



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



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: Lawrence & Lillian Buttman; Sarah Campbell & Derek, Owen Smith; Sharon & Charles Campbell; Tara & Joshua, Tyler, Natalie Carr; Joan Cates; Bruce & Marion, Michael Childs; Eilidh & Jarron, Callan, Aaron Childs; Jihye Park & Joey, Seowan, Yeju Cho; Muriel Commisso; Alice Compardo; Ann Connolly; Elizabeth Cook; Hazel Cooper; David & Ivy Corbett

BEST WISHES & FAREWELL

Today will be our organist's, Connor Curran's, last day with St. Andrew's. We have been blessed by his presence and musical gifts and are so grateful to have had him as long as we did. We hold Connor in prayer and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

You will be missed.

TEA & BAZAAR

The annual Tea & Bazaar will be held on **Saturday November 23** from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Tea tickets are \$7.00 and are available in the front office. Admission to the Bazaar is free.

There will be baked goods, crafts, jewellery, collectibles, a Christmas room and...

PICTURES WITH SANTA!

~Everyone is Welcome~

APRONS & TOWELS WANTED

We are currently looking for apron & towel donations for our kitchen helpers. If you have any gently used aprons and/or towels you'd like to give away, please drop them off with the front office staff or the Office Administrator.



WEEK OF OCT 27 - NOV 3, 2019

Sun 27 - Blood Pressure Clinic @ 12:00pm

Mon 28 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30am

Wed 30 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30am

Wed 30 - Music Pups @ 5:30pm

Thurs 31 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: A DISPLAY OF NATIVITY COLLECTIONS

The Seekers will be hosting a collection of nativities on **December 7, 2019**. If you or anyone you know has a nativity set they'd like to loan out, we would love to feature it in the collection.

Please leave your name and phone number with our front office staff or email the Office Administrator.

All nativity sets can be dropped off on **Dec. 6** and will be returned to their owners after the event.

ST. ANDREW'S SHEPARD'S PIE

The chefs of the Mission & Outreach Committee have once again donned their aprons to prepare yummy St. Andrew's Shepherd's Pie for you. Just heat, serve and enjoy!

These mouth-watering dinners will go quickly so be sure to claim one or more to share or enjoy on your own. To pre-order, add your name to the sign up sheet posted outside the office.

Pick up at the bazaar **Saturday, November 23**.

The price is the same as last year, so single serving size is \$6 and the larger size, suitable for 2 - 3 persons, is \$12. You'll love them!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC



The blood pressure clinic will be open following worship today.

THANK YOU!

This week St. Andrew's hosted two wonderfully fun and successful events. The Caring & Contact Annual Fall Tea and the Trivia Night Fundraiser. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with both events and who went above and beyond to make each function a great experience for everyone.



PRESBYTERIANS READ

Presbyterians Read is a denomination-wide book study for the season of Advent. Each week of Advent, you will explore a theme that will challenge you to see the world through the eyes of faith, grow closer to Christ and embrace God's gift of grace in the world. Using *Celebrating Abundance* by Walter Brueggemann, St. Andrew's will join Presbyterians from across the country to journey through Advent with Walter Brueggemann's devotions in a small group study.

Books are \$14.87 each if ordered through the church office. Register today for the study running Wednesday Nov. 27 - Dec. 18, 2019 at 2pm, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

"Advent is not the kind of 'preparation' that involves shopping and parties and cards. Such illusions of abundance disguise the true craving of our weary souls. Advent is preparation for the demands of newness that will break the tired patterns of fear in our daily lives."

—An excerpt from *Celebrating Abundance*

Girl Guide Cookies

The Girl Guides will be selling cookies after worship on **Sunday Nov. 17, 2018** for \$5 a box

SEEKERS

The Seekers group are asking for used jewelry donations for the jewelry table at the upcoming Bazaar. Items can be left in the church office marked "Seekers". Many thanks for all your support in the previous years.

A PCC MISSION MOMENT

Hope Abounds

Cyclical PCC is a church-planting initiative within The Presbyterian Church in Canada that encourages presbyteries and leaders to take first steps towards beginning new worshipping communities. At the Spring 2019 Cyclical PCC Gathering, 46 leaders discerned ways that the Holy Spirit is calling the PCC to plant new ministries. Not only are people interested in starting new worshipping communities, but such communities are already beginning, and there is a growing interest in taking part in this work. The task of starting new worshipping communities belongs to the whole denomination. Please pray for the leaders already engaged in this work and for new leaders as they discern their involvement.

Presbyterians Sharing is planting new ministries



From Rev. Joyce

As you might have noted from the financial report in the newsletter, we are falling very short of where we need to be to make our budget for 2019. We are \$35,000 behind in our offerings from what we had budgeted for by this time of the year. We have had deaths in our congregation that have impacted our hearts and our fellowship, but over time it has also meant that the numbers are down of those who give regularly and generously to our congregation. particularly with Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) through their bank, and that is impacting us financially. As well, there are many whose life circumstances has made it so that regular attendance at worship each week is not possible. Nationally, church trends are also indicating that people consider themselves regular church goers when they attend Sunday worship once a month. This is where PAR can be of great help to St. Andrew's financial stability.

Whether or not you attend regularly, PAR is reassurance for you and the congregation that St. Andrew's will have the financial resources to do the work that God is calling us to do. Currently we have forty-five households making their offering monthly using PAR. Attached to the bulletin is more information on PAR. Please take the time to read and consider whether PAR is a way for you to participate in the life and work of St. Andrew's.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Empty pockets never held anyone back. It's only empty hearts that do it.

*Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993),
minister, author*

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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