



# St. Andrew's News

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June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019



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 9 - 16, 2019

- Tues 11 - Session @ 6:00pm
- Wed 12 - Lunch with a Difference @ 12:00pm
- Wed 12 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:00pm
- Thurs 13 - Prayers in the Chapel @ 1:15pm
- Sun 16 - Blood Pressure Clinic @ 12:00pm

## MISSION & OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE

Summer is just around the corner. Mission and Outreach will be collecting non-perishable food items to help families get through summer without school-based support. Please be generous.

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

- June 9 - Day of Pentecost
- June 16 - National Indigenous Peoples Sunday
- 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.

## 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: Elmer Auld; Jody Auld; Kenneth & Catherine Auld; Mary Ann, Darryl Auld; Sandra & Dennis Axent; Art Balone; Gus & Corinne Barclay; Alana & Philippe Baron; Lee & Elaine Batstone; Eleanor Beauchamp; Peggy Beese; Darlene & Bob Belanger

## SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

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



## BENEFIT FOR JACK WALL

Jack Wall has been in Toronto going through some very intensive and expensive treatment for the very painful radiation burn on his leg as a result of cancer treatment. The proceeds from this benefit will assist in covering some of the costs of that treatment and the accompanying living expenses.

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**  
**8:00pm to 1:00am**  
**Food and Prizes**  
**South Gillies Community Hall Hwy 595**  
 Tickets are \$4.00 and available from  
**Jamie Gerow - 622-3098**

## SUMMER CAMP!!

Pres-B-Camp is back! This summer the Presbytery will run two overnight camps.

**Junior Camp** will be on **July 21-27th**, for children entering grades 3-8.

**Senior Camp** will be on **August 22-25th**, for teenagers entering grades 9-12.

If you, your children, or your grandchildren are interested in coming to Pres-B-Camp forms are available at [www.standrewspres-tbay.com](http://www.standrewspres-tbay.com). You can contact Will Newton if you have any questions at [newton9455@hotmail.com](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)

## SAFE FOOD HANDLING COURSE

St. Andrew's will be hosting a Safe Food Handling Course on **Thursday June 20, 2019** from 9am-4pm. We currently have 8 people signed up for the course which will cost \$56.50 per person. If we were to have a total of 10 or more people to sign-up that cost would go down to \$45.20 per person. If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking the course please contact Jean Rawana at 939-1702 or let Shaundra, the Office Administrator know by June 14, 2019.



**FOOD SAFETY**

## A FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are very happy to report that Presbyterian Sharing is currently at 30%; however, funds raised to support our church continue to fall behind and is currently at 20%—still 5% behind where we should be. This 5% shortage equates to approximately \$10,000. Our new heating system continues to save us money on our heating bill. Despite the increases in gas costs that still amounts to a savings of **\$930.00** over four months. That's phenomenal!

## 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.



## PIPE ORGAN FUNDRAISING



We have raised **\$20,000!!!**

Thank you for helping us achieve our goal!

## A PCC MISSION MOMENT

### A house of hope in Romania

Brothers Kevin and Ionut live in rural Romania. When their mom died, their father, unemployed and devastated by his wife's death, felt that there was no other option but to put his boys into a state-run orphanage. A local minister approached Csilla Bertalan, the Director of Samuel House, asking her to help the boys. Samuel House is a Christian social ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania that receives support from Presbyterians Sharing. 36 children from struggling families, some at risk of being put into orphanages, are cared for in a loving and stable environment. Education is key and the tutors of the after-school program ensure the children will succeed. Csilla shares, "We are grateful to God who sends us generous supporters such as the PCC, who are thinking of and caring for the kids that live and study with us."

*Presbyterians Sharing brings hope to children in Romania*

## FRAGRANCE FREE REMINDER

Please refrain from using perfume, cologne & other scented products.



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**Sunday Worship - 11:00 am**

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

## From Rev. Joyce



Happy Birthday! Today is the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is the Greek word for fifty, and this day comes fifty days or the seventh Sunday after Easter. It is considered the birthday of the church. The day when the gift of the Holy Spirit came down upon the people. It is the fulfilment of the promise made by Jesus in John 14: 15-31 in the days before his crucifixion. The promise was that the Holy Spirit, who God would send in Jesus' name would come, teach us everything, and remind us of all that Jesus had said. The Holy Spirit is a community creator and builder, the great unifier. I write this knowing that the Presbyterian Church in Canada is not feeling particularly unified today. The 145th General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) met from Sunday evening June 2 through Thursday June 3, 2019. This has been a contentious and challenging time of meeting for the church. The biggest anticipation was of a vote that would be taken, which seemed no matter what, would bring division rather than unity. The commissioners to GA were asked to decide how to proceed on the question of the ordination of practicing LGBTQ+ people and whether or not clergy can preside over the marriage of LGBTQ+ people in our churches. As it stands this is not possible in the PCC. The vote on Tuesday afternoon was in favor of full inclusion of all. This means a change in our doctrine, in other words, our understanding of scripture. This decision made many people rejoice. This has been a topic of conversation and motions at GA for over 25 years. But it was also a decision that many were opposed to. This is not a done deal. The next year will be spent looking at the ramifications of this decision. It will be sent to the Presbyteries for their vote, before the decision is ratified (or not) at GA 2020. If ever the Presbyterian Church in Canada needed the Holy Spirit, it is now. Please pray that our denomination will come through this stronger and more courageous than ever. That the Holy Spirit will be present with us as the church lives into our future with Christ, in Christ, and through Christ. Amen.

## 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

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

For it is in giving that we receive  
*St. Francis of Assisi, (1181-1226),  
friar, deacon, preacher*