# **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.



The Annual Nolalu Spring Market will be held on June 10th from 9:30—1:00pm. You will find baking, arts and crafts, Finnish coffee bread, tomato plants & starter plants for your garden. The canteen will offer coffee, tea, snacks and light lunch.

*From Thunder Bay*: follow Hwy 11/17 West, to Stanley, go over the Stanley bridge, go right onto Hwy #588 and drive until you arrive at the Nolalu Community Centre on the right at 2266 Hwy #588.

## Visit the country to celebrate spring!

#### SUMMER CAMP

Registration forms are available in the office for Summer Camp. Junior Camp: July 8-14; Senior Camp: Aug 17-20. Get your registration in...Summer is right around the corner!!





St. Andrew's Sunday Services will be Worship changing to summer hours on June 18th. Service will begin at 10:00am on that day and will continue for the summer until September 10th.

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

#### **BELLS UNITED**

There will be a Handbell Choir Concert on Wed June 21 @ 7:00pm at Trinity United Church (30 Algoma Street S). This is a fun time to hear and learn about ringing handbells! Admission is a freewill offering towards refurbishing the bells.



#### Week of Jun 5 — 11, 2017

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Facilities & Finance meeting .... 1:00pm

#### 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 <sup>c</sup> prayers:



Ian McCormack; Janet, Gillian & Graeme McCormack; Rob & Helen McCormack; Allan, Moreen & Susan McFarlane; Mary McGhee.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Royal Conservatory of Music is holding their exams again at St. Andrew's from Mon Jun 19 to Fri Jun 24. We are looking for persons to answer the door in the afternoons during the exams (12:30pm—5:30pm). If available, please contact the

office (622-4273) and let us know what days, single day or part day you can work. Thank you!

#### PRESBYTERIAN SHARING A Presbyterian gathering

This Sunday, Presbyterians from across Canada are meeting in Kingston, ON for our annual General Assembly. The chosen theme is Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, today, forever, based on Hebrews 13:8. Commissioners from across Canada will worship together and discuss, debate and vote on matters that affect our denomination. A first-time commissioner from last year shares, "I gained extensive new knowledge of the extent of our denomination's work and mission. It was energizing to meet Presbyterians from across the country and to feel part of something beyond my congregation."

Please pray for those gathering, that they might find renewal and unity in Christ.

> Presbyterians Sharing brings Presbyterians together



### From Rev. Joyce,

Today as the congregation gathers for worship, Susan Dynes, elder on Session here at St Andrew's, and I will be heading to Kingston, ON to join 227 other commissioners, 17



Young Adult Representative, 3 College Reps, and National office staff, along with committee chairpersons, for the 143<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (GA). The opening worship will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Kingston, with the remainder of the Assembly meetings taking place on the campus of Queen's University.

The General Assembly is the highest court of the church and ordinarily meets once a year. Its responsibilities are only for the period of meeting and the Assembly ceases to exist as soon as it is closed. The only commissioner to retain a position is the Moderator. I have spoken about the Book of Forms in previous newsletters, and the rules for the GA has its own nine-page section, so to explain the way it all works would take more room than I have here. Suffice it to say that GA is where decisions are made that affect every congregation of the PCC. Though the Assembly closes, the work continues. Throughout the year committees meet and church office staff attend to the work that has been laid out for them at GA. Presbyteries and Sessions are tasked with looking at reports that come out of the Assembly for study and response.



Each year a theme is chosen for the Assembly. "Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, today, forever" from Hebrews 13:8 is this year's chosen theme. This focus upon Christ provides the foundation and the exhortation for our unity. Please hold the General Assembly in your prayers so that discussion and decisions will glorify and honor God and our work for God in the world.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC**

St. Andrew's Potluck Picnic will be held on June

11th after the service at the South Neebing Community Centre (1841 Mountain Rd) from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Please bring your own plates & cutlery. Fun and games to follow! We hope to see you there!!



#### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS**

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

-1 Chronicles 29:13

#### LAND OF LAKES CHOIRBOYS

On June 16th at 7:30pm, we are delighted to welcome the Land of Lakes Choirboys in a concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Having traveled throughout Canada, United States, Europe and Australia, this choir, consisting of boys ages 8-15, will be performing both sacred and secular songs of all genres. This concert is free (a good-will offering would be appreciated).



We are looking for 14 billets, 2 boys per billet, to give them a bed for the one night after the concert. Two boys can share a bed as long as the bed is suitable for accommodating two people. The host will also need to provide breakfast & a bag lunch for the following day. See Rev. Joyce or call the office for more information.

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am Office Hours: Mon. to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm