

# **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford**

25 St. Andrew Street, Stratford, Ontario N5A 1A2

Minister: Rev. Mark Wolfe Music Director: Earl Clark

**Sunday, May 12, 2019 - 10:30 am**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Look after the flock of God whose shepherds you are.  
So when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive glory, a  
crown that never fades. 1 Peter 5:2, 4**

*Welcome, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the worship of God. May God give us a special blessing by being together to share the life-giving Word. Following worship, join in fellowship downstairs. The notices on this sheet will keep you informed of the life of the congregation from day to day, as well as offer prayers for your daily devotions. Thanks for being part of the church family!*

## ***Prayer and praise opportunities***

- For those known to us who are in need of prayer for any reason, that prayer lifted will be prayer heard, and that prayer heard is answered by almighty God
- For the joy of being with family and friends at Easter, and of welcoming the risen Lord Jesus into the festivities

## ***Education opportunities***

A staffed **nursery** for children age 5 and under is located off the corridor beside our sanctuary.

Following the Children's Message, **children** are warmly invited to the Nursery (located just outside the Sanctuary) or to remain in Church.

**Messy Church** will have their last meeting for the 2018-2019 program on Thursday, May 16 from 5 to 7 pm. The theme this year has been God's Promises and the focus on Thursday will be Wisdom. If you want to know more about Messy Church, come and join in.

## ***Worship and pastoral care opportunities***

**Sermon Title:** "The Blessings of Unburied Treasure"

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 65; Matthew 25:14-30

A special "Thank you" to **Fred Koskamp** for coming today and blessing us with his musical singing talent.

**Prayer or visit request cards** are available in the narthex.

**Want to Ride the Bus to Church!** Call the Church Office, 519-271-5668 by Wednesday! Arrangements will then be made for you.

Sign up sheets are available for **Meals on Wheels** for every Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 4 and ending on June 27. Thanks in advance for your participation.

**Heather, our administrator** has decided to retire after 21 years of service to our congregation. The effective date of her retirement is June 7, 2019 There is a celebration in honour of her years of service being planned. Details will follow. Thank you. - Bonnie Wray, Board Chair

### ***Mission and stewardship opportunities***

**Mission Moment:** In Thimalala village in Malawi, Jimmy Gondwe was concerned about the mosquitoes inside his home, fearing they carried the deadly malaria virus. While malaria rates have gone down in Malawi, it remains a significant health challenge. Malaria-carrying mosquitoes mostly bite at night, with more than 80% of transmission occurring indoors. A **PWS&D** project is helping to safely treat homes with insecticide. Jimmy reports that since the project, he feels safer inside his home—a now mosquito-free environment.

**Stewardship Moment:** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:21*

This June, we will welcome **New Members** into our family of faith here at St. Andrew's. If you are interested in becoming a Member, please speak directly to Rev. Mark. May God bless you as you discern this step in your journey of faith!

### ***Community opportunities***

Join us for our May **Manna Day**, The Power of Welcome, with the Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee on Thursday, May 23 from 10:30 am to 3 pm at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. Come and hear stories from across Canada of biblically-rooted hospitality and vibrant Presbyterian camping and retreat ministries. We might even sing a few camp songs too! Cost is \$25 (includes lunch) and can be paid at the door, but please register before May 9 by calling 1-800-884-1525 or email [programs@crieffhills.com](mailto:programs@crieffhills.com). Come early and walk the trails or our outdoor labyrinth. We look forward to seeing you!

**Innerchamber** will present its final concert of this season, entitled "Behind The Screen" on Sunday, May 26, at Factory 163, 163 King Street, Stratford. The Factory Arts Ensemble, with Andrew Chung (violin), Derek Conrad (Horn), Peter Shackleton (Clarinet) and Emily Hamper (piano), will present pieces written specifically for films and other works that have found new life as partners in film's most memorable moments. Tickets \$45 or \$10 for students, can be purchased at [www.innerchamber.ca](http://www.innerchamber.ca) or Fanfare Books. To include a light dinner, please purchase tickets by Friday May 24. After that, concert-only tickets are available at the same prices online or at the door from 6:45 p.m. Dinner begins at 6 pm with music to follow at 7 pm.

***This Week at St. Andrew's***

Today (May 12)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		<b>Easter 4</b> (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: PCW
Monday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Board's subcommittees
	7 pm	Board of Mangers
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Community Meals' Volunteers' Dinner
	7:30 pm	Session
Thursday	7 pm	Choir
Friday	6 pm	3Fs, RSVP Steve Wray, 519-273-4067
Saturday	9 am	PCM Breakfast
Next Sunday (May 19)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		<b>Easter 5</b> (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Welcoming Team

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa Anishinabek and Odawa peoples who have longstanding relationships to the region of southwestern Ontario and the City of Stratford. St. Andrew's recognizes the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples to the development of Canada.*

**Mission Statement:**

With strong roots in the Christian story  
we answer God's call to serve the community  
sharing the new life which is ours in Jesus Christ.

**Value Statements:**

***Worship and Prayer***

As a Christian congregation using varying styles of worship, we glorify God, exalt Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and invite the people to be open to the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit.

***Nurturing Christian Community***

As a Christian congregation, we create community by actively seeking those presently beyond the church family and intentionally inviting them to be part of the family.

***Teaching and Learning***

As a Christian congregation, we offer opportunities to engage in spiritual growth.

***Outreach and Social Justice***

As a Christian congregation, we are mindful of Jesus' teaching to "love one another, as I have loved you".

***Pastoral Care***

As a Christian congregation, we exhibit a "living faith" to all people, seeking new ways to serve those in need.

***Speaking our faith***

As a Christian congregation, we are passionate about sharing our faith.

***Stewardship of Resources***

As a Christian congregation, we are good stewards of God's gifts.

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Stratford's Oldest Congregation

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