

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.



WEEK OF JULY 15 — JULY 21, 2018

Nothing Scheduled

GIVEN THE CHANCE!



Don't miss the **July 29th** Service with Rev. Joyce and guest musicians from the band Given the Chance.

NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR!



We are excited to announce that we have hired a new **Choir Director, Jamie Gerow !!** Expect to see Jamie in his new position this September. We are excited to have him as part of the St. Andrew's Church Team!

SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks to all the Volunteers who helped out around the Office. Everyone appreciates your time and dedication.



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Thank you Charlie Wilson for taking the pulpit while Joyce is on vacation for this weekend's service.



REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit our **website** and keep up to date with news, events, and programs offered. Curious to what's happening? Check out Upcoming Events and the online Calendar! Visit us today at <https://standrewspres-tbay.ca>



PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



Creating new paths of generosity. In April, members of the Stewards by Design planning committee attended the "Pathways to Generosity" conference at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. They were inspired by dynamic worship, a diverse group of keynote speakers and workshops on topics ranging from preaching stewardship, narrative budgets, stewardship and social media, legacy giving and the stewardship of creation. The team also met with Dr. Kennon Callahan, keynote speaker for the next Stewards by Design conference planned for May, 2019. Members returned home ready to create new paths of generosity in the PCC's stewardship ministry. **Presbyterians Sharing supports leadership development.**

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: **Earl & Joan Sutton; Kathryn Sutton; Margaret Terkelsen; Kathryn & Arthur Towell; Julia, Katie, Bill & Mary Ann; Wayde Turgeon; Jessica, Ashley, Brendon, Darcy & Cathy Tymchyshyn; Billy, Harmony, Donald & Laura Vanasse; Joe Vancook; Joyce Ventrudo; Terry & Robert Wainwright; Kristen, Courtney, Jack & Debbie Wall; Nancy Wallace;**

SUMMER CAMP!!

Pres-B-Camp is almost here! There is still time to register! Junior Camp is for youth entering grades 3-8 is **July 22-26th** and Senior Camp is for youth entering grades 9-12. Forms are available online. We are still looking for a cook for Senior Camp and volunteers to help prepare a meal or two at Junior Camp. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the transportation of supplies to and from camp, remove garbage, and help with last day clean up for either camp. If you are able to help with any of these tasks please come see someone in the Office or contact Will Newton, email: newton9455@hotmail.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

This **Free** Vacation Bible School program helps kids to discover that they're lovingly crafted by God. On this adventure, curious kids become hands-on inventors and experience God, the Ultimate Maker, in new and wildly creative ways! For children ages 4-12, **July 16th—20th** from 9 am—12 pm at **First Presbyterian Church, 639 Grey St.** Call Susan Mattinson for more information at (807)-623-0717.



From Rev. Joyce,



Third installment in a newsletter series on prayer. **Prayer as Gift:**

Prayer is a gift. It is one more expression of Divine grace. The One who longs for us, reaches out to us and opens the way for us through the death and resurrection of Christ, gives us this gift. It is not something we earn, but something we receive and to which we respond. Thomas Merton wrote, "True contemplative prayer is not a psychological trick but a theological grace." Like everything good God has for us, we are able and encouraged to ask, seek and knock in order to find it (Matt. 5:7-8). We travel the pilgrim path more easily when we place ourselves on it. The practice of prayer puts us in God's way; when we approach God cooperatively we spare God the trouble of seeking us out and dragging us back. The regular practice of prayer tells God we are open to receiving. The gift of prayer tells us that God knows the truest, deepest desires of our heart. © The Elders' Institute, 2004



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



Attention **St. Josephs Care Group Volunteers**, SJCG is establishing a new program called the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP). HELP is a client care program that ensures optimal care for older adults in the hospital. HELP prevents a sudden state of confusion or change in mental state and loss of functioning. This program is to one, allowing the volunteer to work directly with the client on a weekly basis. If you are interested call Marielle Henderson at **343-4300 ext. 4419**.

DOORS OPEN THUNDER BAY!



Visit St. Andrew's as part of the Doors Open Thunder Bay held on **September 8th**, under the supporting partnership of Doors Open Ontario and the Ontario Heritage Trust. Offering residents and visitors the opportunity to step through the doors of some of our city's most unique structures and heritage sites. This event is a way to experience firsthand Thunder Bay's remarkable architecture, not only from the outside but from the inside as well – all free of charge! Come explore Thunder Bay's history, culture and community initiatives through our built heritage this September.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Worship at St. Andrew's is intergenerational. Of course, among those generations, there are children. On any given Sunday, there can be sounds of laughter, crying, and fidgeting from children in worship at St. Andrew's and for these children (and their parents!), we give thanks! Whether you bring children with you to worship, or you find yourself sitting near children, we hope you will give this a read.

Parents of Young Children

We are so glad that you are here, and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:

- ◆ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ◆ It can be helpful to sit towards the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- ◆ Sing hymns, pray & respond with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be too!
- ◆ There is a children's time with the minister during each service. After this time there are activities & books available for the children on the mat along the south wall. Please sit close to the children to aid in their activities & to be handy should your child need you.
- ◆ Teach children the Lord's Prayer; being able to join in with the prayers helps children feel they are contributing too.
- ◆ Attend worship often. Children like & need routines where they can participate.

To those sitting near parents & children: A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children! Jesus welcomed the little children, and, here at St. Andrew's, we do too!



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Sunday Worship - 10:00 am

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