

# 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.



## 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 Simons; Mary & Steve Sipos; Gary Smith, Joe Ehrler; Noelle, Sadie, Isla, Jon & Lindsay Smith; Robert Smith; Bruce Snyder; Larry & Cathy Sochackey; Syerra, Austyn, Jordyn, Jadelynn, Allyson, Shannon & Michael Sochackey.**

## REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit our **website** and keep up to date with news, events, and programs offered. Curious to what's happening? Check out Upcoming Events and the online Calendar! Visit us today at <https://standrewspres-tbay.ca>



## NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR!

We are excited to announce that we have hired a new **Choir Director, Jamie Gerow !!** Expect to see Jamie in his new position this September. We are excited to have him as part of the St. Andrew's Church Team!



## PWS&D MISSION MOMENT

**Attending to physical and spiritual needs in Saskatoon** — The cost of living in Saskatchewan is rising, making it even more challenging for those on the margins to make ends meet. Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry understands that, when times are tough, people need spiritual as well as physical care. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the ministry offers a clothing and food program, a mid-week worship service, an arts program, and crisis and spiritual counseling. Rooted in First Nations' traditions and gospel teachings, SNCM offers prayer, friendship, and radical hospitality to those who are struggling. *Presbyterians Sharing reaches out to people in need.*



## WEEK OF JULY 1 — JULY 7, 2018

Sun. 1 — Worship Time — 10:00 am

Mon. 2 — Office Closed

## UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS!

Rev. Joyce is out of town for the following Services and back for the July 22nd Service:

July 8th — Kerry McLaughlin

July 15th — Charlie Wilson

July 22nd — Rev. Joyce is back



## SPECIAL THANKS!



Thank you Kerry McLaughlin for taking the pulpit while Joyce is on vacation for this weekend's service.

## GIVEN THE CHANCE!



Don't miss the **July 29th** Service with Rev. Joyce and guest musicians from the band Given the Chance.

## SUMMER CAMP!!

**Pres-B-Camp is almost here!** There is still time to register! Junior Camp is for youth entering grades 3-8 is **July 22-26th** and Senior Camp is for youth entering grades 9-12. Forms are available online. We are still looking for a cook for Senior Camp and volunteers to help prepare a meal or two at Junior Camp. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the transportation of supplies to and from camp, remove garbage, and help with last day clean up for either camp. If you are able to help with any of these tasks please come see someone in the Office or contact Will Newton, email: [newton9455@hotmail.com](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)



## 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,



Happy Canada Day! I am away on vacation but still wanted to share thoughts with you. To that end I am taking material from a course on prayer that I took before I went into ministry. May you find it helpful in your own walk with God.

What is Prayer? Prayer is an exciting journey into the heart of God. St. Teresa of Avila wrote, "We pray as we are able, we do not pray as we are not able." There are many aspects to prayer to explore and discover. Not everything will be right for you and what works for you for a period of time may not work forever. All this is normal.

For many people prayer is "a conversation with God." It is a time set apart to talk with God as we would with any other friend or acquaintance. Any one of us can pray with words that are heartfelt and simple to a God who loves us as we are and desires to spend time with us.

The word "conversation" implies a reciprocal communication. We talk to God and God talks to us. Conversation requires that we learn not only how to express ourselves plainly and openly, but also that we learn to hear what God may be saying to us. As difficult as it is to talk to God, it's listening to God that often causes distress. Where do we hear God? What does God sound like? How does this happen? In the Reformed tradition God speaks to us first and foremost through Holy Scripture, especially in the Gospels which give accounts of the ultimate revelation of God to us in Jesus Christ. God speaks to us in the preached Word as well. We also hear God's voice through other vehicles of worship such as hymns. Sometimes God speaks to us through other people or circumstances or through gifts of nature and music. When God speaks to us there is movement deep within our beings. God is heard not with audible words, but with insights. These take place through our intellect, imagination, feeling, health and other subtle movements of the Holy Spirit. We know that such insights are from God when they are in accordance with Scripture and move us toward the most loving action. ©The Elder's Institute, 2007



## 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.

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Worship at St. Andrew's is intergenerational. Of course, among those generations, there are children. On any given Sunday, there can be sounds of laughter, crying, and fidgeting from children in worship at St. Andrew's and for these children (and their parents!), we give thanks! Whether you bring children with you to worship, or you find yourself sitting near children, we hope you will give this a read.

### Parents of Young Children

We are so glad that you are here, and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:

- ◆ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ◆ It can be helpful to sit towards the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- ◆ Sing hymns, pray & respond with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be too!
- ◆ There is a children's time with the minister during each service. After this time there are activities & books available for the children on the mat along the south wall. Please sit close to the children to aid in their activities & to be handy should your child need you.
- ◆ Teach children the Lord's Prayer; being able to join in with the prayers helps children feel they are contributing too.
- ◆ Attend worship often. Children like & need routines where they can participate.

**To those sitting near parents & children:** A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children! Jesus welcomed the little children, and, here at St. Andrew's, we do too!



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**Sunday Worship - 10:00 am**

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