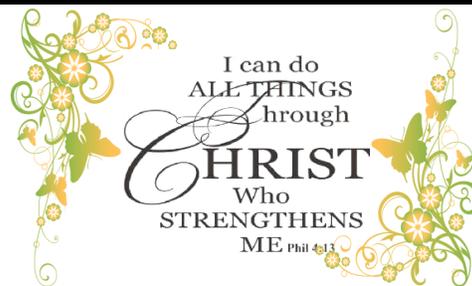


St. Andrew's News

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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.

The Shack By: William Young

NY Time #1 Bestseller: for 52 consecutive weeks, 172 weeks running. Over 20 million copies sold, translated into 40+ different languages & now a movie with a release date of November 18th, 2016. If you want to read the book and enjoy a conversation about *The Shack*, then plan to buy it or get it from the Library.



There will be an evening of desert and conversation 7:00 pm Friday, May 13th at Rev. Joyce's house. If you are planning to participate email or call Joyce.

COFFEE HOUR ...

after church today, hosted by the Seekers Group.

Let us join together for a time of Refreshments & fellowship.

All are welcome to join us.



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:

Darlene Yahn; Ken & Joyce Yaniskewski; Jill, Erinn & Janna Zachary; Gwen Zayots; Lorne, Susan & Maggie Zerabny; Cheryl, Jordi, Chantel & Jordan Adams; Joanne Adams; Lance & Jan Alexander; Andy & Myrna Anderson; Kathleen Anderson; Kathyne Appelt; Carol Arnold; Jay & Meghan Arpin; Nancy Arthur; Alda Asquith; Annette Augustine, and Audrey & Harry Auld.



Week of May 2 - 8, 2016

Mon Fun & Fitness..... 9:30 a.m.
Tues Seekers Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wed Fun & Fitness..... 9:30 a.m.
Fac. & Finance Meeting 1:30 p.m.
Thur Congregational Discussion..... 7:00 p.m.

GREGORY LEWIS THIRD YEAR RECITAL



Friday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church
Paul Williamson, Piano

Performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Bartok, and others.

Adults - \$15.00 & Students - \$10.00

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION

There is a discussion happening in the broader context of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) regarding human sexuality, leadership in the church and marriage, this is an important conversation. As for our congregation, there will be opportunity *THIS* Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm in Grant Hall to participate in the discussion. If you plan to attend please also plan to do the work of viewing videos and/or reading the Body, Mind and Soul study guide. We want to have an informed discussion and it would be good if everyone came in with some of the background. Below is a list of websites that can be accessed for information. These links will also be provided on the church's website.

The following link will take you to a number of documents of the PCC
<http://presbyterian.ca/sexuality/#open-for-information-about-overtures-and-feedback>

The following link is provided by the Presbytery of Hamilton. Both videos or transcripts of the videos are available.

<http://www.presbykirk.com/humansexuality.html>

The following link will take you to an independent webpage: *Presbyterians Standing for Apostolic Love and Truth*. www.psalt.info



From Rev. Joyce,



This past week I was asked what is the difference between Presbyterian's Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), so over the next two weeks I will answer this. Today I focus on Presbyterian's Sharing, which is a fancy name for the Presbyterian Church in Canada's national budget. Each congregation makes a pledge to support the national church with funding from our offerings. It is referred to as an allocation and the agreed amount is part of our budget process at the annual meeting each year. Though it does not work this way in every PCC church, at St. Andrew's there are members of the congregation who give to our budget but also give money specifically toward our accepted allocation for the national church's budget. For 2016 the congregation has agreed to support the national church in the amount of \$16,000.00. Each week you can read stories in our newsletter of how this money is used by the Presbyterian Church in Canada as we work together as a denomination to support each other and ministry here and abroad. Know that here at St. Andrew's we weekly use the resources that are produced by the national church and regularly access the staff at church offices in Toronto for resources, guidance, and support in ministry, all of which come from Presbyterians Sharing.

From Facilities & Finance:

 Thank you to the person who donated the \$713.00 for the large print hymn licenses.

 Thank you as well to the person who donated \$200.00 to go towards Guest Musicians/Soloists.

Our wish list of items that we were not able to include in this year's budget (in order to make it balance) still includes:

Floor Waxing \$700.00

We couldn't afford this last year & it really needs to be done this year.

New Office Equipment & Software \$4,110.00

All of the equipment and software we are looking to replace is already 10-15 years old and failing. Below is an itemized list:

Computer for Secretary.....\$1,250.00

Computer for Bookkeeper.....\$1,250.00

New Version of ChurchWatch.....\$960.00

New Version of Accounting Software (Sage).....\$400.00

Cheque Writing Printer.....\$250.00

Carillon Bells Repair/Upgrade

At the moment they are not working at all. Price to be determined but it will be an absolute minimum of \$500.00 and possibly more.

If there is an item or part of an item that speaks to you and you wish to contribute we will be please to accept and, if you wish, you can be recognized by name in the following week's newsletter.

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Stay related to us; keep us in your prayers



Small but faithful

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help support St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls - Windsor, Newfoundland. The congregation was formed in 1910, and theirs was the first church building in the emerging pulp and paper town. It has always been difficult to attract and keep a minister in this isolated area, so the laity has taken a strong leadership role in the church and community over the years. Services with the Rev. Dr. Ian Wishart, the interim moderator, take place once a month. Ian visits for 2 full days so that he can lead a Sunday service and make pastoral visits to nursing homes and to those unable to attend worship. Although small, the congregation remains active, faithfully supporting the church and valuing its place both in the town of Grand Falls-Windsor and the wider faith community of Presbyterians in Canada.

Presbyterians Sharing helps small, rural churches thrive

THE BOOK OF ACTS - The church's story begins...

For those who like to read ahead, sermons in the coming weeks will focus on the following scriptures:***May 1 Acts 16:9-15; Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia/ The conversion of Lydia



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the members of St. Aidan's Guild for greeting in April. Evening Guild members will be greeting in May.



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