

Father's Day and the Sacrament of Baptism



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the weekly information bulletin of

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"What You See Is Not all You Get!"

I remember taking my young nephew (who is now in his mid 30's!) to the park one day when he was about four or five years old. We walked down the trails leading through the park, played on the swings and laughed together. Walking back to the car, he said, "Aunt Jane, did you see that bird over there on the hydro pole?" "Yes," I replied, he is a very noisy robin, isn't he?" To me it looked like any other bird, lovely, but not particularly special. But not so for Adam! "He's talking to me", Adam insisted. "He doesn't want me to leave. He wants me to stay here with you!" Adam saw something more than just a noisy robin. He saw a relationship: love, security and contentment. He was willing to see in a different way. I am convinced that a primary purpose of scripture is not just to tell us what to see, but to teach us how to see. We are invited into a deeper way of seeing as we consider Jesus' parable for the day, about the mustard seed and the kingdom of God. As we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this morning, we pray these young folks may know what it is to look at their world through the lens of God's love and grace. Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew's on this Father's Day weekend. If you are visiting with us for the Sacrament of Baptism, a very special welcome to you. We hope you will feel at home here. Please sign our guest register at the entrance to the Church so we may have a record of your visit.

Rev. Jane Howe

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

TODAY!

Watch for the Bake Sale goodies on offer from our Relay for Life Team, led by our own Tracy Davis. "More for Les" is the name of the team in honour of Tracy's sister, Leslie, who met her breast cancer diagnosis with courage and determination. The Team has been very busy raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. Thanks for your help in encouraging their efforts!

This Week at St. Andrew's

Sunday June 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Study group gathers.

10:30. Worship on Father's Day and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Tuesday June 19

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.

6:00 End of the Year Council potluck followed by our meeting.

6:15 Inclusivity Committee meeting in the Church parlour

Wednesday June 20

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

Thursday June 21

8:30 to 10:30 Loaves and Fishes. 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 significant and 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.

7:00 Join us at the White Water Gallery for the Two Spirited Cabaret.

Saturday June 23

4:00 Choir Practice

Sunday June 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Study group gathers

10:30 Worship on Indigenous People's Sunday, with Dwayne Nashkawa as our special guest. Dwayne has been the Chief Executive Officer of Nipissing First Nation since January 2004. He has spent his career working in senior roles in the areas of natural resources development, treaty research, governance, and administration. Dwayne has led various tripartite negotiations including the Ontario First Nations Policing Agreement and the development of the Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council. Dwayne has led the development of private business relationships and various

community development initiatives including the NFN Constitution and Financial Administration Law. He has also participated as part of a negotiation team member on Nipissing First Nation's boundary claim. Dwayne is a member of the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation located on the Bruce Peninsula. He is married to Sandy and is the proud father of three child: Lucas, Marjorie and Bella.

We are delighted to welcome Kimberly Robinson and her Rainbow Drum Circle who are also part of our Worship on this very special Sunday.

Fire Drill Sunday

Our new Fire plan requires that we participate in a yearly drill to ensure that people know which exit to use in the event of a fire. Thanks to Derek Stott, author of our plan and Howard Wurster, our Fire Marshall for their ongoing work ensuring our safety and the safety of those folks who use the building.

Our Prayer for the Day

Dear God, we confess that instead of putting our trust in you, we often want to know the outcome before we can say yes to the invitation! Grant us the courage to answer your call and help us remember you have chosen us for something special. AMEN.

PRAYER POSSIBILITIES



This week Manitou Conference invites us to remember: the people of

Golden Valley United Church, served by the Rev. Fraser Williamson

and

Temiscaming United Church, who are currently without Ministry Personnel

and

Will Kunder, our Manitou Conference Executive Secretary

Happy Birthday!

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 the church on your birthday, a dollar for each year. Another suggestion was 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.



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 uses 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.*



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.

- ✠ **1 Samuel 17:32-49**, "the Story of David and Goliath"
- ✠ **Psalms 133**, "It is good for God's people to be together"
- ✠ **2 Corinthians 6:1-13**, "Now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation"
- ✠ **Mark 4:35-41**, "the stilling of the storm"

Coming Soon

Thursday June 28th

Transition Town potluck in the Club Room. We gather at 5:30 p.m. and plan to eat at 6:00 p.m. The topic for the evening is active transportation and biking in particular. We plan to show how everyone can do a spring tune up on their bike.

Saturday June 30th

Congratulations and Warm Wishes to Peter Haddow and Rod Desjardins who celebrate their Marriage at St. Andrew's! Peter

and Rod are both Members of Church Council and are active members of both the Inclusivity Committee and the Christian Development Committee!

Saturday July 14th

Sudbury Pride March. Join St. Peter's United Church marching behind the St. Peter's affirming banner starting at 2:00 from Memorial Park.

For information 705-672-2171

In The Garden!

We hope folks have noticed the arrival of the bean poles in the Church's veggie garden. The garden has been planted for another year with beans and other goodies for our friends at the Gathering Place Soup Kitchen. St. Andrew's has been part of the "Grow a Row" Program for a number of years.

This year, we are also 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. Thanks for helping us look inviting!

Please speak with Jane or Star at the office for more information or to volunteer!



Becoming a Bee friendly Church!

Perfumes and other scented products affect the health of



many people. Please refrain from wearing them in this building. Thank you.