



TOGETHER

a weekly newsletter for members
and friends of the St. Andrews faith community

Sunday, June 19, 2022



Mask Mandate Update

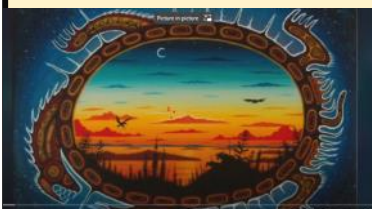
The Re-Opening (Covid Protocol) Committee met this week and considered whether it was time to lift masking requirements. After consideration of the active cases in our area, the softening of masking requirements in most venues, and the level of risk of gathering in the sanctuary, the following was decided.

Beginning Sunday, June 19th

1. masks will not be mandatory once a person is seated in the sanctuary;
2. masking is required during entering and exiting the building and sanctuary;
3. social distancing is encouraged as there is lots of space in the sanctuary for those attending;
4. singing is allowed without a mask;
5. those wishing to continue to mask are encouraged to do so.

As always, should there be public health reasons to review the protocols, the Re-opening Committee will do so and inform the congregation.

This Sunday - June 19, 2022 "Discovering Wisdom"



In honour and celebration of Indigenous History Month, the Right Relations Team of the Canadian Shield Region is inviting congregations to learn about the historic

and current contributions that Indigenous People continue to make in our regions.

Please join us on June 19, as the Worship Team celebrates the United Church's Indigenous Day of Prayer with an exploration of the Manitou Collection of paintings, in particular, the artwork of Leland Bell, the talented creator of many pieces in the collection.

Although it is not Orange shirt Day, you are invited to wear orange in respect and remembrance of our indigenous sisters and brothers who are all affected by the residential school system, whether or not they attended.



Next Sunday June 26, 2022 "Living as Allies"!



June is Pride Month!

Next Sunday, June 26, St. Andrew's celebrates the 2SLGTBQ+ community and its allies!

Please join us as the Worship Team explores the theme "Living as Allies"!



Monday—Office Closed
Tuesday—Thursday, 10 am—2 pm
Friday 10 am—1 pm

****The Office will be CLOSED NEXT week, June 20—27th and on July 5-6th.**

Mail, emails, and voicemails will be monitored and answered.

If you are calling with a Pastoral Care Emergency, please call Donna Landry, 705 498-5351 who is monitoring Pastoral Care concerns and will connect you with the minister covering emergencies.

St. Andrew's Welcomes You !



St. Andrew's strives to create a welcoming home for all those seeking to explore their connection with God, spirituality and Christian community. We are pleased to have you worship with us either in-person or through our online YouTube channel.

St. Andrew's is an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada and is committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community. The congregation has also done the training to be a Blue Umbrella organization so it is a dementia-friendly place.

If you would like information, please give us a call during office hours and someone will be pleased to chat with you. 705 472-7680

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT



St. Andrew's is an inclusive and affirming Christian community of faith worshipping God and serving others. Inspired by Holy Scripture and guided by tradition, reason, and experience, we share the ministry of Jesus Christ by nurturing spiritual growth, caring for creation, and being with those in need.

ST. ANDREW'S AFFIRMING STATEMENT

St. Andrew's United Church is an Affirming congregation within the United Church of Canada.

We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and nurturing community where all are welcome. We delight in the goodness and grace of God as expressed through the diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, ability or economic circumstance. We give thanks for the richness of the Spirit among us and in the work we are called to do in the world.



Council Meeting Highlights—June 14, 2022

Here are some of the highlights from last night's Council meeting for the newsheet.

- We offered thanks to Lillian Roberts as this was her last meeting with us.
- We discussed operation of Loaves & Fishes after June 30th when Peter Haddow's tenure as Coordinator is over. We are currently looking for someone to take his place. In the meantime, we have received a very generous offer of help from Dennis Chippa and the Gathering Place of both food donations and volunteer help.
- The Council will hold a special meeting in July to do some strategic planning.
- The Council elected Bill Ingwersen as one of our Regional Council Representatives, joining Karen Gooch in this role.
- Howard Wurster, our Facility Liaison reported that work in ongoing in the basement, which will hopefully be completed by the end of the summer.
- Summer plans were discussed for worship, office coverage when Janet Ross is on holidays and pastoral care coverage.



CSRC Lay Representatives for St. Andrew's

Every year, communities of faith elect members of their church community to be Canadian Shield Regional Council Elected Lay Representatives. Regional elected lay reps are called to the ministry of participating in the decision-making council in which your community of faith resides and are given a responsibility to consider and discern decisions about ministry, mission and priorities for service and stewardship.



BILL INGWERSEN

The number of elected lay reps a community of faith elects depends on the number members in the congregation. St. Andrew's is allowed two representatives. Karen Gooch is one representative – and with Peter Haddow stepping down as the other representative, there was a vacancy.

At the Church Council meeting on June 14th, **Bill Ingwersen**, the Council Vice-Chair, was appointed as the second St. Andrew's CSRC Elected Lay Representative.

What are the responsibilities of Elected Lay Reps to the Regional Council?

Elected Lay Representatives have the following responsibilities to their community of faith:

- * They are the primary communication hub between the Regional Council and the community of faith.
- * Share emails they receive about the work of Regional Council widely in their congregation.
- * Share written reports about Regional Council work with the governing body of their community of faith on a regular basis, even if they are not members of the governing body.
- * Write an annual report for the Annual Report of their community of faith.
- * Help people in their community of faith know who they should talk to in the regional council about their questions/concerns/need for information.



A heartfelt “thank you” to our 12 wonderful volunteers who turned out last Saturday morning to beautify the grounds around the church!

Supplementing the weekly yard work done by Andrew Neil and his crew from “A Cut Above”, this amazing team did a general cleanup of the property, gave the grass an extra cut, weeded and edged the McIntyre St. beds, the Inclusivity Garden, Dad’s garden and the Algonquin St. beds, washed out the garbage shed and the receptacles, washed the outside windows, prepared the Community garden for planting and filled the empty spaces with colourful annuals. We are grateful to Betty Hurley, Lucy Emmot, Lu Masson, Wanda Wallace, Kim and Treanor Delarosbel-Greer, Doug McCausland, Howard Wurster, Karen Gooch, Jim and Donna Sinclair, Liz Brownlee, and especially Mike Morrison who trucked away the numerous and heavy garden bags! Gardening and property maintenance are on-going activities, so if you have a yen to play in the dirt, please feel free to drop over any time and do a little weeding and tidying!

Meet the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for St. Andrew’s beginning July 1, 2022

Kathie Smith’s home congregation is St. Andrew’s Sturgeon Falls. She has been the Chair of the Canadian Shield Regional Council and served the wider church as a commissioner to General Council. Kathie has been a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. She is a seasoned and wise church leader and volunteer.

As pastoral charge supervisor, Kathie’s primary responsibility is to ensure that the Council and Trustees of St. Andrew’s are able to meet and comply with the requirements of having quorum, by being present to represent the wider church.



TRINITY’S VBC RETURNS IN...

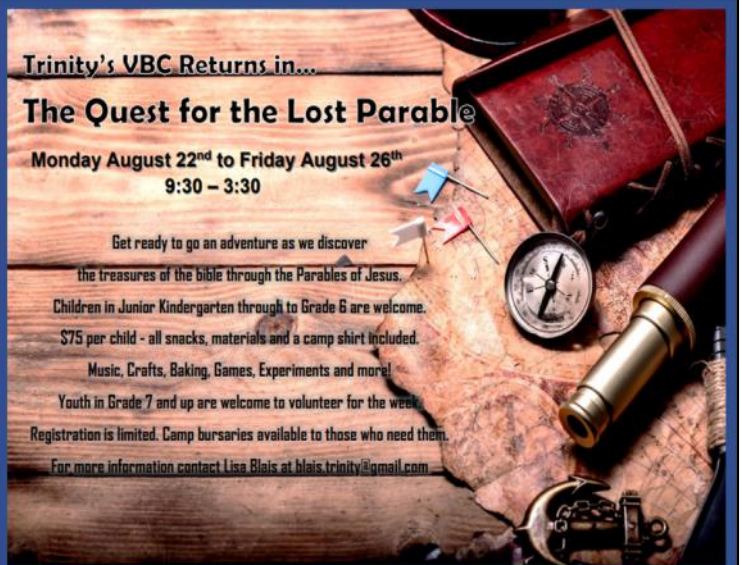
THE QUEST FOR THE LOST PARABLE

August 22nd - August 26th @ Trinity United

9:30 am—3:30 pm

\$75 per child

Ages: Kindergarten—Grade 6



Registration is now open and limited. Reserve your spot now. Registration packages are available from Trinity. Camp bursaries are available by request to those who need them. For more information or to register contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com



Looking after one Sunday’s lemonade would be a huge help! The refreshment table will be set up and clothed, the dispenser and glasses will be in the parlour kitchen, and the ice and frozen lemonade will be in the side-by-side



freezer in the little kitchen. It’s just a matter of mixing the lemonade, putting it out on the table, and tidying up afterwards!



Season of Pentecost

June 19th—National Indigenous Day of Prayer led by the worship team.

June 26th— Living as Allies—led by the worship team

Looking Ahead to the Summer...

As is the practice, St. Andrew's and Trinity will share hosting worship during the summer. St. Andrew's will be hosting worship in July and Trinity will be hosting in August.

Guests in July will include: Rev. Kathleen McCallum, Dennis Chipa from The Gathering Place, Donna Sinclair, with others to be announced.

****Please note: Wednesday Worship has concluded for the summer, and its continuation will be reassessed in the Fall.**

Our regional council invites its communities of faith to remember one another in prayer. Praying for our



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our sister congregations in the Canadian Shield Regional Council

brothers and sisters in Christ reminds us that we are companions in the ministry and mission of the United Church of Canada.

This week we are asked to offer prayers for:



Restoule UC —Restoule



Mount Pleasant UC —Rutherglen



Cooking with St. Andrew's

(click for information)

Scones & Bread Donna Sinclair will kick-off our series of Cooking with St. Andrew's from her home in North Bay. She will share with us the

secrets behind her delicious scones. Both her grandmothers made them and Donna has been making scones for about 75 years

sign up and have fun on **Wednesday, June 22, 7pm**

www.canadahelps.org

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.



*Did you know that the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will be holding another **Backpacks of Love** campaign?* Since the last point-in-time count conducted in North Bay in the fall of 2021, 300 brothers and sisters were counted as homeless. Talking with frontline organizations, they recommended essential items such as socks, silver emergency blankets, reusable water bottles, rain ponchos, hats to name a few. These items will be placed into useful backpacks and bags. The Compassionate Committee will be accepting donated items and cash/cheques at the New Apostolic Church, 46 Joseph St, with drop-offs on: Saturday, June 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay>

****Did you know that Shawna Lafreniere at St. John's Anglican Church, located at 301 Main Street East, is offering **free haircuts** for those who cannot afford a wash and a cut **every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.****

Please consider donating the following:

- shampoo
- conditioner
- hair products
- towels
- hairdressing capes