

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

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

Minister: Rev. Mark Wolfe    Music Director: Earl Clark

**Sunday, May 26, 2019 - 10:30 am**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Without God who can eat with enjoyment? He gives wisdom and knowledge and joy. Ecclesiastes 2:25, 26**

*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 Ben, 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 joy of being with family and friends at Easter, and of welcoming the risen Lord Jesus into the festivities

### ***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:** "A Good Request"

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 91:1-16; Mark 10:32-45

**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 25 years of service to our congregation. The effective date of her retirement is June 7. There will be a finger food potluck luncheon celebration in her honour following the service on Sunday, June 23. Dessert will be provided. Look forward to seeing you there. Thank you. - Any questions contact Bonnie Wray, 519-273-4067, Board Chair.

**The Gift of Life:** As a special gift to celebrate 25 years of Heather Racher's faithful service to our congregation, our Session is taking up a special collection to purchase an **Automatic External Defibrillator** (AED) for use here at St. Andrew's. An AED is a portable electronic device (commonly seen in public buildings) which diagnoses life-threatening cardiac events and administers electrical shock accordingly, thereby greatly increasing the survival rate of those experiencing cardiac distress. If you would like to donate to the purchase of this gift, please mark "**AED**" and the amount you wish to donate on your offering envelope. Many thanks for considering supporting this worthy gift!

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:** With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Family Church of Heritage Green in Stoney Creek, ON offers family-style worship that includes all ages. From songs and prayers written with kids in mind to interactive activities that draw the gathered community into God's presence, every service brings families together while putting Christ at the center. All programs in the church, work towards the goal of supporting local families while building lasting relationships.

**Stewardship Moment:** And now, our God, we give thanks to you, and praise your glorious name. - 1 Chronicles 29:13

On June 6 we will meet to review the year and to choose the theme for **2019-2020 Messy Church Program**. If you would like to be part of this outreach, please come and join us on June 6 at 10 am in the Parlour or talk with Mary Duffin. Your input and help would be appreciated.

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, call Audrey Little 519-273-0360 to see if there is still space available.

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***

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 26)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Worship
		<b>Easter 6/Healing and Reconciliation Sunday</b> (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Welcoming Team
Monday	7 pm	Foundation
Tuesday	9:30 am	Flower Guild
	9:30 am	Bible Study
Thursday	7 pm	Choir
Next Sunday (June 2)	10 am	Choir warm up
	10:20 am	Prelude
	10:25 am	Announcements
	10:30 am	Communion
		<b>Ascension Sunday/Easter 7</b> (Nursery & Sunday School) Fellowship: Foundation

*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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