



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## FLEA MARKET TOTAL

We are pleased to announce the total amount raised by this month's flea market:

Flea Market.....\$1,497.95  
Books, etc.....\$291.50  
Hot Dogs.....\$256.50

Thanks again to the Seekers for all of their hard work in coordinating this event. The funds raised will go towards supporting the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues June 2 - TOPS @ 11am  
Tues June 2 - Session @ 7pm  
Thurs June 4 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm

Thank you to our guest organist, Nancy Wallace-Nock, for providing the music during this morning's worship service!



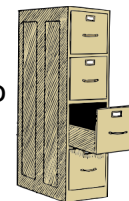
## PRIDE EVENT



Thanks to the generosity of a member of our congregation, St. Andrew's is proud to be a sponsor of Thunder Pride this year. While the money donated will go toward supporting the organization's activities and events throughout the year, the highlight will be the Pride event held **this Saturday, June 6th** at the Friendship Gardens between **12pm and 6pm**. There will be no parade this year, but people of all ages are invited to come out and enjoy food, vendors, and entertainment, and to celebrate the diversity within our community!

## FILING CABINETS AVAILABLE

We have several filing cabinets that are no longer in use, and which we would be happy to offer to anyone who would like to claim one or more. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact Jordan in the office for details.



807-622-4273, or [office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

## GLACIER RIDGE & SISTER LEILA GRECO SERVICES

Rev. Joyce will be leading a service at Chartwell Glacier Ridge (1261 Jasper Dr.) this Tuesday, **June 2nd** at **10am**. She will also be leading a service at Sister Leila Greco (330 Lillie St. N.) on Wednesday, **June 3rd** at **10am**. Join us if you wish. All are welcome!



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Joy is really the simplest form of gratitude."

- Karl Barth (theologian)



Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to

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**Office Hours:**  
**Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

## WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP

Just a reminder that the Welcome & Fellowship team is looking for interested parties to either host and/or attend a social gathering. You can sign up at the back of the sanctuary, or in the front hall. For more info, contact Sandra Dewsberry (807-475-7239) or another team member: Larry Eyres, Joe Erhler, Gary Smith, Juanita Balhuizen, and Rev. Joyce.

## CAMP DUNCAN CLEAN-UP

This **Saturday, June 6th**, Camp Duncan (560 E. Loon Lake Rd.) is holding their annual clean-up day from **9am-4pm**, and are looking for volunteers to help out.



Lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity for students looking for volunteer hours. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info, or contact [campduncan.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:campduncan.secretary@gmail.com)

## *From Joyce*



This Sunday marks the 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church! I give thanks to be part of such a vibrant, active, and caring congregation. When you look at the longevity and history of this congregation it is very humbling to know that I have been able to be a part of it for over twelve of those years. I could not have been called to a better place for ministry. This congregation has taken on challenges that I know felt insurmountable. Doing ministry from such a historic landmark is significant and comes with costs that many other congregations do not have to bear. We know that coming up, we have to replace the shingles on the north roof of the sanctuary and that the wood around the stained-glass windows has weathered and has significant damage. All of which we need to deal with in the next year or so. We are also gearing up to upgrade our audio-visual capacity to enable our ministry to be broadened and to enhance worship. All of this with what has already been accomplished in making this building safe, accessible, and welcoming.

In and through this we have not lost focus on what is important...building relationships, bringing hope and love, grace and compassion into the world through our interactions with and in the community, along with caring for those who call this congregation their church family. I look forward to all that we will yet do together to respond to the needs around us, restore people to wholeness in the ways God calls us, and to rejoice in how God is using us in the world to show love and compassion.

Today, I also sign off for the next three months. I am taking a break. In the Presbyterian Church it is called inter-mission. It is a ten-week opportunity to focus on restoring myself. I have also added three weeks of vacation time, and with a week for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, it means I will not be in the pulpit from June – August. I return to leading worship on September 6<sup>th</sup>. I am taking this time to fully rest, to enjoy family, travel a little, and for spiritual and physical renewal.

I leave you in good hands and I am grateful for Rev. Frances Savill, a recently retired Presbyterian minister from North Bay area. Frances will be leading worship for the month of June. She is actually the reason I am able to take this much time away. Without that extra month of help, the ministers locally could not have taken all this on. Rev. Bert Vancook and Rev. Pamela Hogewoning will be alternating services in July and then Pastor Kerry McLaughlin will be leading three services in August. Pam will also take on one more service on August 23, which will be a communion service. This is all rounded out with Elder Susan Dynes leading worship the long weekend in August. I will be preparing a service for her to share in advance of my leave.

You will be in good and faithful hands. I encourage you to support them, welcome them, and care for them as they care for you. The one piece that will be missed is that there will be no worship videos for those three months. No one is prepared or compensated enough to do the extra piece of getting those videos out there. It is one of many reasons why enhancing our audio-visual capacity is important. We could be recording the services live and it would not be any more work for guests leading the service.

For now. I pray for each of you, that your summer will also be a time of renewal, rest, and joy. And I look forward to hearing your stories in the fall and to be renewed for our work together. I know that things are already percolating for activities in the fall. There is also building work that will be done over the next few months with lighting in the hall side being replaced because it is now obsolete, and the North East door of the Sanctuary being restored as the Northwest one was last year. There is also the possibility that our audio-visual equipment could be installed this summer. The cost of this particular project is coming out of funds from outside of the congregation. I could go on, but it really is time for me to stop. Life at St. Andrew's will continue while I am away, with excellent worship, welcome, and work all taking place. Our staff will be available with Jordan in the office, Barb doing the bookkeeping, Sheila taking care of the building and the people, and Rebecca along with Carol Werhstedt providing the high calibre of music for worship throughout the summer.

Really, it is time for me to wrap this up! Take care, be well, and be the community of faith, the followers of Christ that each one of us is called to be. I will miss you and already anticipate the joy with which I will return to being with you come September. With much love, Joyce.