

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 help. We

invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

DIABETES EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Learn effective tips and strategies to live with your diabetes— pain and fatigue management, preventing low blood glucose, exercise and stress management, healthy eating and much more.



The workshops will be held each Thursday from January 28 to March 3, 2016

from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Pre-registration is required. Please call 345-7339 or register online at www.healthychange.ca

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: **Robert, Rhonda and Morgan LeGros; Mavis Lehto; Michael, Darlene, Jordan, and Olivia Lehto; and Elizabeth, Donald, Benjamin, and Rebecca Lemieux.**



Baby Food Drive

Mission and Outreach Committee is asking the congregation for donations of canned baby food for the RFDA (Regional Food Distribution) food bank. Children are the most vulnerable segment of Thunder Bay's poor. The drive will go until March 6th. Your support is appreciated.

Week of Jan. 25—30, 2016

Mon Fun & Fitness.....9:30 a.m.
Tues St. Aidan's Group..... 11:30 am.
Wed Fun & Fitness.....9:30 a.m.

In need of a visit?

If you are aware of someone who is ill or in need of a visit, please advise the office so that we reach out with a helping hand. Telephone 622-4273.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

An ecumenical service in celebration of *World Day of Prayer* will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church **this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2016, following the service.

To stay informed, please plan to attend. The **Seekers** group will host a *fundraising Chili Luncheon* after the service and prior to the meeting.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, and available in the main office.



RELIEF FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

The Government of Canada has announced an extension to February 29, 2016, for matching all donations for refugees caused by the ongoing crisis in Syria. Use a PWS&D envelope available at the entrances to the sanctuary, or put your donation in your regular offering envelopes. Cheques should be made out to St. Andrew's church, and marked "**Syria Relief.**"

Those so wishing may also donate through the PCC website <http://presbyterian.ca/>



From Rev. Joyce

How do we use our gifts? In the scripture readings, I am focused on 1 Corinthians 12, which are all about our gifts; this is something that I have been pondering for some time. This week a phone call reminded me of a time about eight years ago when I was stretching my time and gifts to the max., and the reward was burn-out. There have also been times when I have been less than generous with my time and gifts, and that just led to a feeling of not giving my best to God. Discovering our gifts is a process. Discerning when and how to use them is also a process. For people who have multiple gifts, it is likely that God is not calling you to use all of them all at the same time. For those who think they have few or no gifts from God whatsoever, that is likely not truth either. God loves people and we are given gifts of the Spirit for use in God's kingdom.

Using our gifts will bring joy, but that does not mean that it will not bring with it challenge as well. I have most often found that God has taken gifts that I have and used them in ways I would not have thought of, or would have considered I was capable of doing. Many times, it was others asking me to do something, and I took time to pray and even ask others if they thought that this was an area that I had gifts with which to serve, before I committed to anything.

I think what I am saying is that figuring out our gifts, how to use them, and for how long, is an ongoing part of our faith journey. If you have any desire to explore your gifts, ask someone to walk alongside you.

I would also be honored to be part of your journey.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING Syrian refugees call Canada home

Presbyterians



In response to Christ's call to serve and defend the vulnerable and the persecuted, Presbyterian World Service & Development provides humanitarian aid to refugees worldwide, while promoting and protecting their rights.

This past year, the Pickering Presbytery Mission and Outreach Committee headed a refugee sponsorship project with support from PWS&D. An outpouring of generosity from member churches allowed the presbytery to raise enough money to sponsor not one, but five Syrian families escaping violent conflict. "Although many of the churches in our presbytery are small, as partners together we have been able to do something really meaningful," said Liz Stark, a member of the Pickering committee. In generosity, faith and partnership, Presbyterians are helping refugees on their journey toward peace.

PWS&D responds to refugees

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Jim McLean, our Caretaker and sign maker, for the lovely new exterior sign on the Donald Street side of the church. Be sure to check it out!



UPCOMING EVENT

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Dinner Auction on April 7th, 6:30 pm, at the Columbus Centre. Plan to come for a night of fun and entertainment! More information next week...

THUNDER BAY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Thunder Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra will present

***For the Love of Music,
a Symphonic Valentine***



Valentine's Day Events

on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for students and children.

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Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.