

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 JULY 8 — JULY 14, 2018

Sun. 8 — Worship Time — 10:00 am

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS!

Rev. Joyce is out of town for the following Services and back for the July 22nd Service:
July 15th — Charlie Wilson
July 22nd — Rev. Joyce is back



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:

Volli & Fran Soer; Aiden, Sydney, Alana Squitti; Mark & Andrea Steinhäusser; Leslie, Jay, Karen, James & Barbara Ann Storeshaw; Michael, Alexandra, Kristine; Faith & Karen Sundell;

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!

GIVEN THE CHANCE!



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

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>



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

SPECIAL THANKS!



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

PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



Achieving Independence Through Agriculture Training. Esther Beza has many responsibilities. The Malawian farmer takes care of her four children and her elderly parents, all while farming two hectares of land. But with changing rain patterns, low soil fertility and poor access to seeds, Esther's crops didn't yield enough food to feed her family. Esther had been skipping meals, but things changed after she participated in an agricultural training project with Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank. "I no longer struggle to find seeds, and I have learned to use pig manure for fertilizer," shares Esther, motivated by the fruitful results of the farming techniques she's learned. Esther no longer worries about anyone going hungry. *PWS&D invests in agriculture to benefit communities*

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,



If you are visiting today, welcome to worship! I am away on vacation but am doing a series in the newsletter on prayer with material from a course I took a few years ago. Learning about prayer is always relevant. **Prayer as Presence:**

Since prayer is about listening in deep intangible ways it is important not to limit our definition of prayer to forms of verbal discourse. Not all prayer is about speaking to God. As is the case in our human relationship, our times of talking with God are often marked by times of silence. Especially as a relationship deepens, the need for verbalizing subsides at times and there is joy and satisfaction in being together. We simply bask in the presence of one another. It is the same in our relationship with the Holy. Words aren't always necessary. Being in one another's presence is deep communion. It is in "being with God" – in finding God in the present moment – that we pray "without ceasing". We can do this whether we are sitting down for a special time in God's presence or moving through our daily routines.

Ultimately prayer is the rhythm of intense enchantment that flows between two person who are uniquely connected. It is being in a union of love with Love. © The Elders' Institute, 2004

Violin Concert!



Don't miss this exciting concert on **July 12th, 7:00PM** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The performers are Gregory Lewis, violin and Paul Williamson, piano. They will be performing a French program with works by Debussy, Ravel, and Faure, as well as unaccompanied classics by Bach and Paganini. Tickets at the door are **\$20** for adults and **\$10** for students.

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.

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