

# 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 AUGUST 19 — 25, 2018

Nothing scheduled for this week.

### PAINT NIGHT AND HIGH TEA!

Hosted by the Seekers, come join us **Sept. 29th - 1pm**, at the Church for an afternoon of high tea and painting. Finger sandwiches and dainties will be served as you paint the iconic Sleeping Giant. This is an all ages event, bring the family! 

### WELCOME BACK SUNDAY — Sept. 9th!

Commissioning service for Sunday school, teachers, choir. With joy we will honour Betty McCormack, Bruce Hole, and Marianne Childs for their dedication as members of Session and leaders of the Church with title Elder Emeritus! Watch for details!

### 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:

**Jaewook & Jihye, Seowon, Yeju Cho; Muriel Commisso; Alice Compardo; Ann Connolly; Elizabeth Cook; Hazel Cooper; David Corbett; Gary & Lorie Crozier; Gordon & Linda Cuthbertson; Mykola Cuthbertson; April Dalby; Mac & Mary, Huw, Calum Davies; Marjorie Deagle; Sandra & Anthony DePerry;**

### PRES-B SENIOR SUMMER CAMP!!



We are looking forward to a great summer at Pres-B-Camp from **August 27th—30th!** Join us for a week of fun & learning in nature! Senior Camp is for campers entering Grade 9 to 12 this Fall. Pres-B-Camp is being held at Aurora Lutheran Bible Camp, which is located on Warnica Lake, North of Thunder Bay. Pick up your forms at the Office and also available online or contact Will Newton via. Email:

**newton9455@hotmail.com**

### SPECIAL WELCOME



Congratulations to the family of James and Jennifer Calquhoun on the baptism of their son Jack Robert James. Baptism is a gift from God. There is nothing we can do to earn, deserve, or purchase baptism. It is first of all a sign that God, in Christ, has done all that is necessary to redeem us. The mystery of faith is that God's act of self-giving is offered to us freely, long before we begin to recognize, want, or understand it.


### UPCOMING FUNDRAISER DINNER AUCTION!



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church is holding a fundraising dinner auction on **October 11** at the Columbus Centre, a true night of fun! The Dinner Auction Committee is seeking your support. We are seeking donations of live and silent auction items, including: art, crafts, tools, household items, antiques, sporting goods, services, gift certificates (restaurants, hotels, retailers, coffee shops, golf). We also ask your support by purchasing a ticket for the dinner for \$35 (\$10 children) and the opportunity to bid on many great prizes! Consider a table of friends from your neighbourhood or circle of friends—we will reserve a table for your group! All proceeds will go to church operations! **Contact John Mason 577-4043** to donate items and buy tickets. We appreciate your support! "

### CLEANUP CREW NEEDED!

**Wed. August 22, 9 am - Noon** there will be a cleaning bee to prepare the sanctuary for Doors Open. If you are able to be there, know youth who could use some volunteer hours, pass this on to anyone who would be willing to help out. Men and women alike are welcome to help with the work. If we have a lot of people the work will be done quickly and we may even be able to take on one or two other smaller cleaning tasks. Please bring buckets, rags, and whatever would help in getting the work done. Even an extra vacuum or two would help. 

## From Rev. Joyce,



Invitation. Ken and I have received invitations to weddings this summer. We have an invitation to a dinner at a camp coming up in a week's time. We have been invited to dinner many times over the last five years and as often as is possible we say yes! Eating a meal together, spending time with others, is how we build relationships. I keep thinking about this invitation piece as I have been preaching from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, and pondering how we are invited into relationship with Jesus. I have also had a conversation this week about inviting others to church, which got me reading a few articles as well. It is said that 80% of people who come to a church ended up there because someone invited them. Even if your family has been a part of the church for decades, at some point in is because someone invited them to it. It may have been to an activity or to worship. It may have been Sunday school or a young people's group, but it is by invitation that people get the first sense of welcome. Today it seems more of a gamble than ever before to invite people to church, but maybe a few things will make this easier for you and the person you would like to invite. How about meeting for coffee or a meal or inviting someone to get to know you. When someone asks you what you do, share many things, but also share that you go to church at St. Andrew's. Tell people why it is important to you, or what you like about it. Then invite them. In our minds we can make such a big deal out of this, but it is a simple as asking would you like to come to church? If you get a "no" the first time, it doesn't mean you can't ask again another time. Churches grow because people build relationships with one another and with Jesus.



## DOORS OPEN THUNDER BAY!



Visit St. Andrew's as part of the Doors Open Thunder Bay held on **September 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (all other venues open until 4:00 pm)**, under the 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. 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

## RESPONDING TO CRISIS IN AFRICA

Across the African continent, many thousands are severely impacted by crises not of their own making—natural disasters and conflict. Violent clashes in **Sudan, South Sudan** and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** have caused widespread trauma and displacement and left many thousands without the necessities for survival. In **Somalia**, families fleeing their homes because of deadly flash floods are at risk of malnutrition and disease. PWS&D is responding with partners at Canadian Food grains Bank and the ACT Alliance to meet the needs of the hungry and displaced. Join us in showing God's love and compassion to those in need. Make a donation through the church, donating online at **WeRespond.ca**, or calling **1-800-619-7301 ext. 291**. Please mark your donation "Africa Relief."



## PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



**World Humanitarian Day.** World Humanitarian Day is held each year on August 19 to honour those working to provide emergency aid and create a more peaceful and humane world. Emergency situations—either natural disasters or conflict—take a massive toll on communities. In war-torn countries, innocent civilians become caught in the crossfire, forced to flee with nothing. Large-scale environmental disasters create massive food shortages, displacement and disease. Dedicated partners at ecumenical networks such as Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the ACT Alliance enable Presbyterian World Service & Development to respond to suffering caused by emergency situations around the world. On this day and every day, we are thankful for the spirit that inspires humanitarian work around the world. *PWS&D responds to bring relief in times of disaster.*

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**Sunday Worship - 10:00 am**

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