



St. Andrew's News

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May 26th, 2019



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 MAY 26 - JUNE 2, 2019

Sun 26 - IOOF Pancake Brunch @ 12:00pm
 Mon 27 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30am
 Wed 29 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30am
 Thurs 30 - Prayers in the Chapel @ 1:15pm
 Sun 2 - Congregational Picnic after Worship



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: Larry & Paulette Waugh; Mary West; Geraldine White; Shirley White; Dennis & Catherine Winko; Ruth Wright; Betty Wyer; Darlene Yahn; Joyce & Ken Yanishewski; Jill, Janna, Erinn Zachary; Gwen Zayots; Lorne & Susan, Maggie Zerabny

MISSION & OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE

Summer is just around the corner. Mission and Outreach will be collecting non-perishable food items to help families get through summer without school-based support. Please be generous.



AWESOME KIDS SUNDAY

We will be celebrating the children of our church during worship on **Sunday, June 2nd**. Each child will receive a fun gift in honour of being an *Awesome Kid*, who our congregation and God loves. Following worship, our annual Congregational Picnic will be held at the South Neebing Community Centre. This is a potluck lunch. Please bring your own plates and utensils. There will be races and prizes so please bring a chair to sit and watch the races. Hope to see you there!



BENEFIT FOR JACK WALL

Jack Wall has been in Toronto going through some very intensive and expensive treatment for the very painful radiation burn on his leg as a result of cancer treatment. The proceeds from this benefit will assist in covering some of the costs of that treatment and the accompanying living expenses.

Saturday, June 22, 2019

8:00pm to 1:00am

Food and Prizes

South Gillies Community Hall

Hwy 595

Tickets are \$4.00 and available from **Jamie Gerow - 622-3098**

SUMMER CAMP!!

Pres-B-Camp is back! This summer the Presbytery will run two overnight camps.

Junior Camp will be on **July 21-27th**, for children entering grades 3-8.

Senior Camp will be on **August 22-25th**, for teenagers entering grades 9-12.

If you, your children, or your grandchildren are interested in coming to Pres-B-Camp forms are available at www.standrewspres-tbay.com. You can contact Will Newton if you have any questions at newton9455@hotmail.com

GRADUATION TIME

Caring & Contact would like to recognize graduates by sending congratulatory notes to them on their academic achievements. If you are aware of anyone who is graduating or has graduated from high school, college or university this year, please let the Church now.



ST. ANDREW'S HERITAGE DISPLAY

We are celebrating the 110th anniversary of St. Andrew's. The Heritage Committee has arranged a collection of pictures on the Heritage Wall telling the story of the church from the cornerstone laying up until the present. On display you will see the trowel used to lay the cornerstone, the original communion sets, and a piece of the sandstone.

A FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are very happy to report that Presbyterian Sharing is currently at 30%; however, funds raised to support our church continue to fall behind and is currently at 20%—still 5% behind where we should be.

This 5% shortage equates to approximately \$10,000. Our new heating system continues to save us money on our heating bill. Despite the increases in gas costs that still amounts to a savings of **\$930.00** over four months.

That's phenomenal !



From Rev. Joyce

110 years of Witness and Ministry in Fort William and Thunder Bay! It is such a blessing to be a part of this ministry at this time in St. Andrew's life. Today is a day of celebration of the long and rich history, but also to honour some things that have happened in the last five years. This heritage building has needed much care as of late. Most recently the heating system was completely redone, the front doors to the hall side of the church were replaced, and gates installed at the sanctuary doors for the safety of the people and the property.

Today we also celebrate the financial contributions made by so many in the congregation to repair and restore the ceiling after it collapsed in two places in the summer of 2013. A Restoration Campaign was initiated in the fall of 2014 asking people to pledge an amount toward the restoration and giving them up to two years to fulfill the pledge. To recognize those who pledged toward that goal we have created a gratitude tree. Each leaf represents a pledge. Some choose to be anonymous donors and the leaf representing their donation has a scripture verse from the Psalms. There were a number of people who gave toward the restoration campaign but did not fill out a pledge form. The leaves that are empty of words represent those donors. Should you be someone who gave in the two-year period from 2014-15 toward the ceiling restoration and now wish to be acknowledged please contact Rev. Joyce and we can make that happen.

There are three leaves that have been added to acknowledge three other donations given at a great time of need. Here is a little story...a donation for \$100,000 was made to the church in 2017 with the only request being that we replace the front doors. The donor had no idea that that had been on our wish list and shelved due to lack of funds. We were told that we could use the rest of the gift for when we saw the need. A week later the boiler system was being shut down and we were informed that it would not come back on line without extensive repairs.

With the donor's blessing, a mechanical engineer on board who donated time and expertise, and with the approval of the congregation, the entire heating system was changed from steam to hot water. The cost savings on our heating bill has been substantial. The whole project is essentially paid for, however there is an outstanding amount of \$15,000 that was borrowed from the St. Andrew's Endowment Fund.

Donations to the restoration fund continue to help to pay down the balance. Also, in the fall of 2017 it was evident that the portico into the sanctuary was becoming a bio hazard and a dangerous place for anyone who sought to be refuge in its shadow. To that end the decision was made to install gates that would compliment the style of the architecture. Once again, a significant and timely donation was made to that project and there is a leaf to represent that gift.

I could write a book about the generosity of heart, time, expertise, money, and prayer that has gone into this building and ministry in the last five years, along with how God's timing was truly amazing as people have come forward in our time of need. This has continued even in these last months, and even the past week, as people have donated money to the maintenance of the organ that will be happening this summer, as well as smaller projects that have needed the financial backing to make them happen. So much of what I have shared is about the building, as that is what we are celebrating today, but the people are what make this a place of ministry, of love, of welcome, and of hope. We give thanks that we have this beautiful and majestic place of worship and work, and celebrate how God has used this place and congregation to bring people into a relationship. We continue to look forward with hope and anticipation of what God is yet to do as we witness and reach out through the grace of God, in the name of Jesus Christ, and the with the communion of the Holy Spirit.

PIPE ORGAN FUNDRAISING

We have raised \$19,540.47.
towards our **\$20,000** goal, Thank You!

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Jim MacLean ~ Caretaker

Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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