am to **10:00 am** starting **June 17, 2018**.



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:

Jack & Diane Playford; Susan Priddle; Carole & Jerry Prosyk; Etta Prouty; Kristine, Judy & Sidney Prystanski; Margo Rahmer & Malin Huston; Justin, Ed & Jean Rawana;

PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



World Environment Day (June 5) - Presbyterian World Service & Development is committed to environmental stewardship and creation care. Deforestation caused by

human activity or climate change affects the lives and livelihoods of millions of people living in poverty. In Haiti, widespread deforestation has eroded crop-producing soil and led to increased flooding and landslides, sustaining cycles of hunger and poverty. PWS&D is supporting partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank to replant forest areas and improve food security by equipping farmers to plant tree nurseries, protect soil and store seeds. A healthy, vibrant creation is vital for the well-being of families throughout our global village, as they harvest food, earn livelihoods and embrace futures of hope.

CPR RECERTIFICATION

Anyone interested in renewing their CPR can contact Joan @ 5774502 for more info. Next class is on June 14th @ 1pm. Cost \$20.00



GRADUATION TIME



Caring & Contact would like to recognize graduates by sending congratulatory notes to them on their academic achievements. If you are aware of anyone who is graduating or has graduated from high school, college or university this year, please let the Church know.

MISSION AND OUTREACH



Summer Food Drive!! — Summer is almost here! We all remember the excitement of the last day of school and the promise of an endless summer. Sadly, for far too many families summer means worrying about feeding kids without the support of school programmes. We can change that by giving generously to the thunder Bay Food Bank. Food items will be collected until **Sunday June 24th**. Not sure what to give? We can help with that!

SUMMER CAMP!!

Pres-B camp is almost here!! Forms are now available at the office and on our website too! 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 as soon as possible. We hope you, your children, or your grandchildren can enjoy Pres-B-Camp with us this summer!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

This **Free** Vacation Bible School program helps kids to discover that they're lovingly crafted by God. On this adventure, curious kids become hands-on inventors and experience God, the Ultimate Maker, in new and wildly creative ways! For children ages 4-12, **July 16th—20th** from 9 am—12 pm at **First Presbyterian Church**, 639 Grey St. Call Susan Mattinson for more information at (807)-623-0717.



From Rev. Joyce,



As many of you are aware, I was attending the 144th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) in Waterloo this past week. If I remember correctly, I have attended five General Assemblies and still I was not prepared for how emotionally, physically, and spiritually draining this Assembly would be. Conversations were difficult as the commissioners tried to figure out how to be the church when there are very strong opinions regarding how scripture should be understood when talking about sexual orientation and whether practicing LGBTQI could be ordained to ministry as well as whether or not ministers may officiate at wedding of people who would identify as LGBTQI. This is not a new discussion. The church as been wrestling with it for about thirty years. Some things over the years have been determined. In 1994 a Human Sexuality paper was accepted by the GA stating that to have a different sexual orientation in and of itself is not sinful. But these other questions remain in terms of our practice, doctrine, and polity in the church. It is important for this congregation to be aware that the Session of St. Andrew's is fully unanimous in it's voice that the PCC should be a fully inclusive church where there is no limitation on how one is called to serve God regardless of sexual orientation. As a denomination the work still continues. If you want to check out summaries, pictures, and other information regarding the Assembly you can ask me or go to presbyterian.ca



BLESSING OF THE FLEET



On Saturday, **June 23** please be on the water in your vessel, or come down to at the lookout on **Pier 3 – the Royal Canadian Navy Pier** at Marina Park, the north end near Naval Memorial, bring your lawn chairs and take in the **Blessing of the Fleet**. At 10:30 a.m. the Macgillivray Pipe Band will conduct a Tattoo and at 11:00 a.m. a service of Blessing is held with a parade of vessels. Boaters are invited to take part. For vessel instructions, and further information visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay or contact Canon Ed Swayze at 344-8241. Sponsored by the Mission to Seafarers.

NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS!

If you have something to add to the newsletter, don't hesitate let the Church Office know!

DOORS OPEN THUNDER BAY!



Visit St. Andrew's as part of the Doors Open Thunder Bay held on **September 8th**, under the supporting partnership of Doors Open Ontario and the Ontario Heritage Trust. Offering residents and visitors the opportunity to step through the doors of some of our city's most unique structures and heritage sites. This event is a way to experience firsthand Thunder Bay's remarkable architecture, not only from the outside but from the inside as well – all free of charge! Come explore Thunder Bay's history, culture and community initiatives through our built heritage this September.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!



Looking for Volunteers from **June 18th - June 22nd** from 1:00pm - 5:pm to help open the doors for Conservatory Canada exam students. Sign up at the office.

CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC

Come out to the **South Neebing Community Centre, June 10th**, from noon till 3:30 pm. **Potluck!** Please bring plates & Utensils. Everyone Welcome, there will also be games after lunch.



KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE



Diversity Thunder Bay presents: Kairos Blanket Exercise, facilitated by Anna Chief and Jerri-Lynn Orr, Office of aboriginal Initiatives, Lakehead University. Tuesday **June 5th**, 6:30 pm at **Mary J. L. Black Library**. The Blanket Exercise is a learning experience that explores the 500-year relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on Turtle Island (the land that came to be known as Canada and North America). For more details please visit kairosblanketexercise.org, **Registration is Free!**

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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