

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.

Week of May 23 - 29, 2016

Wed Fun & Fitness 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Joyce will be away on study leave May 18-25.

The office will be closed
Monday, May 23rd for Victoria Day

Please have a safe and enjoyable
Victoria Day Weekend!

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:

Gordon & Wendy Bruce; Dan, Jody, Crystal & Jordan Budd; Jim & Barbara Buie; William & Mary Buie; David & Susan Burrows; David, Kathy, Kayla & Owen Butters; Dorothy Butters; Warren, Brenda & Derek Butters; Lawrence, Lillian & Lisa Buttman; Ann & Sarah Caban; Joan Cameron; Charles, Sharon, Molly & Sarah Campbell; Tara-Lynn, Joshua & Tyler Carr; and Joan Cates.



THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Mary Ellen Fleming, for taking the time to help out and conduct today's service while Joyce is away on study leave.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Stay related to us;
keep us in your prayers



Translating the Bible in Taiwan

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean as he serves as a Bible Translation Adviser in partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and the Bible Society in Taiwan. Mission and church growth among Taiwan's indigenous peoples expanded rapidly between the late 1920s and the 1950s. Today there are over 500 indigenous congregations in the PCT! Indigenous Bible translation work began in the 1950s and continues to this day. Paul is helping five indigenous translation teams who are preparing Bibles in the Amis, Bunun, Drekey, Paiwan and Pinuyumayan languages. He also promotes the Hakka Bible which was published in 2012. The PCT, the BST, and the PCC are deeply committed to preserving and promoting all of Taiwan's non-Mandarin languages so that people can read, hear and share God's life-giving Word in their own mother-tongues.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the Word of God

CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 12

St. Andrew's potluck picnic will be held on:
Sunday, June 12th after the service
at South Neebing Community Center:
1841 Mountain Road.

Please bring your own plates and cutlery.

Fun & Games to follow!

We hope to see you there for a time
of fun and fellowship.

PICNIC



From Rev. Joyce,



Today is Trinity Sunday and as I am away on study leave, I am looking to theologian Rolf Jacobson and the book *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms*, to give me a break from writing.

“How do you sum up the Trinity, God’s being three persons in one God? Legend has St. Patrick using a shamrock to demonstrate how three distinct leaves comprise a single plant. Others have borrowed the triune images of light heat, and sun; or even ice, steam, and water. Our personal favorite is onions, celery, and green bell pepper – the Holy Trinity of Cajun cooking, without which soups and sauces risk unforgivably heretical blandness. Neither the word Trinity itself nor the full doctrine of the Trinity occurs in the Bible, but both the word and the doctrine seek to describe accurately the God who is revealed in the Bible. For the first Christians, who had learned from Jesus the Son how to follow God the Father and who had experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, referring to God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit came naturally. After a little time passed however, people started to want a clearer description of how Jesus “fit in” with the Father and the Spirit. Were the three the same or different? Were all three God?...Eventually, it was agreed that God is Trinity: three person in one God; three person (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) in one Being (God)” Rolf A. Jacobson. Editor. *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms*. Augsburg Books. Minneapolis. 2008. P175-176.

From Facilities & Finance:

Thank you to the person who donated \$350.00 for floor waxing.

We are still hoping to find sponsors to help cover the rest or part of the remaining cost of waxing the floors (\$350.00) and to cover all or part of the cost to replace our ancient, and failing computer equipment and hardware (\$4110.00).

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

YARD, PLANT & BAKE SALE

First Presbyterian Church
(corner of Walsh and Grey streets)
is having a Yard, Plant & Bake Sale
Saturday, May 28th
from 9:00am to 1:00pm.



IT’S TIME FOR SUMMER CAMP!!!

Pres-B-Camp is a week-long overnight summer camp for those entering grades 3 - 8 in the fall 2016. This year, camp will be held on July 17-23. There will also be a weekend Teen Retreat on August 14-20 for those entering grade 9 and up.

When you bring a friend we will offer 50% off the cost of both registrations.



Application forms are available in the main office.

From Member of Parliament Ted Falk:

Session has received a letter from MP Ted Falk and wanted to share the following information with the congregation:

Canadian charities deliver critical social support services to communities. However, with an ever declining donor base, I recognize that you need help. This is why I have announced details of my new Private Members Bill in Parliament - *The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act*. And I need YOUR help to make this proposal a reality. Currently, federal tax credits for political contributions **far exceed** the federal tax credits for donations to registered charities in Canada. That’s just not right. The *Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act* will level the playing field between donations to political parties and donations registered charitable organizations like yours.

If you are supportive, take just one minute out of your day to contact YOUR Member of Parliament and lend your support to this bill. The bill is C-239 - The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act.

For more information go to www.parl.gc.ca.

Full detailed letters can be picked up in the main office as well.

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