

St. Andrew's News

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September 2nd, 2018



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.



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY — SEPT. 9TH!

Commissioning service for Sunday school, teachers, choir. With joy we will honour Betty McCormack, Bruce Hole, and Marian Childs for their dedication as members of Session and leaders of the Church with title Elder Emeritus! Watch for details!



SEPTEMBER GREETERS



St. Aiden's will be greeting in the month of September!

FUN AND FITNESS - SEPT 10th

Reminder that Fun & Fitness starts back up on **Sept. 10th, 2018**. Remember to bring your enthusiasm as well as have some fun!



UPCOMING FUNDRAISER DINNER AUCTION!

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church is holding a fundraising dinner auction on **October 11** at the Columbus Centre, a true night of fun! The Dinner Auction Committee is seeking your support. We are seeking donations of live and silent auction items, including: art, crafts, tools, household items, antiques, sporting goods, services, gift certificates (restaurants, hotels, retailers, coffee shops, golf). We also ask your support by purchasing a ticket for the dinner for \$35 (\$10 children) and the opportunity to bid on many great prizes! Consider a table of friends from your neighbourhood or circle of friends—we will reserve a table for your group! All proceeds will go to church operations! **Contact John Mason 577-4043** to donate items and buy tickets. We appreciate your support! “



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2 — 8, 2018

Mon. 3 — Office Closed

Tue. 4 — Seekers—7:30 pm

Wed. 5 — Facilities & Finance— 1:00 pm

Sat. 8 — Doors Open — 10:00 — 2:00

TIME CHANGE REMINDER!



Reminder that our Sunday Service goes back to **11:00 am** starting **Sept 9th, 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: **Trish & James Finlay; Darryl & Leona Fleming; Jennie Fleming; Maryellen & Bob Fleming; Madge Forbes; Rob & Jody, Parker, Brody Forester; Inga & Ray, Bryce Foster; Susan, Andrew, Olivia; Chelsea & Michael, Addison Fraser; Don & Mary Fulton; Bill Fummerton; Norman and Donald Galloway; Judy Gardner; Cheryl, Ashley, Carli, Emily Garrett; Kelly & Anna, Autumn, Ashlyn, Noah Garton; Andrea Gemmel; Jamie & Mairi Gerow;**

BLESSING OF BACK PACKS



As the new school year starts for the teachers! Students, and children go to daycare as vacation end, you are invited to bring backpacks to worship for a special blessing and a small gift to remember that “God’s got your back”.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE



Lunch with a difference will be starting back up Wednesday **November. 14th, 2018**.

FRAGRANCE FREE REMINDER

For the health & consideration of those who attend this space of worship, please refrain from using perfume, cologne & other scented products.



From Rev. Joyce,



I do I am writing this from Senior Pres B Camp. That means youth going into grade nine through twelve can attend. At this moment it is 10:55pm and I am listening to eleven young women chattering about everything from Caitlyn Jenner to the Kardashians, to the Yodeling Walmart boy (I had to look that one up on YouTube), to Nicki Manaj. Then as the hour gets later the voices get fewer and quieter. The lights are turned out and we have gone from awake to bedtime without me having to say a word. They have requested that the lights go out. Then the rain begins to softly fall. We go from talking about the latest things they have seen on the internet to being lulled by God's creation. These girls, in fact all these kids love camp. Most have been coming to camp since their childhood and know each other well. Even so, they are very good at welcoming a young man into the fold who has never been to camp. Here they build community. Some have not seen each other since last year, others go to school together, but they are wonderful at including everyone. There is a long tradition here, started by those who cared enough to give of themselves to make it happen and continues through those who will not let it go because they believe it is too important. It is a place to build friendships and create memories. It is a safe place that allows enough freedom for these youth to experience and learn more about themselves, others, and God. I give thanks to all of you that our ministry at St. Andrew's allows me to be here. It is a gift.



DOORS OPEN THUNDER BAY!



Visit St. Andrew's as part of the Doors Open Thunder Bay held on **September 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (all other venues open until 4:00 pm)**, under the 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. 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.

PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



International Literacy Day (Sept. 8)

"Neither the students nor I were actually enjoying the lessons." Inayatullah, a teacher at Zangue Girls School in Afghanistan, knew his lecture-based teaching style was ineffective. Since attending teacher-training workshops run by Presbyterian World Service & Development partners, Inayatullah has learned to bring life to his lessons. After implementing more practical teaching methods, Inayatullah's pupils are engaging in group activities, participating in lively discussions and better learning their lessons. With a greater sense of ownership over their education, they are gaining confidence, asking questions and voicing their opinions. By improving the quality of education, PWS&D is helping more children enjoy their studies and become leaders in their communities. "This is a tremendous achievement for both the students and me," Inayatullah says with a smile. *PWS&D builds futures of hope for vulnerable girls*

RESPONDING TO CRISIS IN AFRICA

Across the African continent, many thousands are severely impacted by crises not of their own making—natural disasters and conflict. Violent clashes in **Sudan, South Sudan** and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** have caused widespread trauma and displacement and left many thousands without the necessities for survival. In **Somalia**, families fleeing their homes because of deadly flash floods are at risk of malnutrition and disease. PWS&D is responding with partners at Canadian Food grains Bank and the ACT Alliance. Join us in showing God's love and compassion to those in need. Make a donation through the church, donating online at **WeRespond.ca**, or calling **1-800-619-7301 ext. 291**. Please mark your donation "Africa Relief."



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Sunday Worship - 10:00 am

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