

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Minister: The Rev. Mark Wolfe Music Director: Earl Clark

Sunday, May 19, 2019 – 10:30 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Make your paths known to me, Lord: teach me your ways. Lead me
by your faithfulness, and teach me, for you are God my Saviour.**
Psalm 25:4, 5

*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 Chris, Lloyd and 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 Ballantyne family on the recent passing from this life of Marj, that God will help the family recall the promise of abundant and eternal life in Jesus Christ

Education opportunities

A fully-equipped and staffed **Nursery** is located off the corridor beside our sanctuary.

Following the Children's Message, **children** are warmly invited to **Sunday School** upstairs in Hayter Hall where they could be picked up at the end of the service.

Worship and pastoral care opportunities

Sermon Title: "Can't Buy Me Love"

Scripture Readings: Psalm 19:1-14; Mark 10:17-31

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.

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

The Board is looking for volunteers to run the **PowerPoint program**. Training will be provided. If interested contact Board Chair, Bonnie Wray. Thank you.

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: Amina, Saber and their five children lost their home when bombs fell on their town of Suran, Syria. Displaced within their own country and broken by over eight years of conflict, it was easy to lose hope. But through **PWS&D**-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners provided some respite. Over meals of beans and rice, Amina and Saber can find a moment of comfort.

Stewardship Moment: The real issue in life is not how many blessings we have, but what we do with our blessings. Some people have many blessings and hoard them. Some have few and give them away. *Fred Rogers (1928-2003), American television personality, Presbyterian minister*

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!

There is still room for a few more ladies to join the PCW on a **tour of the Ontario Christian Gleaners** in Cambridge on Wednesday, June 5, leaving at 9 am, and traveling by mini bus at a cost of \$25 pp. Lunch will follow at the Swiss Chalet nearby. A sign up sheet is available at the back of the church, or later downstairs. Or, speak to Audrey Little or Carol McEwin following the service today.

The **Welcoming Booklet** will be updated this year (2019). We will be sending all groups their current write up. Please review it and make any changes/edits you want included in the new Booklet. If your group is not included in the Booklet, please let Nancy MacKenzie, Carol McEwin or Theresa Palmer know. For your awareness, the Welcoming Booklet will be posted on the web site, therefore, we will not be including personal email addresses or phone numbers.

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. 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.

Innerchamber will present its final concert of this season, entitled "Behind The Screen" next Sunday, at Factory 163. The Factory Arts Ensemble will present pieces written specifically for films. Tickets \$45 or \$10 for students, can be purchased at www.innerchamber.ca or Fanfare Books. To include a light dinner, please purchase tickets by this Friday. After that, concert-only tickets are available online or at the door from 6:45 p.m. Dinner begins at 6 pm with music to follow at 7 pm.

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.

The Welcoming Team is once again collecting donations for the '**Children Only Shopping Day**' being held this year on Saturday, December 7. Please consider supporting us by donating any items you feel would be great for a child to buy for a loved one. On Friday, May 3, members of the Welcoming Team were invited by St. James to collect items from their sale for our Children's Sale. 12 bags and 4 boxes were collected! So the preparations have begun! A bin is at the back of the Sanctuary for your donation. Any questions, please ask Welcoming Team members.

This Week at St. Andrew's

Today (May 19)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:15 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		Easter 5
		(Nursery & Sunday School)
		Fellowship: Welcoming Team
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7 pm	Welcoming Team
Thursday	9:30 am	Dream Quilters
	7 pm	Choir
Saturday	9 am	PCM Breakfast
Next Sunday (May 26)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		Easter 6
		(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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