

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I am a list maker. It helps me organize, see steps, process information and look at things differently. Also, it is great to be able to cross things off of a list as tasks are completed.

Yesterday, as I reflected on what has been happening at and through St. Andrew's this winter and into the spring, I started making a list. I began with the celebration for Neal's 40 years in ministry and his retirement, as we wished he and Debbie well. I noted the guest preachers and the groups that have planned and led worship. The work of the Community Ambassador and the Seniors Ambassadors were on the list. The start of the Community Meal, the Valentine's Dinner and the Valentine's cards that were created and shared were on the list. The Choir Cantata and our involvement in the Lent Series led by the various downtown Churches was on the list. The profile and the work of the Search Committee were added. Workshops, a Retreat

and Conferences were added. A baptism, a wedding (removing a bat from the sanctuary before the wedding) and two wedding vow renewals were on my list. A concert was on the list as well as cleaning of the craft cupboard. (This was just the beginning of what I noted.)

Very quickly, I filled over a page without really including any of the things that take place on a regular basis – some of it seen, some of it taking place quietly behind the scenes. The list – the items included and the ones that were not - was amazing and spoke clearly of the love and joy that are shared as we seek to offer our worship and service to God.

Thank you for sharing your time and your talents so generously to take on this important work that God gives us! May we continue to be open to listening and responding to God's call in and through this caring community of faith.

Rev. Laura



INTERIM MODERATOR

WAITING (NOT WASTING) TIME

As a church we have just celebrated the Feast of Pentecost where we remember that the Holy Spirit was given to the 120. They stayed in Jerusalem at the instruction of the Lord and were told to wait for the gift. What did they do while they waited? The book of Acts tells us that “they all joined together constantly” and were “constantly in prayer.” Fellowship and prayer are important activities during waiting times.

The Search Committee has been doing both of these things—meeting together and praying. We have received a number of ministry profiles from interested candidates and are in the process of reviewing them. At some point, we will begin to short list candidates and invite some for interviews with the committee.

While we wait for another minister to join the team at St. Andrew’s, please remember that this is not ‘wasted’ time. Important work is being done.

Daniel Scott, Interim Moderator

PS: Feel free to suggest names of potential ministers to me.

SESSION

It has been a busy 5 months since we celebrated the retirement of Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers.

Members of our Worship Ministry team once again enjoyed their participation in the Calvin Symposium of Worship in Michigan. Our Easter and Lenten services were well attended, and throughout these months, our new Minister of Music Thomas Schadl has encouraged our joyful praise each Sunday.

Laura, Rev. Duggan, has been assisted throughout our vacancy with several guest preachers as well as both the Women’s and Men’s Fellowship groups leading our services. How blessed we are to have such talented, and willing folk worshipping amongst us! We will continue to support Laura in any way possible until a new minister is called. This is always a lengthy process to undertake, as Presbyterian protocol does not allow us to organize the search until the vacancy is declared. Thus, expect that we will surely be at least a year before a call is completed.

Also, CONGRATULATIONS!! Rev. Laura Duggan,

as she celebrates her 20th year of ministry. Laura was ordained in May of 1998 and served for 2 years at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church in Toronto. She preached for the call as Associate Minister at St. Andrew’s in January 2000 and was then inducted in June of 2000. Since then Laura has overseen our Christian Education programme, as well as sharing overall responsibility for the work of the congregation. Not only is Laura our first and only woman minister in 184 years, but with 18 years of ministry to us, she is the second longest serving minister in the history of the congregation. Rev. John Brown ministered from May 1854 to Feb 1875 serving almost 21 years. We have been truly blessed by her many years of compassionate and creative ministry to us. *Thank you Laura!*

We look forward to a busy June and summer at St. Andrew’s with Bible Camp, our community outreach programmes and hosting several guest ministers who will preach.

A safe and restful summer to all!

Diane Hamilton, Clerk

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee was formed in November 2017 with our first meeting in January. We completed the St. Andrew's Church profile that had been started on by Session before the end of February. The Oak Ridges Presbytery accepted our Profile in mid-March and at that time we were able to advertise the position that had been vacant since January 1, 2018.

The Committee has received approximately 20 applications from prospective candidates. We have reviewed the candidate profiles looking for the best match to our Profile. We are still looking for more applications. If you know of someone who might be a good fit to our Ministry, would you kindly write the name and the current position of that person and place it in a sealed envelope addressed to Rev. Dr. Dan Scott our Interim Moderator. These can be given to Laura, myself or placed in the mail slot for Dan Scott.

We are currently working on interview questions and process so that we are ready to interview when the right match or matches come along. This search process will not be a short process. The history of St. Andrew's searches has been close to 18 months. Hopefully, we can improve on that timeline.

The Search Committee will endeavour to keep you updated monthly.

Bob Virtue

SENIORS AMBASSADORS

We have ten members on our team of volunteers. We recently attended an information session at the Barton and are ready to proceed offering our *fields of expertise* to the residents. Some members are bringing their musical abilities to provide a sing along program that we will be able to take to other venues, perhaps on a monthly rotation. The seniors love to hear the old songs and hymns that are familiar to them. Some members are going to lead a bible study while others will have a group to read fictional books to which usually leaves seniors laughing. There are also other folks that prefer to have a one to one chat.

As Ambassadors, we have had the opportunity to join Rev. Laura at worship services at Amica and Newmarket Health Center. We also were pleased to participate in a worship service at Southlake Village with the Hoaths.

We have a number of residents from the Renior that are picked up each Sunday for the worship service at St. Andrew's. Last summer when the morning bible study took its summer break a few of us asked the Renior residents if they would like to go out for coffee, just to get out of the house so to speak! The coffee outings were very successful so we are going to do them again this year.

Bill and Sheila Stephens

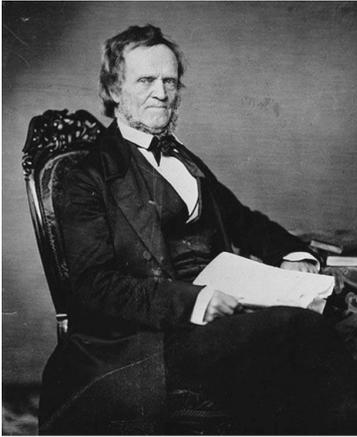
St. Andrew's Prayer Shawl Group



If anyone is aware of a person who is in need of receiving a Prayer Shawl please let Rev. Laura or the church office know.

Thank you!

COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR



William Lyon Mackenzie

REBEL HEARTLAND II

Heritage Newmarket is preparing Rebel Heartland II on September 22 and 23, a re-enactment of the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837. William Lyon Mackenzie led the rebellion against British colonial government under the Family Compact. Much of the activity occurred in Newmarket and 50 local historical actors will participate in various presentations of the key activities. St. Andrew's will be participating in various ways.

Saturday, September 22

12:00pm: A team of St. Andrew's community lunch volunteer's will provide a lunch for the actors at noon in McGillivray Hall.

3:00pm: The British Militia captured local rebels and detained them in the basement of our Old Kirk. Our Old Sanctuary basement will be used for the detainment.

4:30pm: Bill Hopkins will be the lay reader at a scene respecting the price paid by local leaders Samuel Lount and Peter Matthews.

Sunday, September 23

12:00pm: Following our regular service, our own Joe McHugh will play the role of a circuit minister and arrive in Fairy Lake to lead a re-enacted worship service. Joe will need volunteer members to join him as a choir. All are invited as choir members or spectators.

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

The Town of Newmarket contacted us requesting that St. Andrew's be a host location for the Historical Walking Tours event. Our Heritage Committee eagerly answered the call.

On Thursday April 26 over 30 guests were received by Diane Hamilton, Bill Hopkins, Karen Faris and Reverend Laura. Highlights of our history were presented covering the original years in the Old Kirk, the Old Sanctuary opening in 1834, and our current Sanctuary opening in 1992.

HARMONY CHORALE CONCERT

The Harmony Choral presented their annual benefit concert in our Sanctuary on Saturday May 26. Karen Shepherd prepared our St. Andrew's Youth Choir to join the Harmony group for several key numbers. All funds raised support four orphanages in South Africa. The total raised this year was an amazing \$4,640.35!!

Many thanks to the support from various groups and leaders!

Allen Kirkpatrick





Join us for
Bible Camp
Sunday!!

July 8th at 10:00am

*Experience the ride
of a lifetime
with God!*

SUMMER REFLECTION

The life and ministry of the church continues all summer long and that means we still have Bills to pay, Benevolent needs to meet, Missions to support and (currently) a deficit to reduce.

As you enjoy the sunshine and God's great outdoors, we ask that you remember St. Andrew's in your weekly offerings through your envelopes, post-dated cheques, or PAR contributions.

Thank you for all your contributions of your time, talents and treasures.

EPIC WORSHIP

Our Worship Team (those who have attended the Calvin Worship Symposium in Grand Rapids, MI) are planning a series of five EPIC worship services for this Fall: September 19 to October 17, 2018.

In case you have forgotten, EPIC refers to worship that is **E**xperiential, **P**articipatory, **I**mage-Driven and **C**onected (to real issues happening around us in the world).

The focus of this EPIC series will be on The Psalms Speak to US, with individual services: "In Time of Trouble," "Trust in God," "God's Mercy," and "Peace." These services will include a variety of songs from the Psalms, a time of reflective individual worship and an opportunity to engage each topic personally through worship. Mark the dates in your calendar. Come let us worship together.

Dave Hoath

THE BOARD

As some of you may be aware the Board of Managers has been restructured to operate as a committee of Session.

The new structure called the Finance and Maintenance Committee will be primarily responsible for the care and upkeep of the church properties and treasury functions.

The new structure will operate as two separate committees, the Finance Committee & Maintenance Committee.

If you are interested in joining either or both of the committees, please contact me at: chadmccleave@rogers.com.

Chad McCleave



COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our last newsletter reported that St. Andrew's would be hosting a Community Lunch starting in January. And we made that deadline! We have four teams of people who prepare the lunches on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Our first lunch was on January 10. Notwithstanding my fear that nobody would come, we had 12 guests that day. Word spread and now, six months later, we consistently get 40+ in attendance. Each lunch we prepare a variety of sandwiches on different breads - tortillas, croissants, etc., two different homemade soups (one vegetarian), and dessert such as cookies and fresh fruit salad. When guests arrive at 11:30 we have coffee, tea and juice available as well as a pre-lunch snack such as bananas, clementines, or yogurt.

We have been fortunate enough to receive gift cards from Metro, Vines, Klosters, Costco and Superstore (thanks to our Community Ambassador, Allen Kirkpatrick) to help defray the lunch costs as well as a very nice discount on some needed kitchen items and a FREE 7-quart stainless steel soup pot from Kitchen Accents in Aurora! Members of the congregation have also been generous in providing donations and non-perishable items such as tins of salmon, tuna, packages of cookies, etc. These are very much appreciated!

In February we had a truly fantastic five-course Valentine's Dinner prepared by Chef Joel McPhee to raise money for the Community Lunch! And we raised a lot - \$1,554.00!!!

Our Community Lunch will continue through the summer with some modifications to the dates to accommodate summer camps using the hall. Come out for soup and a sandwich!

Heather Cromie

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Thursday Summer Lunches

July 5 & July 19
August 16 & 30

Please come out and join us for Soup and a Sandwich, Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Fellowship

Doors open at 11:30
(Coffee, Tea & Juice)

Lunch served from
12:00pm to 1:00pm





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FAITH ACTIVATED | II TIMOTHY 1:3-8

CY2018 July 2-7, 2018

This summer young people and 2 adult leaders from St. Andrew's will join hundreds of youth, young adults and leaders from Presbyterian Churches across the country for five days of soul-satisfying worship...

...unique expressions of faith in both large and small groups, unconventional keynotes and workshops, dynamic faith exploration and joyful celebration!

Youth, young adults and leaders from across the country and with guests from around the world come to this amazing event. Since 2000, CY has been a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, dance, act, make new friends, study scripture, share joy, laugh, discover, recreate, reflect, pray, sing and share. More than 4,000 folks have attended the event since it began and the impact has been felt in our camps, congregations, and courts.

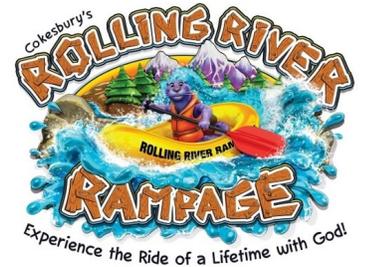
CY only comes around once every two years and is a time and a place to celebrate the vibrant ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada!

Please keep our participants in your prayers as they take part in this amazing life-changing conference.



ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

JULY 9 - 13
9:00AM - NOON
AGES 4+



Bible Camp is just over a month away!

The planning team has met and are very excited about all of the amazing things that will take place at "Rolling River Rampage"!

Our theme days are:

- Tuesday** – Crazy Hair & Crazy Socks Day
- Wednesday** – Superhero Day & BBQ lunch for Campers and Families
- Thursday** – Backwards Day
- Friday** – Beach Day

This year we will have a "Mission Station" and learn about the Cariboo Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We will learn about house churches and ministry that takes place in a very remote area of British Columbia.

Hope to see you at Camp where we will "experience the ride of a lifetime with God!"

Register at: www.standrewsnewmarket.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you for marking the 20th Anniversary of my ordination. The slide show, the kind words, the cake and the very generous gift were overwhelming (as you may have noticed by all of the tears...) It doesn't feel that it could possibly have been that long ago that I graduated from Knox and was ordained.

I remember clearly standing in the Sanctuary and being presented with the gift of a gown from the congregation by Don McCallum. It just feels like yesterday. Time moves quickly.

It has been such a great privilege to serve at St. Andrew's, where I grew up and continue to learn and grow. Thank you for all of your love and support through the years.

Laura



St. Andrew's 2018 Calendar



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun June 3	10:00am	General Assembly Sunday, Communion, Flower Planting
Sun June 10	10:00am	Awards Sunday, Intergenerational Worship, Church Picnic
Thur June 14	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30am
Sun June 17	10:00am	Father's Day, Summer Church School Begins, Rev. Don Muir Preaching
Thur June 21	6:00pm	Senior Choir Party at the Hoaths -Potluck 7:00pm, 1st Day of Summer!
Sun June 24	10:00am	Sundae Sunday! Rev. Allyson MacLeod Preaching
Thur June 28	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30am
Sun July 1	10:00am	Happy Canada Day! Church School Movie & Popcorn
Mon July 2		Church Office Closed
July 2-7		Canada Youth Conference: <i>Stirred Not Shaken, Brock University</i>
Thur July 5	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30 (Date Change)
Sun July 8	10:00am	Bible Camp Sunday: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!
July 9-13	9:00am-Noon	Vacation Bible Camp " <i>Rolling River Rampage</i> ", Ages 4+
Thur July 19	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30 (Date Change)
Sun Aug 5	10:00am	Worship Service, Church School Movie & Popcorn
Mon Aug 6		Civic Day Holiday, Office Closed
Thur Aug 16	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30 (Date Change)
Thur Aug 30	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30 (Date Change)
Sun Sept 2	10:00am	Worship Service, Church School Movie & Popcorn
Mon Sept 3		Labour Day Holiday, Office Closed
Sun Sept 9	10:00am	Re-covenanting Sunday & Church BBQ
Sun Sept 16	10:00am	Regular Church School Begins
Wed Sept 19	7:30pm	EPIC Worship Services Begin -Continues Wednesdays to Oct. 17
Sept 22-23	9:00am	Rebel Heartland II -Fairy Lake, Re-enactment of 1837 Rebellion
Sun Sept 30	10:00am	Presbyterians Sharing Sunday
Sun Oct 7	10:00am	Harvest Sunday, Worldwide Communion Sunday
Mon Oct 8		Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
Sun Oct 28	10:00am	Reformation Sunday
Sun Nov 4	10:00am	All Saint's Sunday, Daylight Saving Time ends, Clocks go back 1 hour
Sat Nov 10	8:30am-1:00pm	St. Andrew's Bazaar! Come one, Come All!