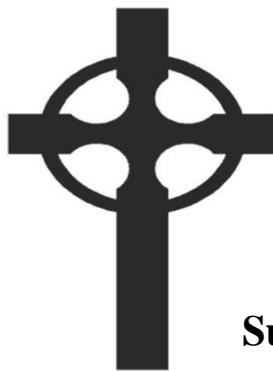


The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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the weekly information bulletin of

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Sunday, July 15, 2018

"The Wisdom of the World"

This summer, our Worship committee chose the theme, "The Wisdom of the world" for our summer worship. For as long as human beings have pondered the meaning of their own lives and of the world we live in, it's been through story telling that much of our exploring has taken place. That's certainly true for us as Christian people. Our sacred texts lead us into a deeper understanding of who we are and how we relate to one another and to God; they offer us guidance on how to live and how to cope with life's joys and crises. As with our scriptural tradition, so too with the stories we hear from around the world. Our worship over these summer Sundays includes some powerful and familiar stories from our own tradition as well as some stories from around the world. Today's reading from Ephesians invites us to be who we are with joyful abandon! But there's a catch! It may involve surrendering parts of ourselves we may not really want to give up, to embrace who we are as God's beloved! As we gather for worship this morning and listen to the affirmation that we are blessed and are a blessing, may our response be one of joyful abandon as we dance to the music of God's word. Welcome to all and a special greeting to our friends from Trinity United who join us for Worship during these July Sundays.

Rev. Jane Howe

Please help yourself to coffee any time during the service with thanks to folks who set this all up and clean it up.

This Week at St. Andrew's Sunday July 15

**10:30 Worship on the Eighth
Sunday after Pentecost**

Tuesday July 17

**10:15 Our Staff gathers for our
weekly meeting.** This is the day we finalize details for our Together news. If you have items for the news sheet, please send them to Bruce Fleming, our editor, by Tuesday night at the latest. You can e-mail your announcement to bfleming2@cogeco.ca

No e-mail, no problem! You can always call your announcement into the church office at 705-472-7680.

Wednesday July 18

**Wednesday Worship is finished
for our summer break! We look
forward to seeing you in
September!**

Thursday July 19

8:30 to 10:30 Loaves and Fishes
continues until July 26th when our volunteers and our budget get a much needed five week break.

This significant outreach of St. Andrew's serves about 100 families per week with canned goods and fresh produce like eggs and milk. We are very grateful for the long-time support of The MacIsaac Foundation and for new friends like

the Lion's Club who have given several generous donations! But we can't operate such a large program without the support of folks from St. Andrew's. Thanks for considering a regular gift to Loaves and Fishes. Donations can be made through your church envelope or directed through PAR (pre-authorized remittance) and as with all donations, you will receive a tax receipt.

Friday July 20

North Bay's very first Pride Prom dance. This event, planned by the North Bay Pride committee happens tonight at St. Andrew's

Saturday July 21

**North Bay celebrates its 2nd Pride
March!** Last year's premier event was a wonderful celebration for LGBTQ2s folks and their allies who marched proudly from City Hall to the Waterfront. Mark the date on your calendar, and plan to join us as we march under the St. Andrew's banner in this year's parade. We gather at City Hall at 11:30 a.m. and the parade begins at noon hour. Festivities continue at the Waterfront with a Pride picnic.

11:00 Meditation Group gathers in the Church parlour. Please ring the bell on the McIntyre Street side of the Church.

Sunday July 22

10:30 Worship We welcome our friends from Trinity United Church who join us for our Summer Sundays in July while Ted Harrison, Lisa Blais and Betty Farris are on holidays! We look forward to combined worship as we consider the "Wisdom of the World." Nursery care and Sunday school will continue throughout these summer Sundays.

Our Prayer for the Day

Lead us, O God, into relationships that give strength. May we find in your presence the discovery of our call and empowerment for its practice.

AMEN.

A St. Andrew's Welcome!

For the past several summers Trinity and St. Andrew's have submitted a proposal to fund the work of a Summer student to help with Vacation Bible School and with writing Sunday school curriculum.

This year, we are delighted to welcome Clara Clark, who will be with us at St. Andrew's for the month of July and at Trinity in August. If you are visiting the Church over these summer weeks, stop and say hi to Clara.

Coming Fund Raising Events

July 29 (tentative date) a take out supper plate will be ready for pick up after church, if you order ahead. The plate will include salads and a dessert for \$15.00.

Coming in September a concert by Traditionally Wound, a blue grass group which includes two of Star McGregor's brothers. Date to follow.

The Fund Raising Committee

PRAYER POSSIBILITIES



This week Manitou Conference invites us to remember

The people of St. Paul's United Church, New Liskeard and Hillview Pioneer served by Judith Visser



OUR DEVOTIONS THE MEANS OF GRACE

Here are some readings you may want to include as part of your personal reflections for the coming week.

- ✠ **2 Samuel 7:1-14a**, "David is not the one to build God's house"
- ✠ **Psalms 89**, "I will sing of God's steadfast love"
- ✠ **Ephesians 2:11-22**, "You are holy citizens, members of God's household"
- ✠ **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**, "Jesus teaches from a boat and heals the sick."

The Garden

This year, we are planning to add some additional plantings around our building as a way to support our pollinator friends! The Sunday School children have been saving their offerings to buy strawberry plants for planting along the retaining wall on the Algonquin Side of the Church and other bee-friendly plants are also making their way into our garden beds.

Thanks for supporting our pollinator friends in your own gardens and if you have time, and can help at the Church, we would be very grateful.

Even if you have an hour to weed, water or harvest, it would be a big help. We have a lovely green space to share in the concrete of our downtown core.

We are especially in need of helpers in the last two weeks of August. *Please speak with Jane or Star at the office or Stuart Bailey for more information or to volunteer.*



Becoming a Bee friendly Church!

In the Fall!

On **Sunday September 9th** our **Sunday morning study group** begins again with a new book, Charles Eisenstein's, "The More Beautiful World We All Know is Possible."

In a time of social and ecological crisis, what can we as individuals do to make the world a better place? This inspirational and thought-provoking book serves as an empowering antidote to the cynicism, frustrating feeling, paralysis, and the overwhelming feeling so many of us are experiencing, replacing it with a grounding reminder of what's true: we are all connected, and our small, personal choices bear unsuspected transformational power.

Throughout the book, Eisenstein relates real-life stories showing how small, individual acts of courage, kindness, and self-trust can change our culture's guiding narrative of separation.

The group gathers from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Church parlour. If you are interested in joining us, or simply want to order the book to read on your own, please contact Rev. Jane at the Church office. She would be happy to order you a copy!

Join us this fall starting **October 15, 2018** at 7 p.m. in the Parlour for our new small group Bible study called *Uppity Women of the Bible*. This nine-week DVD-based series features Dr. Lisa Wolfe who combines careful scholarship with humorous and fresh insights into four of the books of the Bible with uppity women: *Ruth*, *The Song of Songs*, *Esther*, and *Judith*. For more information or to register, call

Margaret at (705) 476-3917. All are welcome!

Birthdays

Thank you to the people who have taken up the challenge to participate in a Birthday Fund celebration. Please join the tradition by making a donation to St. Andrew's on your birthday, a dollar for each year. Another suggestion is to make a donation to the church on behalf of a family member or a friend. Simply put the money in an envelope on the offering plate, indicate Birthday and the name of the birthday person. We will acknowledge the July and August birthdays on the first Sunday of September. Hopefully we will have a long list.

Trinity North Bay AOTS Men's Group Spiritual Retreat for

all United Church men at Spirit Point, Trout Creek

Friday afternoon **September 14th** - Saturday afternoon **September 15th**

Join us for Christian fellowship, music, worship

COST - \$150 per person

CONTACT - INFORMATION - Roman Rozicki - 705-495-3415

REGISTRATION

Bill Brownlee - 705-472-3226



Save Your Stamps!

St. Andrew's member Mary Marrs is still saving used stamps as part of a fund-raising. Christian Salvage receives the stamps and use the funds raised to send Christian Bibles and religious material, to needy countries. Why not save your stamps and leave them at the Church office? *Please leave a paper border around the stamps.*

Perfumes and other scented products affect the health of many people. Please refrain from wearing them in this building. Thank you.



