

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



TOGETHER

the weekly information bulletin of

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Sunday, July 29, 2018

"The Wisdom of the World ... a Tale for Today"

Thanks to our DLM Tracy Davis and her energetic Christian Development Committee for planning and offering this All Ages Worship this morning and for inviting us to share bread and wine together. Our focus scripture for the day is appropriate. It's the story of the Loaves and Fishes from John's gospel. The way John tells the story, Jesus and his disciples cross Lake Galilee to be met by a very large crowd come to see him work his miracles. How to feed such a crowd? We don't have the budget! We don't have the volunteers! Suddenly, Andrew speaks up: "there's a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish!" Hardly enough for such a crowd. And yet everyone is fed with more left over! It's easy to focus on the miracles in our reading for the day, but perhaps in doing so, we miss an important revelation. Today's story invites us to examine who Jesus is and what he reveals about what it means to live God's reign. Where are we receiving and offering welcome, hospitality, and generosity? Perhaps it is how we live that speaks the loudest about who we are, what we believe and who travels with us. Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew's and a special welcome to friends from Trinity who join us during these July Sundays. This is our last Sunday together before our summer break here at St. Andrew's. You are invited to join for Worship at Trinity next Sunday and throughout August. We will be back at worship here at St. Andrew's on Sunday September 9th.

Rev. Jane Howe

This Week at St. Andrew's Sunday July 29

**10:30 All Ages Worship on the
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Take out supper plates will be ready for pick up after church, for those who ordered ahead. Thanks to Frankie Syme and her energetic and hard working crew of FUN(D) raisers for providing such a lovely meal!

Today!

**2:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Worships
with friends at Cassellholme.**

Thursday August 2nd

**Our Loaves and Fishes Food
Bank will be closed while the
Church is closed but will resume
operations on September 6th.**

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.

Saturday August 4th and throughout the summer

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

Sunday August 5th

**10:30 Worship at Trinity
United (the corner of McIntyre
and Ferguson)**

Our Prayer for the Day

*Take a few moments to pray St.
Patrick's Breastplate:*

Christ be with me. Christ within
me.

Christ behind me. Christ before me,

Christ to comfort me and to restore
me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me.

Christ in mouth of friend or
stranger.

Coming Fund Raising Events

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

PRAYER POSSIBILITIES



This week we remember

the People of All People's United in
Sudbury

and

the People of Covenant United
Church, served by Cindy Desilets

and

Peter Wyatt, retired!



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 11:26-12:13a,**
*Nathan's story that condemns
David"*

✠ **Psalm 51:1-12,** *"Create in me a
clean heart"*

✠ **Ephesians 4:1-16**, "A life worthy of your calling; speaking the truth in love"
 ✠ **John 6:24-35**, "The crowd asks for more signs from Jesus."

The Garden

Things are growing at a rapid pace in the Church garden, in spite of the dry weather! We are grateful for our lovely green space in the heart of our downtown core. It's a shady paradise for folks in the downtown core thanks to the hard work of folks like Reid Milne, who keeps the grass mowed, our caretaker Lucy Emmott who works hard to tame the weeds and Stuart Bailey and his Outreach committee who plan, plant and tend the veggie garden, the produce of which is shared with the Gathering Place as part of the "Grow a Row" Initiative. Special thanks to Elizabeth Westbrook and her family for donating and installing the lovely park bench in the middle of the garden in memory of her mother and to the Friendship group for their donation of a bird bath in memory of their President, Sylvia Freier.

If you have any 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 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!

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!

Summer Closing

For many years, Trinity and St. Andrew's have shared a very happy summer arrangement - sharing worship together and providing staff coverage while our respective Ministry teams go on vacation.

This year, Trinity join us for the Sundays in July while the St. Andrew's staff heads off for holidays after Sunday Worship on July 29th.

You are invited to join with friends at Trinity United for the Sundays in August 5th through to and including Labour Day Sunday, September 3rd.

Star McGregor, who very ably manages our Church office, will be off for the first two weeks in August but back in the office in the latter two weeks of the month.

Emergency Pastoral Care coverage will be provided by the Rev. Ted Harrison from Trinity United. Ted can be reached through the Trinity office at 705- 474-3310



Becoming a Bee friendly Church!

Trinity North Bay AOTS Men's Group Spiritual Retreat for

all United Church men at Spirit Point, Trout Creek

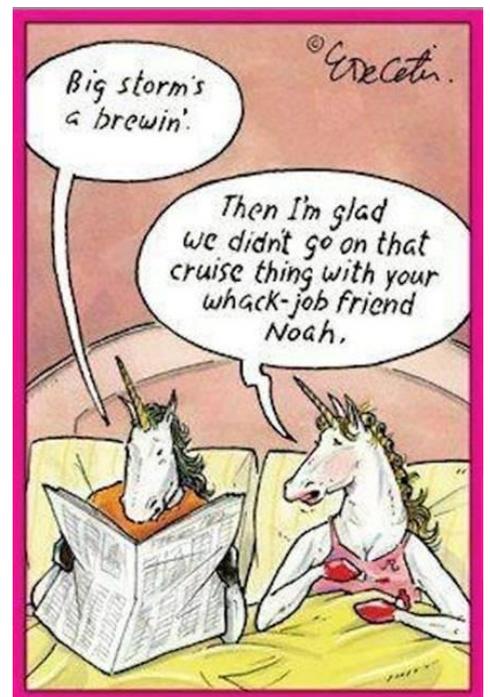
Friday afternoon **September 14th** -
 Saturday afternoon **September 15th**

Join us for Christian fellowship, music, worship

COST - \$150 per person

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