

October 2019

# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

## NEWSLETTER

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### Mark Your Calendar

10.26

Bluegrass Concert

11.2

Men's Breakfast

11.3

Clocks Go Back 1 Hour

11.9

Church Bazaar

11.10

Remembrance Sunday

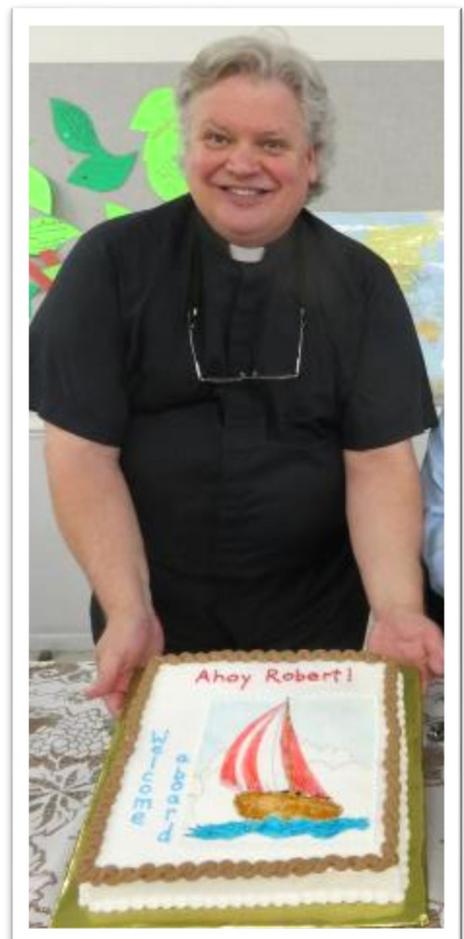
12.1

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME ABOARD REV. ROBERT ROYAL

In July we officially welcomed the Rev. Robert Royal to St. Andrew's in Newmarket from St. Andrew's in Maple. We are delighted to have Rev. Robert join our ministry team to serve alongside Rev. Laura Duggan.

Please make sure you introduce yourself to Robert when you have an opportunity.



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE: REV. ROBERT ROYAL

Hello, and welcome to fall. The summer passed by very quickly; at least for me. What a whirlwind! Having arrived at St. Andrew's in July, it's hard for me to believe that we are already in October. The Search process went very smoothly, and I am thankful to so many of you; too many to name in fact; but let me just say that Dan Scott, Bob and the Search Committee, Diane and Session, and Laura made me feel very welcome from the beginning, and Robynne has also helped me settle in to my new role as part of the Ministry Team here.

Where to begin? When I first viewed the manse, it was apparent there was much work to be done, and with Bill Hopkins and Crazy Ken at the helm; along with others lending a hand where needed; the renovation has been spectacular. July 3<sup>rd</sup> was an incredibly hot day when I first arrived, and much to my delight, Collin had given the lawn a fresh cut, and Bill had the AC on in the house. I have felt at home ever since.



Barely settled into the manse, I hosted my family's annual Brothers' Weekend, which included my brothers (from left); John (Manitoulin), Graham (Sarnia), Robert (Newmarket), Ted (Brockville), and David (Wetaskiwin).

The accompanying photo (which my kids, Anne and Greg find funny) is of the five of us on the back deck of the manse, along with this year's mascot, *Stu the Moo*. The t-shirt says: **ROYAL BRO-MANSE NEWMARKET 2019**.

Everyone at the church has warmly welcomed me and made me feel part of the family. God has brought us together, and I am so truly blessed to be here with you, and I am thankful for the loving support you have extended

There was a freewill offering at the induction service which raised \$681 for the Boarding Homes Ministry and \$454 for the Loaves and Fishes Growing Project.

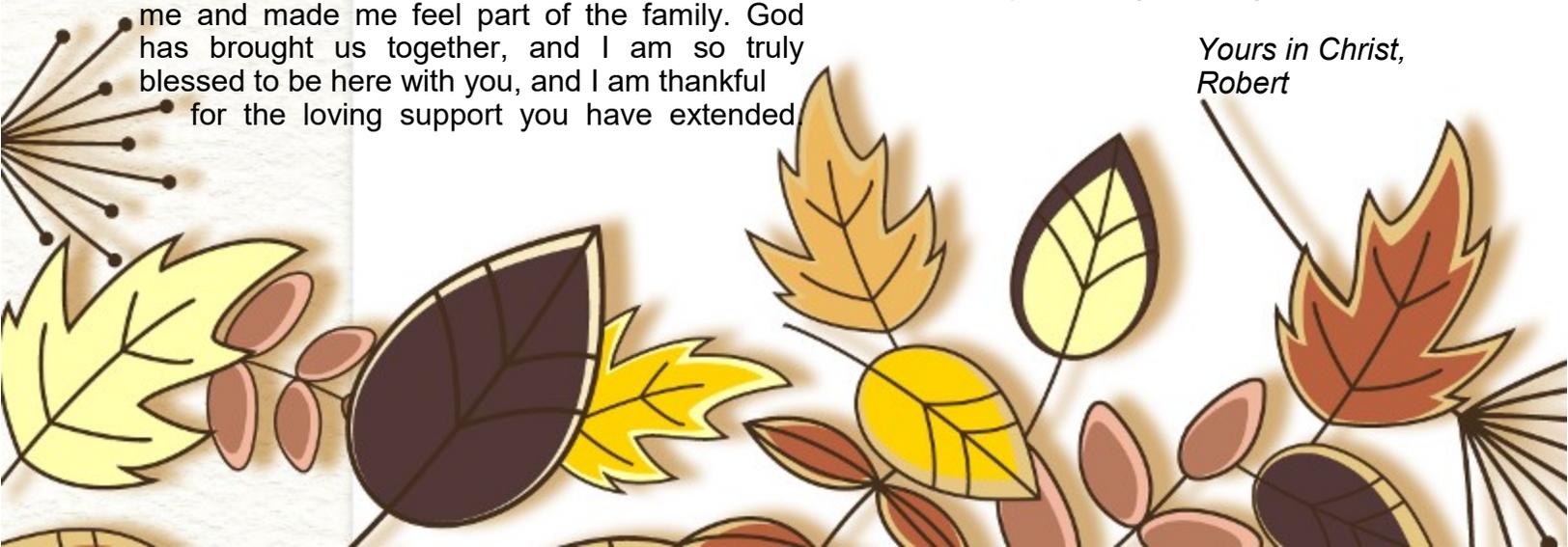
As you know, I have a missional vision, and am looking forward to working together with all of you both inside and outside our church walls. Newmarket is such a wonderful place to live, with so much to offer, and we have to be proactive with those less fortunate than ourselves; the least, the last, and the lost. This is the ministry to which our Lord is calling us.

*"The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:16-20

Upon arriving at St. Andrew's, it became evident that you are living out your faith in Christ, as I have already been invited to participate in the community lunches, the Inn from the Cold dinner, the Sutton dinner, the Prayer Shawl group, the Men's Fellowship, worship at AMICA, and Newmarket Health Center.

Words cannot express the warm feeling in my heart. We have just scratched the surface together, and there is so much more to explore, discover, and create for the glory of God in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray all God's blessings and Christ's peace to you and yours.

Yours in Christ,  
Robert





## MINISTER'S MESSAGE: REV. LAURA DUGGAN

### WELCOME HOME!

I've shared before, that when you arrive at Camp Cairn the staff greet you saying, "Welcome home". With those two words, you are told that there is a place for you. You are told that you belong and are made to feel that you were missed in your absence. It is a wonderful way to greet everyone especially those who might not know what to expect from a week at Camp.

This time of year evokes a similar sentiment, for me, about St. Andrew's. Some of us have spent time in other places over the summer. Now that we are settling into fall routines we are together in Worship more often. Studies have begun gathering – with a new one beginning on October 20. Groups and committees have had

their first meetings of the fall season and begun to make plans. So much happens over the summer months at the Church, but for me, this time of year feels like we are home again. There is an excitement of what will unfold over the next months. There is a busyness – a wonderful busyness - of ministries alive and unfolding and at the same time there are warm conversations that linger over coffee. We reconnect, or connect with people we did not know well.

As we gather for Worship Sunday by Sunday this fall, as we share our gifts serving God in and through the congregation, as we gather to learn and grow together, as we share fellowship in large groups or quiet conversations, I hope you hear the words "Welcome Home", even if they are not spoken out loud.

### SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED AT ST. ANDREW'S OVER THE SUMMER...

This summer Rachel and Laura took part in the Healing and Reconciliation Tour. Flowers were planted around the church and the gardens were tended. The Manse was renovated. The steeple was fixed. New lights were installed downstairs and more will be installed. Dinners were served at the Inn from the Cold and at St. Andrew's in Sutton. Lunches were served at the Community meal. Friends in a Boarding Home were visited regularly and there was a BBQ dinner. People in need were helped. Bible Camp took over the whole Church for a week and other Camps used the Church Hall. We welcomed new members to the congregation and there was a baptism. Worship Services were led at a Retirement Home and at



a Nursing Home. Music was led, Bingo was called, there was a Bible Study and books read to Seniors. Plans were made for the fall. Shawls were knit and visits were made. We celebrated a wedding and we mourned. We blessed backpacks while we talked about a cabbage and a lightbulb.

We said good-bye to the Rev. Don Muir who preached regularly during the Search Process and to the Rev. Dr. Dan Scott who served as our Interim Moderator. We welcomed Robert Royal and there were beautiful and yummy cakes. In the early fall, we celebrated Rev. Royal's induction with the Presbytery and guests.

These are some of the things that happened in and through St. Andrew's this summer – it was a busy and exciting time, as life usually is here.

## To Mars and Beyond!

At Bible Camp this past July, we went to Mars and Beyond to explore where God's power can take us!

We were Amazing Astronauts, Rambunctious Rovers, Crazy Comets, Extreme Engineers and Rocking Robonauts. Tuesday, we blasted off! Wednesday, we were in space and we had a BBQ lunch after Camp. Thursday there were red planets and red t-shirts. Friday was re-entry day and some things floated....

We met EP 3-20, the Robot whose name helped us remember a verse from Ephesians in the Bible.

We created puppets, cards, thankfulness boxes and friendship bracelets in the Craft Station and went asteroid jumping in the Recreation Station. In Science, we launched rockets, flew airplanes and made things glow. We ate amazing snacks – some looked like aliens and there were mars bar krispies. We heard stories, told stories and even became part of the story.

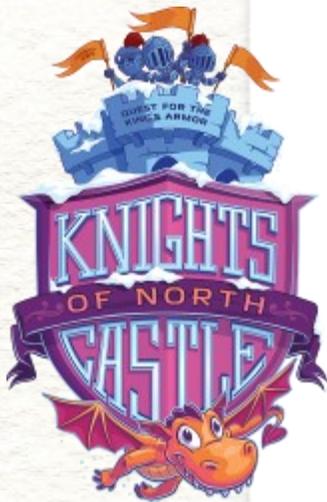
In the Mission Station, we learned about Malawi and how the country was devastated by Cyclone Idai. We offered our prayers and gifts to help make a difference through the work of our partners.



We sang and danced and prayed together.

As usual, Camp was a crazy, busy and exciting week filled with friends and God. (There were about 100 people in the building again this year!)

Thank you to all of our Campers, Jr. Counsellors, Counsellors, Leaders, Decorators, BBQers and behind the scenes support for such a wonderful week! We hope to see you again next summer when our theme will be "Knights of North Castle".



Please join us, next summer, as we take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armour up" and be strong by remaining with God:

**July 13–17,  
2020**

*at Bible Camp!*

*Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.*

*Ephesians 6:10*

**Join us on Sunday  
November 10 at 10:00am  
for our Remembrance Day Service.**

Experience the heartfelt sound of the bagpipes and the beckoning call of the trumpet.



**Lest We Forget.**



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY AT ST. ANDREW'S

When Phyllis Webstad was six years old, her grandmother bought her a new orange shirt. It was shiny and bright and had a string laced up the front. The new shirt was part of an outfit for Phyllis to wear on her first day at the Mission School.

When Phyllis got to school, they took her new orange shirt away from her. She relates that her feelings didn't matter and she felt that she was worth nothing.



On Sunday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, the congregation was invited to wear orange to Church to remember Phyllis' experience and the experiences of other children who had attended Residential Schools. That morning, Rachel Lindsay and I also shared stories we had been told by Residential School Survivors while we

were on the Healing and Reconciliation Tour this past June.

We traveled to Winnipeg, Kenora and Saskatoon where we visited a number of Presbyterian Ministries that serve Indigenous people and the sites of former Residential Schools. We also met Residential School Survivors and had the privilege of hearing their stories.

We were told stories of pain and abuse. We were told stories of children who grew into adulthood ashamed of who they were and ashamed of the culture into which they had been born. We were told stories of lost language, poverty and broken families. We were also told stories of love, generosity, friendship and hope for the future.

Rachel and I were entrusted with these stories and asked, challenged by some tellers, to share them. It was thought that through the sharing of what had taken place that there could be understanding and relationships could be built. That is my hope and prayer, too.

Laura

## A WORD ABOUT YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

From Living Faith 7.6.2: *"In Baptism, water is administered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The water signifies the washing away of sin, the start of new life in Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit."* By the sacrament of *infant baptism*, young people become *covenant members* of the Christian Church. Later on, they publicly profess their faith making them *professing members* of the Christian Church, which entitles them to all church privileges. By the sacrament of *adult believer baptism*, both baptism and membership into the Christian Church occur simultaneously. Others, who may or may not be baptized, and

have not as yet made a *profession of faith* within the Church community, are *adherents* (those who participate in, and support the Church, and have not as yet made a formal commitment). And still others have come here from another church home and have not as yet transferred their membership to this congregation. Are you considering baptism or membership at St. Andrew's?

This is an invitation for you to take the next step in your faith journey.

For more information, please speak with Rev. Laura or Rev. Robert.

## SENIORS AMBASSADORS

We have ten members on our Team of volunteers. We 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 which usually leaves the 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's. Laura and Robert at worship services at AMICA and Newmarket Health Center.

We were also pleased to participate in a worship service at Southlake Village with the Hoaths.

We have a number of residents from the Renoir 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 Renoir 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*



## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

Our group that started in 2016 is open to anyone in the church or community who knits/crochets or who would like to learn. We remain strong with 15+ members meeting weekly in the St. Andrew's church lounge every Tuesday 1-3 pm. We are happy to have visiting guests join us at any time and have appreciated ladies' input from England, South Africa, and Hamilton!

Lively conversation dominates as we create beautiful shawls and prayer cloths of all colours. They are given freely to anyone age 0-100+ needing a warm hug. To date we have given out 640 prayer shawls! Our prayer shawls have been sent to disaster victims in Alberta and many places across Canada, to patients in hospitals and nursing homes, to those suffering loss or illness anywhere – to anyone needing prayers and a warm "hug".

We meet **every Tuesday** in the church lounge outside the sanctuary **1-3 pm at St. Andrew's church.**

If you know anyone who would appreciate a visit, a warm hug and a beautiful shawl or anyone who would like to join our lively, supportive, creative group, **please contact the church office at (905) 895-5512.**

*Lynn Hoath, Heather Cromie, and Jennifer Maddock*

## ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY LUNCH



Our twice monthly Community Lunch has been running successfully since January 2018 Wow! By the time you read this, we will have hosted 42

lunches including a "surprise" Christmas lunch last December of hot chicken with gravy and stuffing, mashed potatoes and vegetables, finished off with a "Merry Christmas" cake. The guests really enjoyed that meal! Our normal fare is a variety of sandwiches on different breads - tortillas, croissants, etc., two different homemade soups (one vegetarian), and dessert such as cookies, brownies, etc. 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, Food Basics, Vince's, Costco and Superstore (thanks to the efforts of our Community Ambassador, Allen Kirkpatrick) to help defray the lunch costs.

On February 9 we had another truly fantastic Valentine Dinner prepared by Chef Joel McPhee to raise money for the Community Lunch and Presbyterian Sharing! And, like last year, we raised a lot - \$1,559.33. The Community Lunch Fund received \$779.66 and an equal amount went to Presbyterian Sharing. Thanks to those who bought tickets to this event!

For some, our Community Lunch is more than just a meal. It is a time of fellowship, a chance to get together and spend time with other people. For others it might be the only meal they get that day. I would like to say thank you so much to the teams of volunteers who make the lunch possible, who come out – each team once every two months - to prepare and serve the meal and chat with the guests. Also a thank you to the "soup ladies" who get together every few months to prepare a variety of soups for the meals. You, volunteers, make it happen for the 40 – 50 people we see at each of our lunches and St. Andrew's couldn't do it without you.

*Bless you all,  
Heather Cromie*



## INN FROM THE COLD

St. Andrew's serves meals at Inn From The Cold at 510 Penrose Street on a rotating schedule. This outreach ministry is vital to the people in our community who are in need of both nutritional and spiritual sustenance.

This picture was taken at a meal we served on August 16, 2019.

## COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR

This Spring we approached the Stuart Scott Public School and Rogers Public School to extend an offer to sponsor the enrollment cost for youth to play in the popular Newmarket Soccer program this summer.

The Principals from both schools responded.

Three Stuart School youths and one from Rogers had been able to play organized soccer this past summer as a result.

An upcoming community event will be the Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing on November 15. Stay tuned for more details.

*Allen Kirkpatrick*



*You're invited*

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

COMMUNION AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday November 24, 2019 | 10:00am



Let's share a meal of Bread & Wine together and remember with joy God's love for each of us!

## THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IN SUTTON

St. Andrew's assists the St. Andrew's Sutton congregation as they serve a community meal for those in need.

On August 20, 2019 the Men's Fellowship prepared a hearty meal for those in attendance, with worship and singing enjoyed by all.



## THANK YOU SHOUT OUT TO...

- ☆ Our AV Crew and the folks who create the projector slides for us every week!
- ☆ The Gardeners who keep the Church grounds looking so wonderful!
- ☆ Our Custodians -Barry & Gord, who keep St. Andrew's sparkling!



## **Bluegrass Gospel Rhymen Reason Pickin' and a Grinnin'**

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2019 | 7:30PM**

**Tickets \$20.00**

**484 Water Street | Newmarket | (905) 895-5512**



## **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BAZAAR NEWMARKET**

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**  
EXPLORE OUR DELIGHTFUL  
CHURCH BAZAAR!

**BAKED GOODS | COOKIE CAFÉ  
PRESERVES | JEWELLERY | AVON  
TREASURES | PURSES | SCARVES  
BOOKS | PUZZLES | CRAFTS  
KNITTING | MUCH MORE!**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 9, 2019  
8:30AM - 1:00PM**



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## **CELEBRATING ADVENT**

**SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM**



**JOIN US FOR HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE**

- Dec. 1: Advent 1 **HOPE** \* Nativity Traditions
- Dec. 8: Advent 2 **PEACE** \* Mitten Tree Decorating
- Dec. 15: Advent 3 **JOY** \* Church School Pageant
- Dec. 22: Advent 4 **LOVE** \* Choir Cantata

## **CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS**

**JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM  
AND CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

**Tuesday, December 24**

**5:00pm**

Celebration for Young Children

**7:00pm**

Lessons, Carols and Candlelight

**9:00pm**

Lessons, Carols and Communion



## **Would You Like to Join St. Andrew's Choir?**

The Choir practices on Thursday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join our choir! We also welcome vocalists and instrumentalists. Please contact the church office at 905-895-5512, or email the minister of music at [trschadl@gmail.com](mailto:trschadl@gmail.com), or meet with Thomas, minister of music, in person.

# St. Andrew's 2019 Calendar



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun Oct 20	8:30-9:15am	The "Non" Breakfast Club -Devotions & Prayer, All Welcome!
Sun Oct 20	10:00am	Prayer Shawl Sunday -Bring your Shawl
Thurs Oct 24	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30
Fri Oct 25	6:00pm	Corn Maze at Cooper's Farm -Meet at the Church at 6pm
<b>Sat Oct 26</b>	7:30pm	<b>Bluegrass Concert: Rhyme'n Reason   Tickets: \$20</b>
Sun Oct 27	10:00am	Reformation Sunday Worship
Sat Nov 2	8:30am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sun Nov 3	10:00am	All Saint's Sunday, Daylight Saving Time ends, Clocks go back 1 hour
Fri Nov 8	All Day	Donation Drop Off for Bazaar Items
<b>Sat Nov 9</b>	8:30am-1:00pm	<b>St. Andrew's Bazaar! Come One, Come All!</b>
Sun Nov 10	10:00am	Remembrance Sunday - <i>We Remember</i> ☸
Thurs Nov 14	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30
Fri Nov 15	TBA	Newmarket Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade
Sun Nov 17	10:00am	Sunday Worship Service
Sun Nov 24	10:00am	Communion, Christ the King Sunday
Thurs Nov 28	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30
Sun Dec 1	10:00am	Nativity Traditions, Giving Tree, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship
Sat Dec 7	8:30am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sun Dec 8	10:00am	Mitten Tree Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sat Dec 14	9:00 & 10:00am	Pageant Rehearsal: 9am Choir, 10am Full Cast (Tentative)
Sun Dec 15	10:00am	Church School Christmas Pageant, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Thurs Dec 19	12:00-1:00pm	Community Lunch, Doors Open at 11:30
Sun Dec 22	10:00am	Choir Cantata, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship
Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve	5:00pm	Christmas Celebration for Young Children
	7:00pm	Lessons, Carols & Candlelight Service
	9:00pm	Lessons, Carols & Communion Service
Wed Dec 25		<i>Merry Christmas from St. Andrew's!</i>
Sun Dec 29	10:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Worship
Wed Jan 1		<i>Happy New Year 2020!</i>