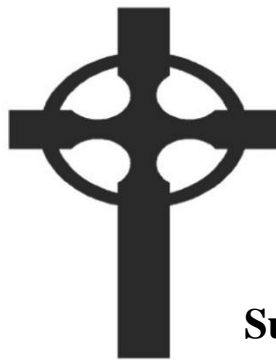


A Very Determined God



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the weekly information bulletin of

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Sunday, September, 15 2019

Good Morning and welcome to St Andrew's. We are so glad you are here with us for Worship this morning. We are blessed to welcome Donna Sinclair as our guest preacher this week! Liz Brownlee is filling in as our liturgist as Tracy is away completing her final weekend in her Contemplative End of Life Care program.

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 September 15

10:30 Worship Thanks to Donna Sinclair for preaching today and to Liz Brownlee for offering her wonderful abilities as our Liturgist.

Returning of some of our regulars

Choral Society returned on Monday the 9th, Gateway Harmony on September 10th and the Baytones returned on the 11th.

Tuesday September 17

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 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 in to the church office at 705-472-7680.

7:00 Council meets in the Chapel

Wednesday, September 18

12:05 Wednesday Worship
Returns in the chapel.

Thursday September 19

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.

We are in need of volunteers for Thursday mornings. For information see Star.

6:00 Transition Town potluck with guest speaker Fred Pinto from Friends of Laurier Woods.

Saturday September 21

3:30 Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

Sunday September 22

9:00-10:00 Sunday Morning Study Group

10:30 Worship

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Guest Preacher – Will Kunder

Our Prayer for the Day

God of life and life renewed, may we feel your Spirit blow through us. When we feel empty and dry, may you enliven us. When we think there is no hope, may we come to share your vision of a world without end, decay or death, but only life, ever new, and renewing. **AMEN.**

Plastic Bottles

Thank you to everyone who has hauled recycling over the past year. Because of your kind spirit and energy, we have taken over 200 bags to the depot.

At the first meeting of the Canadian Shield Region, a motion was passed banning all single use plastic containers in our buildings.

We will work hard to ensure this message gets to all groups that use our space as well.

Broadview Arrives – May 2019

The United Church Observer has a new name – as of May 2019 it is now known as Broadview which is its fourth name in the publication's history. At St. Andrew's we try to keep everyone on our mailing list up-to-date on regional, national and international news of the wider church by providing them with a monthly copy of Broadview. By donating \$25.00 in the special Observer/Broadview envelope in the box set, or designating a donation for this purpose, you will help us keep the cost to St. Andrew's down for this outreach to our congregation. That extra help is very much appreciated.

Frankie Syme, Friend of the Observer

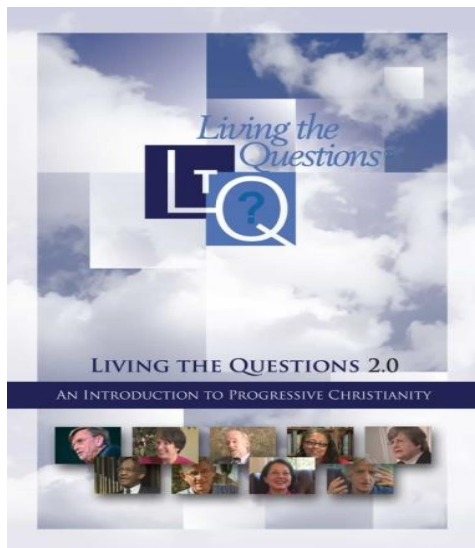
Our Birthday Challenge!

We are a little behind on our Birthdays. Please let Bruce or Star know of all the birthdays that were missed over our summer break and we will be sure to mention them in our next Together.

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.

For those who are looking for a forwarding address ... here it is:
Elizabeth Frazer and Jane Howe
51 Rue Highland
Lac-Brome, Quebec
J0E 1V0

Living the Questions 2.0



An Introduction to Progressive Christianity

Part I: An Invitation to Journey
Seven Sessions, Monday Evenings,
7 to 9 P.M.

October 21 to December 2, 2019
St. Andrew's United Church
399 Cassells Street, North Bay
(Use McIntyre Street Entrance)

Registration Fee \$20

Facilitated by Margaret Reid and
Tim Robertson

To register, please call Margaret at
(705) 476-3917

Living the Questions is a DVD-based workshop series designed to help people wrestle with the relevance of Christianity in the 21st century. It features thirty of today's leading religious voices including Amy-Jill Levine, Marcus Borg,

Sister Helen Prejean, John Cobb, Diana Butler Bass and Matthew Fox. The focus of Part I is: "faith is not a destination, but a journey."

Instead of systematic theology, the series offers a thematic overview of the kinds of conversations and questions that arise in church communities everywhere. And instead of pat answers to questions about God and faith, we are invited into a deeper engagement with every aspect of religion and spiritual practice. Part II and Part III will be offered in the spring and fall of 2020. There are no requirements for participation, and everyone is welcome.

Coming Soon

Wednesday September 18th

4:00-6:30 Annual Turkey Supper
Carmichael United Church

Tickets: Adults \$15, Children 6-12
\$6.00, Children under 6 FREE.

Tickets are available at the door. For
Information call 705-472-5931.

Saturday, September 21st is
National Alzheimer's Day and to
honour this day we will be having a
Linger Lunch with proceeds going
to the Canadian Alzheimer's
Society. Please join us.

Monday September 23rd

7:00 Movie Night at the Pro-
Cathedral

"Unplanned" R-Rated
Admission \$10.00.

Thursday September 26th

6:00 Friendship Group potluck
dinner in the Clubroom. For
information please contact Olive at
705-497-3577.

Saturday September 28th

4:30- 7:00 **Chisholm United Church**
Annual Turkey Supper. The cost
is: Adults \$15, Students \$7 and Pre-
schoolers Free.

Saturday October 26th

Autumn Tea and Bazaar.

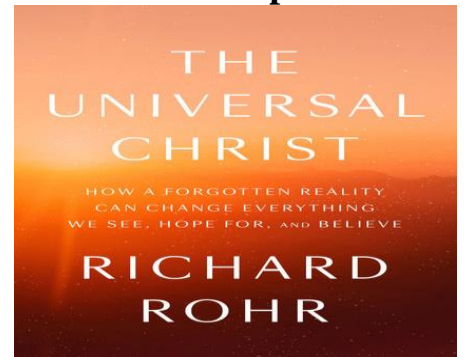
Sunday October 27th

Pet Blessing in memory of Lorraine
Hobin.

Orange Shirt Day is an event that started in 2013. It was designed to educate people and promote awareness about the Indian residential school system and the impact this system had on Indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada. It is held annually on September 30 in Canadian communities with students and staff being encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school that day. We will be showing our

support by wearing orange on
Sunday September 29. Please join
us.

Sunday Morning Study Group



The Sunday Morning Book Study Group meets from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Sunday in the Parlour of St. Andrew's United Church (please use the McIntyre Street Entrance), where we share our favourite quotes from the assigned reading and then discuss the text. Some of the authors we have read include Marcus Borg, Joan Chittester, Parker Palmer, Joyce Rupp, Karen Armstrong, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Rachel Held Evans. The book that we are starting this Fall on **Sunday, September 22**, is *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe* by Richard Rohr. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome to join us at any time. For more information please call Tim at (705) 497-1227.



THE MEANS OF GRACE

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

- ✠ **Acts 2: 1-21** "The Spirit comes on the day of Pentecost."
- ✠ **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** "God and wisdom create the earth's creatures."
- ✠ **Romans 8:14-17** A spirit of adoption not slavery.
- ✠ **John 14:8-17 (25-27)**, God will send you the spirit of truth.



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