

Celebrating With Jane



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the weekly information bulletin of

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Good morning and welcome to St. Andrew's as we gather for our last worship with Rev. Jane before her retirement. Today we take a warm look back at two decades of Worship, adventure, growth and rich spirituality as we say farewell and offer one another blessings for the adventures ahead! Thanks for joining us! Please help yourself to coffee anytime during the service, with thanks to Janyce Robinson for putting the coffee on Sunday morning and to the folks who bring sweet treats from time to time.

This Week at St. Andrew's Sunday May 19

9:00 Sunday Morning Study Group gathers in the parlour as we finish this year's book by Charles Eisenstein, "The Beautiful World We All Know Is Possible".

10:30 Worship on the 5th Sunday of Easter.

Tuesday May 21

10:00 Staff Meeting 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 have them to Bruce Fleming, our editor, by Tuesday night at the latest. You can e-mail your announcement to bflaming2@cogeco.ca

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

7:00 Church Council gathers for its May meeting in the Chapel.

Wednesday May 22

12:05 Wednesday Worship in the Parlour followed by a shared bag lunch! May is Profession of Faith month, a time to hear the faith stories of our friends and neighbours! Thanks to Tim Robertson for organizing this very stimulating month of mid-week worship opportunities!

Thursday May 23

8:30- 10:30 Loaves and Fishes our very active Food Bank program, opens every Thursday to assist our neighbours in need. We are blessed indeed to have wonderful support from the Lion's Club and from the John Carl MacIsaac Foundation. Though these are significant and appreciated donations, they do not

cover the entire cost of delivering this program.

Your regular gifts to Loaves and Fishes are valued and appreciated. Donations can be made through your church envelope or directed through PAR (pre-authorized remittance). As with all donations, you will receive a tax receipt. Thanks so much.

6:00 St. Andrew's Outreach Committee hosts our Transition Town potluck.

We gather at 5:30 p.m. and plan to eat at 6:00 followed by our guest speaker. Tonight's guest is Al Tomek of the City's solid waste recycling facility. Al is an ally in helping us to live in more sustainable ways. This is our last pot luck of the year. In June we plan to go for a ride along some of North Bay's wonderful and slowly increasing bike trails, assuming no further cut-backs of programs or facilities.

Saturday May 25

9 until noon!

Clean up Day at St. Andrew's.

Come join us as we spruce up our lovely and well-used building!

4:00 Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

Sunday May 26

10:30 Worship with Rev. Dr. Will Kunder.

Worship Committee gathers after Worship for a brief check in.

Our Prayer for the Day

God, who loves Creation in all its rainbow diversity, speak to us who like to define, pigeon hole and hold at a distance those who are not like us! May we view the world the

way you see it, in all its' strange beauty and wonderful diversity.
AMEN

Congratulations!

We are celebrating with and giving thanks for the Ministry of friends who are a part of the St. Andrew's Community and are marking significant anniversaries this year!

Celebrating 50 years of service to the Church are:

The Rev. Dr. Gailand MacQueen, who was ordained in 1969

and The Rev. Kay Heuer was Commissioned in 1969

The Rev. Stewart Bell celebrates his 55th anniversary of Ordination this year!

THANK YOU

Mothers and Grandmothers were remembered Saturday, May 11 at our Mother's Day Tea, as friends and families gathered in the St. Andrew's gym. Two and three generations of some families attended to celebrate this special day. Thank you to all those who baked, made sandwiches, waited on tables, poured beverages, sold tickets, made creative items for sale, washed dishes, worked on set-up/clean-up and donated interesting items for the silent auction. And thank you to all those who attended to take part in recognizing our mothers and grandmothers. A quick tally indicated that it took 35 people in different capacities to produce this event which raised \$2,056.00 to help decrease the deficit.

The Fund-Raising Committee

THANKS

Our heart felt thanks to St. Andrew's for a lovely celebration and send off last Sunday. It truly was a gift of love! The songs, the laughter, the fine food and the care will long be remembered with deep gratitude. Thanks too, to the party organizers: to Tracy Davis, Ralph Johnston and Jean Jamieson, who got the ball rolling and worked so hard to make this a special occasion indeed; to the Congregational life committee who staffed the kitchen and made Betty Hurley's delicious macaroni and cheese, to all who brought such lovely salads and food to share; and to friends who shared memories, songs and advice for retiring well! We will always remember Wooly McFlannel's lovely Scottish send off. Thanks to friends like Kim Delarosbel and Treanor Greer- Delarosbel, for early Sunday morning efforts to decorate the gym in such a lovely fashion and to the crew of volunteers who stayed after to put away tables and chairs and wash up the dishes. Elizabeth and I were deeply moved by your generous gift which will help us in our transition to our new home. We carry with us cherished memories of the day.

Our Birthday Challenge!

Happy Birthday to:

Jane Howe

Natalie Wilson

Tracy Brewer Davis

Star McDonald McGregor

Ruth Gauthier

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, indicate Birthday and the name of the birthday person and place it on the offering plate.



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

Coming Soon

Saturday May 25

930-3:30 Pray All Ways Retreat

A Cosmic walk, Zen Garden, and a Labyrinth are used as tools of the journey of life.

Be a part of this interactive day at St. Joseph's Mother House.

To register 705-474-3800 X- 417

Sunday May 26th

1:30 J.O.Y. Band presents

"Maytime Melodies" Trinity

United. *Free Will offering for roof restoration.*

Tuesday May 28th

7:00 Calvin Presbyterian Church is hosting "The Knitting Pilgrim" featuring the Stitched glass tapestries of Kirk Dunn.

Dunn took 15 years to knit a triptych of tapestries, designed in the style of stained-glass windows, exploring the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic faiths. There is no other project like this in the world.

Tickets for this event are \$20.00 and are available at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 705-474-4750

or at

Stix and Stones on Main Street

God Speed!

Life in a congregation is filled with new arrivals and departures. We embrace them all with gratitude! We give thanks for Debbie Lee and her ministry among us as a volunteer visitor for Pastoral Care, and a member of the Friendship group. Debbie is moving to New Richmond Quebec at the end of May. Travelling mercies Debbie, as you head out for a new adventure!

News from the Canadian Shield Regional Council

On Friday, May 31st until Sunday June 2nd, we will meet for the first time as the Canadian Shield Regional Council in Sault Ste. Marie. This inaugural meeting is a chance to come together for Worship and to know each other better as we continue the ministry of the United Church of Canada in the North East and the North West. We will celebrate the Ordination of Susan Peverley and mark the retirement of Rev. Jane Howe and

Rev. Teresa Jones from North Bay Presbytery.

Thank you for remembering this gathering in your prayers as you join together for Worship next weekend here at St. Andrew's.



THE MEANS OF GRACE

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

- ✠ **Acts 16:9-15**, "Paul worships with Lydia and the other women by the river."
- ✠ **Psalm 67**, "Let the light of God's face shine upon us."
- ✠ **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**, "John's vision of the City of God."
- ✠ **John 5:1-9**, "A sick man cured at the pool of Bethesda."



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