



St. Andrew's News

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December 23rd, 2018



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 INVITATION



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: Joe Vancook; Joyce Ventrudo; Terry & Robert Wainwright; Jack & Debbie Wall; Larry & Paulette Waugh; Mary West; Geraldine White; Shirley White; Mary Willanen; Dennis Catherine Winko; Ruth Wright; Betty Wyer; Darlene Yahn; Joyce & Ken Yanishewski; Jill Zackary; Gwen Zayots; Lorne & Susan, Maggie Zerabny

TEA & BAZAAR FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Here are the much anticipated numbers! Please note that not all the proceeds go directly to St. Andrew's for the operating budget. Mission and Outreach proceeds are earmarked for mission work. St. Andrew's also supports two children in Dr. Graham's Home in India through the Christmas Room and St. Aidan's Guild. And St. Aidan's and the Seekers give a donation at the end of the year based on fundraising they have done throughout the year including the Tea and Bazaar.

Bake Table.....	\$1059.00
Christmas Room (Sunday School).....	\$695.00
Christmas Tea Tickets.....	\$1192.25
Shortbread.....	\$2332.85
St. Aidan's Guild Craft Table.....	\$944.25
St. Aidan's Guild Dainties.....	\$475.00
Seekers Jewellery.....	\$568.60
Seekers Country Kitchen.....	\$412.00
Mission & Outreach (Shepherd's Pies).....	\$1304.00
Other Donations.....	\$370.00
Total for the Day.....	\$9352.95

As you can see, we have much to be thankful for. Amazing team work, wonderful blessing.

WEEK OF DEC 23 - 30, 2018

Mon 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 pm
 Mon 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 10:00 pm
 Sun 30 - Wassail Service @ 11:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 25, 2018 - Jan. 2, 2019

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pickup at the back of the sanctuary. If you do not find a box with your name or wish to have one made for you please let the office know.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT ~ GIFTS OF CHANGE

Each gift in the new Gifts of Change catalogue is helping build brighter and more hopeful futures for people in Canada and around the world.

Family and friends who receive your gift this Christmas will be honoured to know that they are part of a larger picture of positive change happening through our church and our global partners!

If your gift is in the name of a friend or family member, PWS&D will send them a card acknowledging your donation!

Catalogues can be found in the Connection newspapers at the back of the Sanctuary.

You can also visit www.presbyterian.ca

ANNUAL REPORT

The deadline for committee reports is **January 14, 2019**. Please send them to the Office Administrator, Shaundra Benincasa, as soon as they are prepared so we can start work on the Annual Report. Thank you to all that have already submitted your reports. The annual meeting will be on February 10, 2019

PIPE ORGAN FUNDRAISING

This Casavant Pipe Organ was originally installed in 1909 and rebuilt in 1929 to change from Tubular Pneumatic to electro-pneumatic, add trombone, and add a roll-top console case. Recognized in 2006 it is a historical instrument worthy of citation, now in need of maintenance to make sure it continues for another 100 years.

We have raised \$11,185.00 towards our **\$20,000** goal, Thank You!



~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~
Worship Series: Carols of Christmas

Sunday December 2 (Advent I)

1 John 1:1-4 ~ Isaiah 40:1-11

Good Christians, All Rejoice

Sunday December 9 (Advent II)

Luke 1:67-75 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6

Oh Come, All Ye Faithfull

Guest Vocalist - Grace Parker

Sunday December 16 (Advent III)

Psalms 98 ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9

Joy to the World

Sunday December 23 (Advent IV)

John 1:1-14

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Monday December 24 – Christmas Eve

Luke 2:8-12

Away in a Manger

7:00 P.M. - Family Candlelight Service

10:00 P.M.- Candlelight Service with Communion



PWS&D MISSION MOMENT

Seeking Justice for All

Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, The Presbyterian Church in Canada is working to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. God calls us to name injustices, walk with vulnerable people and work with others for the common good. Over the years, Justice Ministries has prepared responses to overtures or motions adopted by General Assembly. These range from statements on genetics, health care, sanctuary for refugees, violence in computer games, the growing gap between rich and poor in Canada and, more recently, inclusion for Presbyterians who are members of the LGBTQI community, the opioids crisis and forced labour. Through Justice Ministries, our church walks with Indigenous peoples on the path towards healing and reconciliation, partners with ecumenical agencies, produces resources and leads workshops on vital justice issues. As followers of Jesus, we are a people of hope.

Presbyterians Sharing seeks justice for all

From Rev. Joyce



This is the final Sunday of Advent. Tomorrow we celebrate the much-anticipated Christmas Eve Services. May you know God's abundant blessing as we worship and celebrate Christmas knowing that what we celebrate is the birth of Christ and the saving grace of God. This was and is the ultimate gift in which all others pale in comparison. For some it will be a quiet time, for others houses will be filled with activity and noise. No matter how you spend this Christmas may grace and peace be yours. Much Love and Merry Christmas!

The Candle of Peace

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" This hymn tells us the entire gospel story simply by describing Christ. The first verse tells the story of the angels proclaiming Christ's birth and invites us to join them in praise of our newborn King. The second and third verses go on to make it very clear why the angels sang, presenting theological truths concerning Christ. We are told of Christ's nature, his incarnation, his ministry, and his purpose in salvation. We are also told of our own new birth and the transforming power of Christ in our lives. These teachings produce in us a child-like response of faith. We, too, can sing "*Glory to the newborn King!*" As we light this candle of Advent, let us rise joyfully with all nations, join the triumph of the skies, and proclaim "*Christ is born!*" He is the everlasting Lord, God in human flesh, the Prince of Peace, the Sun of Righteousness, light and life to all he brings.

From Reformed Worship September 2018.

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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