



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 23 - 30, 2019

~ HELLO SUMMER ~

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

June 23 - Admission of newly elected Elders onto Session
Blessing of Prayer Shawls

June 30 - Kerry McLaughlin will be in the Pulpit till July 14 while Rev. Joyce is away. She will return for Worship on July 21.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASSES

Are you interested in joining St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church? Are you refreshing your memory about what it means to be Presbyterian? Profession of Faith classes will be held on Tuesdays starting July 30 - Sept. 3 from 1pm - 3pm. Please contact Rev. Joyce to sign up.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

I cannot think of a better definition of Christianity than that: give, give, give!
James I. McCord (1919-1990), past president of Princeton Theological Seminary

SUMMER CAMP!!

Pres-B-Camp needs teenagers! The senior camp (August 22-25) is in danger of being cancelled if we don't get more campers. So if you are entering grades 9-12 and are interested in a weekend of fun and community please sign up now. Also, if you are a teen who enjoys working with youth and would like some volunteer hours consider volunteering as a junior counsellor at the junior camp (July 21-27). Forms are available at your church.

Pres-B-Camp is also looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen or to help with the prep of camp. If you are interested please contact Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com). And remember that it is not too late to sign up yourself, your child, or your grandchildren for Pres-B-Camp!

PRAYER INVITATION



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: Jim & Barb Buie; Warren & Brenda Buttars; Lawrence & Lillian Buttman; Sarah Campbell & Derek, Owen Smith; Sharon & Charles Campbell; Tara-Lynn & Joshua, Tyler, Natalie Carr; Joan Cates; Bruce & Marian, Michael Childs; Eilidh & Jarron, Callan Childs

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

From June 16 - Sept 1
Worship will begin at 10:00am on Sundays.



CPR/AED COURSE

The 55 Plus Centre is hosting a CPR/AED at the Superior North EMS Station, located at 105 Junot Ave S, Course on **Wednesday, June 26** from 7pm - 8:30pm. Registration is free. Call the centre at 684-3066 to register.



BOARD GAME DONATIONS

Peer Connections at St. Josephs Health Centre South is looking for donations of board games, in good condition and with all the pieces, for the enjoyment of their members at their weekly Games Day. All game donations are appreciated and will be enjoyed. Phone 624-3400 ext. 3361 or drop off at Victoriaville Mall Suite 19



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 now.



From Rev. Joyce



This past week I have been reminded of how much can change. I have been with four different families as they plan for services for loved ones, and as many of you can attest, their lives are forever changed. Saturday, I led a worship service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Geraldton in which we formally ended the Presbyterian ministry from that church building. The ministry itself will continue as the shared ministry of St. James' Anglican and St. Andrew's Presbyterian, but they did not need two buildings so the Presbyterian Church is being sold. This is a time when the words "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people" rings truer in their hearts and minds than for most of us. There is grief, but they trust that God can help them all navigate this change. St. James' Anglican will also be forever changed. For one thing, they will have Presbyterian worship in their building on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.

And today the Session of St. Andrew's Thunder Bay will change just a little. Larry Hebert, John Paddington, and Alison Paddington are stepping away from their role as active elders on the Session. They have been steadfast in their work and we give thanks. Jamie Gerow and Lynda McKeown come back to this work of eldership. We have term eldership at St. Andrew's, meaning that when an elder's six-year term is over, they can choose to take a leave or let their names stand for re-election. Jamie and Lynda will join Fred Dewsberry, Marilyn Garton, Sue Heald, Nonie Marsh, and Margo Rahmer in being admitted back onto the Session. Rounding out the Session are John Mason – Clerk, Susan Dynes, Judy Persian, Gordon Cuthbertson, Diane Berube, Jean Rawana, Maryellen Fleming, and Kathie Pawlik. This means change and adjustments, but we trust that God is working in and through all of us and we will have the gifts on Sessions for the work ahead of us.

And there will be a change in the pulpit as I take the next three Sundays for vacation. Pastor Kerry McLaughlin will be leading worship. I know the rest will be good for me. It can also be healthy for the congregation to hear someone else share the gospel from time to time. Larry Hebert, John Mason, and Jan Sewall have all agreed to write something in place of my newsletter note while I am away. Again, a different perspective is edifying to us all. I pray that this congregation and the staff will find rest and renewal in worship and in life as we enjoy summer.

For all of this to be truly wonderful and helpful, the identity of the church must be firmly planted in the understanding of being a whole people of God. Everyone in the above situations has already proven their faithfulness to one another. Thanks be to God for the ability to change, to love, to be the people of God.

A PCC MISSION MOMENT

Exploring the power of prayer

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ont., is exploring new ways of being the church. A recipient of the PCC's Supporting Ministry Grant, the ministry is made up of "Living Rooms," where people gather together in homes for meals and conversations that draw them deeper into friendship in Christ. They recently began The Prayer Project, which encourages spiritual depth, wisdom and maturity among its members through prayer. The Prayer Project is a multi-faceted approach to forming missional apprentices of Jesus, through a variety of initiatives that include a weekly contemplative prayer walk, a Healing Prayer Team, as well as special events dedicated to communal prayer.

Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations explore new initiatives



PIPE ORGAN FUNDRAISING



We have raised **\$20,000!!!**
Thank you for helping us achieve our goal!

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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