

# 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.



## 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:

**Betty McCormack; Ian McCormack; Gillian, Graeme, Janet McCormack; Helen & Rob McCormack; McFarlane Susan, Allan & Moreen; Mary McGhee; Wallace & Julie McKay; Lynda McKeown; Bradley, Megan, Jane & Don McLeod; Gwen McLeod; Martha McLeod;**

## NEXT STEPS WORKSHOP

Saturday May 12, 1-3pm at First Presbyterian Church (Grey & Walsh) Workshop Facilitator - Katharine Masterton Sisk, Presbyterian Church in Canada's Justice Ministries Across Canada, Presbyterians are working for reconciliation in their communities. They are struggling to respond to The Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' Calls to Action. This workshop will have a heavy emphasis on sharing stories and identifying resources. This is directly focused on us as Presbyterians in this conversation and anyone from our churches is welcome to attend. Please contact Rev. Joyce if you plan to attend so we can help our friends at First Pres plan for the day.



## FINANCE

With the arrival of April we are now into spring and already 33% of the way through this year! Funds raised to this date should be at or near the 33% mark. To date, funds raised to support the budget for this church is currently at 28% while the funds raised for Presbyterian Sharing is currently at 40%. With our new heating system, we have calculated that we have saved almost \$2,200 so far since October 2017 – despite the colder weather this year compared to last year.



## WEEK OF MAY 6 — MAY 12, 2018

Sun. 6 — Coffee Hour — After Service  
Mon. 7 — Fun & Fitness — 9:30 am  
Tues. 8 — Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
Wed. 9 — Fun & Fitness — 9:30 am  
Lunch With a Difference — 12:00 pm  
Thurs. 10 — Music Pups — 11:00 am

## SPEAKER SERIES

### Truth & Reconciliation Events at St. Andrews



**Thursday May 10th at 7:00 pm**, Speaker Series with Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, *Unbundling Uncomfortable Conversations*. Cynthia will speak to what is important about uncomfortable conversations and why today and tomorrow we must work together to create change. Tickets \$15.00 available from the office at St. Andrew's. Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux is serving as the 1st Indigenous Chair on Truth and Reconciliation on behalf of Lakehead University, Thunder Bay and Orillia. She also serves as an adjunct asst. Professor for the Faculty of Anthropology and Research Affiliate of the Centre for Health Care Ethics. Her research and academic writing is directed towards understanding the continuing transmission of unresolved intergenerational trauma and grief primarily within the Indigenous community of Canada.



**Friday May 11th 7:00 pm**, KAIROS Blanket Exercise. The Blanket Exercise is a powerful, interactive, learning experience that explores the 500-year relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on Turtle Island (the land that came to be known as Canada and North America). Blanket Exercise: Free Event - Limited number of spaces / registration is required. Please call 622-4273 or 632-8348

## TAW CONNORS



The Canadian Stomper tribute concert to his late Father Stompin' Tom Connors, our Canadian Legend. Join in on the fun and excitement, come out and Stomp with him to uphold his fathers legacy! Saturday May 26, 2018—7 PM. Tickets \$25 - available at the office.

## From Rev. Joyce,

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It is wonderful when people of the church respond almost spontaneously to the need they see around them. One of the more recent examples of this was Saturday April 28 when a crew of eight got together to clean the church parking lot. It started out innocently enough a few weeks before with Larry Eyres asking about who cleans the parking lot of the sand and debris after the ice and snow melt. Ken Yanishewski was there as the conversation unfolded and before you knew it, the two of them were making plans to clean the place up when the pavement was dry. On the Thursday they decided it would be a go for Saturday. I figured this was a bigger job than just the two of them and so put a call out to a few people I hoped I might be able to respond given the short notice. Saturday morning came and the crew of Susan Dynes, Kathie & Ed Pawlik, Terry Garton, Fred Dewsberry, and Stan Madge were present alongside Ken and Larry, armed with shovels and brooms, plus the needed pails, power sweeper, wheel barrel and trucks. Now you wouldn't have recognized any of them as the morning progressed with their dusk masks and blackened faces, but they were a wonderfully hardworking and jovial bunch even 1 1/2- 2 hours in, with still a couple more hours to go for four of them as they hauled the debris from the parking lot and window wells to the dump. What these eight people might not realize is the joy they have brought to the many people who use the parking lot. I have heard so many comments about how good it looks with everything cleaned up. It brings a smile to their face. For me it speaks volumes about our relationship with one another and with God. It was a gift for us and for the community to have this group care for our property in this way, but it also says that what we have dedicated to the work of God means something and has value.

The parking lot is often the first welcome that people get when they arrive at the church. Thank you to the crew for helping us make it a caring and warm welcome.



## PRES-B JUNIOR CAMP



Before we know it summer will be here. That means Pres-B-Camp!!! Forms and volunteer form are at the back of the Church or available on our website. Junior Camp will be from July 22-26th and is for those entering grades 3-8 this fall. Senior Camp will be August 27-30th and is for those entering grades 9-12. Submit your forms or indicate your interest in camp by May 15th.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



The Apostle Paul advises that "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion." (II Cor 9:7) The Presbyterian Church calls this "intentional giving". It means that, after careful consideration, we have made a decision about what portion of our income we will give back to God. One way to be intentional about your giving is to give by PAR – Preauthorized Remittance. It ensures that your commitment remains a priority whether you make it to church every Sunday or not. The amount you designate will come out of your bank account automatically twice a month. It can be stopped or changed at any time. If you are interested in setting up PAR, or increasing your PAR remittances, please talk to Joyce or the office. Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), philosopher, theologian.

## PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



**A dynamic gathering of youth** - Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the vibrant ministry of Canada Youth. Every two years, hundreds of participants join together from across our denomination to celebrate their energetic faith. This remarkable event in July unites youth, young adults, church leaders and guests from around the world for five days of soul-satisfying worship, unique expressions of faith in large and small groups, dynamic keynotes and workshops, vibrant faith exploration and joyful celebration! CY is a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, make new friends, study scripture, and share joy. More than 4,000 folks have attended CY since it began and the impact of its ministry has been felt in our camps, congregations, and courts.

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**Sunday Worship - 11:00 am**

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