

St. Andrew's Newsletter

SUMMER 2021

Welcome Home!

Welcome Home! This is how people are greeted as they pull in the drive-way at Camp Cairn. Whether you are there for the summer, or for a week, or just to drop off campers, or staff, you are made to feel welcome and that Camp is a place you can be at home.

Sunday August 22nd, we will be re-gathering for in-person Worship for the first time in over a year. I am wondering if it will feel a bit like coming home, after a time away—a time apart. Maybe this will be the way we greet each other at St. Andrew's for a while—as we arrive at the door and as we begin our Worship together. Welcome Home!

The Re-opening Task Group has been working to have procedures organized and in-place for us to be back in the Sanctuary. **They have provided a document that is attached, at the end of the newsletter, sharing**

information about how we will move forward and what we will need to do as we re-gather. Please take some time to read it through.

Some things will be very much the same as they were before we paused Worshipping in-person. I am hopeful that, in many ways, it will be like coming home.

Some things will be a bit different. We will need to wear masks. We will need to keep our distance. Rather than passing the offering plates, they will be placed at the doors of the Sanctuary to receive our gifts. We will also need to make “reservations” each week so that we can organize the number of people in the Sanctuary while we are meant to be physically distanced. You will also be greeted at the door to the building and asked to initial the “reservation list” and

Dates to note

- Aug. 22 - Re-gathering for in-person Worship
- Sept. 6 – Labour Day
- Sept. 12 – Recovenanting Sunday
- Sept. 26 - Presbyterians Sharing Sunday
- Sept. 30 - Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 10 - Harvest Thanksgiving
- Oct. 10 - Guest Speaker Kevin Eisser from Loaves and Fishes

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perhaps you will be welcomed home....

In-person Coffee Hour will wait for a time yet as will Nursery Care and Church School.

There will also be some other transitions as we move back into the Sanctuary.

We have had the wonderful blessing of being able to Worship on-line each week through these many months thanks to the talent and amazing hard work of Ruth and Jordyn.

While focus shifts to preparing the slides and running the AV for Worship in the Sanctuary, we will no longer record the Services each week. Instead, the regular weekly e-mail will include a link to a previously recorded Service, (a "Greatest Hits Service" from our on-line library) along with announcements and news from our Mission Partners.

Phone-in Worship and the Zoom Coffee Hour will also stop as we move back to in-person Worship.

As I am writing and looking at this information all in one place, it seems like a lot. In some ways it is a lot. But many of the changes, or transition pieces, are not new to us. We have been doing much of this in our lives right now, already.

We adapted and found new ways to offer our worship and be a community of faith when we were not able to gather. We will continue to adapt, as we move back into the Sanctuary. Our time in Worship will be a little different but also familiar. Things will continue to unfold as changes in the world and in our community continue to unfold. We will continue to listen to the advice of Public Health and the Provincial Government.

Right now, though, we look forward to welcoming you home to St. Andrew's! We are looking forward to seeing you and worshipping with you in person!

Laura



Welcome Home

News from the Hiring Committee & Session

Session is very happy to announce that **Lisa Podd** has been offered and has accepted the role of Administrative Assistant at St. Andrew's! During this journey, the recruitment sub-committee was blessed to receive 68 applications to the online postings from a variety of individuals across Ontario and other countries around the world. After thoughtfully considering every application and assigning each one a ranking based on relevant work experience, skills and personal attributes, a short list was consolidated and zoom interviews were held with the top candidates. While these individuals presented themselves with passion, willingness to serve and viable skills, Lisa emerged as the lead candidate after final interviews with the Ministers and representatives of the hiring committee. Lisa was then proposed to Session and unanimously approved.

Many of you may know Lisa as she and her family have worshipped at St. Andrews over the last 12 years. She has participated in many initiatives including the Christian Education committee as a Church School teacher, the Giving Tree at Christmas, Bible Camp and the Inn from the Cold fundraising winter walk. Living in Newmarket for many years, Lisa has shared her time with various business and community organizations while raising her two daughters with her husband, Doug. Lisa's experience in administration, teaching and marketing will assist the Church office in maximizing its effectiveness in meeting our missional objectives. We are thankful for Lisa's commitment to the position, and for the passion, creativity and collaborative spirit she will bring to it. We look forward to having Lisa join the Church office in mid-August. Congratulations, Lisa!

Respectfully submitted,

George Smith
Convenor, Personnel Committee

From The Treasurer

Current Operating Account as of June 30, 2021:

Revenues	\$112,258
Expenses	\$127,276
Deficit	-\$15,018 (negative balance)

Cash balance - Jan 01, 2021	\$27,316
Government subsidies received:	\$11,334
Net cash balance	\$23,632

Revenue to other Accounts:

Presbyterian Sharing:	\$11,710 (our half year target \$12,500)
Property Fund:	\$ 3,913 (less \$2,299 charges YTD)
Donations to the Food Bank:	\$ 2,365

Thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing gifts of time, talent and treasure to St. Andrew's. Your generosity has enabled us to continue this ministry that we have together in new and creative ways. While we have not been able to be together in person, we have reimagined what is possible. The ways we offer our Worship to God, our service and care and share God's love have continued to unfold and adapt as the world has changed. Thank you for all that you have done, offered and given

Ways to give financially to St. Andrew's

PAR (is preferred) You can contact the church office and arrange to give through Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR). This will arrange for your givings to be transferred to the church account directly on the 20th day of each month. You may print the enrollment form from our website and deliver it with a cheque marked 'VOID' to the church or church mailbox. (With PAR, there is only 50 cents in administrative cost per givings per month.)

Interac E-Transfer: Use our email address: donate@standrewsnewmarket.org (Please ensure that you double-check your spelling.) It is configured with auto-deposit, so you should not need to use a security question. We will continue to keep track of your givings. Reminder to members that have not used this method in the last 7 months to please update the email address in their Interac Contact list.

You can mail or drop-off your monthly envelope givings to the church. Please ensure to send a cheque, not cash. The church mailbox by the front door is secure and checked regularly. It would be good to receive these givings by mid-month. If necessary, you can contact your elder to pick up your envelope and courier it to the church.

News from The Maintenance Committee

If you drove by the Church at the beginning of July, you may have noticed the parking spaces on the east side of the building were blocked off with pylons. Heavy winds caused a portion of the flashing to come loose high up on the side of the building. There was a concern that the piece of metal would break off and damage any vehicles parked in those spaces—or worse, hurt someone.

Arrangements have been made for a company to come and repair the damage.

Inside the building, a routine furnace inspection found that we will need to replace one of the furnaces.

A tree, from a neighbour's yard, fell across the fence in the backyard of the manse. The fence has been repaired and there is no longer any "danger" of Robert's dogs "escaping".

The furnace at the Manse is in need of repairs and the work has been organized.

There are also plans to repair, or reshingle, the roof of the Manse. Quotes will be sought with the hope that the work will take place in the fall.

Celebration of life for Godlove Ntaw

Dear St. Andrew's family. I hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe. As most of you know, I lost my husband Godlove Ntaw last December and due to Covid-19 restrictions that were in place at the time, my family could not organize a celebration of life in his honour.

Now that Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted, coupled with the nice weather conditions, my family and I would like to invite you to join us to celebrate Godlove's life on August 21st from 3pm.

Mary Ntaw

In Memorium

Jean Ewart passed away peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre on Sunday, July 25, 2021, in her 87th year. Loving wife of Max for 30 years. Loving sister of Marie Ecclestone, Ron (Rose) Amos and Lawrence (Diane) Amos. Beloved mother of Deborah (Lloyd), Gordon (Cheryl) and the late Ginette (Kevin). Treasured Granna of Ryan (Jaclyn), Sarah (Christian), Dana (Nick), Nathan, Danielle and Jessica (Greg). Great-grandmother of Brooklynn. Jean will be missed by her loving stepchildren Dwight (Hillary), Dale, Craig and their families. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.





Cairn Family of Camps Presents:

Away at the Lake

Summer Muskoka Getaway

- All-inclusive summer retreat
- Located 30 minutes south of Huntsville
- Sessions run Monday to Thursday and Thursday to Sunday throughout July and August
- Perfect for individuals, couples, families, or groups
- Spend quality time experiencing the beauty of God's creation!

Visit the Cairn website for more details!

<http://www.ilovecamp.org/>



Away at the Lake

Cairn's camp program isn't just for kids this summer! This year, the Cairn Family of Camps is taking advantage of a unique opportunity to allow for a summer long intergenerational ministry, providing a restorative space for families, adults, and small groups. Check out Cairn's Away at the Lake retreat program for an all-inclusive retreat that offers a space for rest, community, and sabbath, while immersed in the beauty of creation in Muskoka. Visit <http://ilovecamp.org/away-at-the-lake.cfm> for more information.



From the Newmarket Food Pantry

Please let your congregation know that their continued support is greatly appreciated and the impact is being felt.

Because of Community Champions such as yourselves, we have been able to increase the amount of food we are giving out to our community, from 3-4 days to 10-14 days now!

On average, we are now distributing 10,000 meals a week to our community, thanks in large part to your group and other community groups.

From an e-mail from Adrian Bain,
Executive Director, Newmarket Food Pantry



News about Re-gathering for Worship

Important Information: Resuming Worship in the Church

On August 22, 2021, we will resume gathering for worship in the Church sanctuary. Once the services resume in the sanctuary, worship will **no longer be recorded and posted on the Church website, nor will the call-in feature through the telephone be available.** As we move forward in the weeks following the re-opening, options for accessing worship services online may be considered and will be communicated at that time. In the interim, all previous pre-recorded worship services can be accessed by visiting our website (www.standrewsnewmarket.org) and clicking on the "Services" tab at the top of the main page.

Safety Precautions: To ensure that we aim to provide the highest level of protection for everyone and to address the safety concerns of gathering for worship with an abundance of precaution, please read through and retain all the important information provided in this document.

Preregistering for Sunday Worship

Those who wish to attend the worship service in the sanctuary must preregister each week, prior to every service.

Why must I preregister? Preregistering is required to manage seating capacity limits and to facilitate contact tracing requirements.

How do I preregister? To preregister, please contact the Church office at (905)895-5512 or by emailing info@standrewsnewmarket.org.

Who must preregister? Everyone who plans to attend worship, including children. *Please provide the names and a contact telephone number for every person you are registering.*

What if I need special equipment? If you or any member of your party requires special equipment, e.g., hearing device or elevator, please indicate that at the time of preregistering.

When do I preregister? Preregistration for the service on August 22 will begin on Monday, August 16. During subsequent weeks, preregistration will be open Monday to Friday (9:00am-5:00pm) preceding each Sunday service. While the church office is not occupied every day, your message will be picked up.

What if I cannot attend worship after preregistering? If you preregister and then find you cannot attend, please contact the Church office as soon as possible so that others on the waiting list may be accommodated. If you find that you cannot attend worship after the Church office closes on Friday, please call the Church office and leave a message which will be picked up before Sunday.

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Vaccination Statement

In accordance with Federal and Provincial public health guidelines, **the leadership of the Church highly recommends that persons attending worship be fully vaccinated (excluding children up to 11 years of age)**. Worshippers and anyone entering the Church building will not be questioned about their vaccination status.

COVID-19 Self-Screening Questionnaire

You and all of the members of your party are required to review the attached questionnaire prior to attendance at every worship service. **When you and your party arrive at the Church, each member will be required to initial the sign-in sheet to confirm you have reviewed and are compliant with the public health protocols. Adults can initial on behalf of young children.**

Reminders of Key Reopening Procedures

- A maximum of 80 people are permitted in the sanctuary at one time. This number includes worship leaders and volunteers. Physical distancing of six feet (two metres) must be maintained at all times with those not in your household “bubble”.
- The main floor of the building (sanctuary, washrooms, offices) are cleaned regularly, using cleaning products and processes in compliance with Covid-19 protocols.
- At this time, access to the Church will be available **only** through the **south (parking lot) doors**. Only the stairs directly to the sanctuary from the south doors will be used. An usher can assist with the elevator if required. There will be no access to the lower level of the building (ie; kitchen).
- To ensure everyone’s protection, **wearing masks is required upon entry into the church building and must be worn at all times while in the Church building**. This applies to all fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals over the age of 2 years. If you forget your mask, a few new masks will be available at the door.
- To allow for the time required to check in, worshippers are asked to **arrive at the Church between 9:15 am and no later 9:45 am**. To ensure physical distancing, worshippers are asked to line up outside the door in the designated area in the parking lot until the previous party has moved out of the check in area inside the door. It is in this check in area where the preregistration of each member of the party is verified and each individual is required to initial their compliance with the self-screening questionnaire.
- Each party will **seat themselves in the sanctuary**. While certain rows of pews have been roped off to facilitate physical distancing, each family/bubble is responsible for ensuring that physical distancing of six-feet (two metres) is maintained between parties within the pews.

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- You will be asked to use hand sanitizer, which will be available at each point of entry.
- The washrooms on the main level of the building (next to the old sanctuary) will be accessible for use. Washrooms in other areas of the building will not be available.
- To comply with public health recommendations, the air conditioning and fans will **not** be operating in the sanctuary during worship. Windows will be opened to allow some ventilation.
- The cloakrooms will be closed. You are asked to keep all personal items with you.
- Bibles and hymnbooks have been removed from the sanctuary.
- The Order of Service, announcements and the scripture readings will be displayed on the screens.
- While the organist will play the hymns during the service, Choir anthems will be pre-recorded and shown on screens.
- Children will stay with their parents or caregivers during their time in the sanctuary. There will be no Church school or nursery care.
- Offering will not be collected during the service. One offering plate will be placed at the top of the stairs for use by people entering and exiting the sanctuary. A second plate will be placed by the double doors to the sanctuary for use by those using the elevator. To minimize contact with the envelopes and contents, **online offering continues to be strongly encouraged.**
- **Hearing devices** will be cleaned regularly and made available at the top of the stairs when entering the sanctuary. Because the number of devices is limited, please let us know if you require a device when you preregister.
- Coffee hour will not be resumed at this time. Worshippers are asked not to socialize within the Church building after the service, however, fellowship outdoors, ensuring six-foot physical distancing between each party “bubble” is permitted.

Inclement Weather? Should it be necessary to close the church and cancel the worship service due to inclement weather or for any other critical reason, there will be a cancellation message on the Church website as well as a pre-recorded message on the Church answering machine.

Have questions? Contact Robert Royal at (416)578-4854 or robertroyal@standrewsnewmarket.org.