

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

June 20, 2013

News and inspiration from St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, ON

News from the Pews is the electronic newsletter of St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, Ontario, sent every Thursday.

If you would like to publicize an event, please send it in the body of an e-mail (not as an attachment) to standrewsoffice@cogeco.ca by Wednesday night. For further information, contact our secretary, Heather Curtin, or our Minister, Rev. Grant Williams, at 905-877-4482.

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WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND – June 23rd, 2013, Church Picnic.

Theme: Spiritual Encounters with God.

This Sunday is our annual Church Picnic and Worship service in Norval at the Outdoor School. We will gather on the patio for intergenerational worship. The site is fully accessible and washrooms are just inside Stephen House. Please bring your lawn chairs, hats and sunscreen. All are welcome.

In the service we will be looking at the familiar story about Jesus feeding the Five Thousand from John, chapter 6. Jesus gathers thousands of people for a community meal where he feeds them with his word. At times in our lives we need spiritual nourishment. We may encounter Christ in the grocery store in the checkout clerk who says don't worry about the change. We may encounter Christ in the hospital room when a friend comes in to offer a pat on our shoulder to say it's going to be OK. We may encounter Christ in the neighbour who willingly comes and cuts our lawn without asking. Or we may encounter Christ in the midst of the forest as we walk down a leaf covered trail in the fall. All around us are signs of God and we can be fed by the spiritual feast of Christ's word when we are open to it. May the living Christ guide you this day and all days ahead.

This week's readings are:

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 42

Second Scripture Reading: John 6: 1-15

Sermon: Spiritual Encounters with Christ

Sunday, June 23, 2013; Church Picnic

Reader: Bill Elgie

Greeters: Ann Cillis and Pat Moore

Ushers: Sam and Marion Gilmour

AV: church picnic

Counter: to be determined

Announcements: Membership

Next week, June 30

Reader: Colleen Armstrong

Greeters: June Longstreet and Fran Trowbridge

Ushers: Charlie and Etheleen Martin

AV: Heather Curtin

Counter: Pat Moore

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PLEASE NOTE

Rev. Grant Williams will be on vacation between June 26 and July 24. For Pastoral emergencies please contact Brenda McCurdy.

NEWS & VIEWS

The June 2013 issue of the News & Views is here. Grant will have the remaining paper copies at the picnic on Sunday, please see him then if you have not yet received yours.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Joshua Phillips for helping deliver the non-perishable food donated by the congregation to the Food Bank. Joshua helps with this on Wednesday and Andrew Piper helps on Saturdays. Thanks to both men.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

There is a group of ladies that meet at the church on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Come and join us for fellowship and refreshments. Our next meeting is Friday, June 28, from 9:30 - 11:30am.

CHURCH PICNIC AND WORSHIP:

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Our annual Church Picnic and worship will be held at Upper Canada College Outdoor School again this year hosted by Bill Elgie and Leslie Hoyle. The service will be at 10 am. It is fully wheelchair accessible for all. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on and food to bring to share in the picnic. There will be games arranged for all ages. You can come for worship and not stay for the picnic if you like. We encourage all people to attend as they are able.

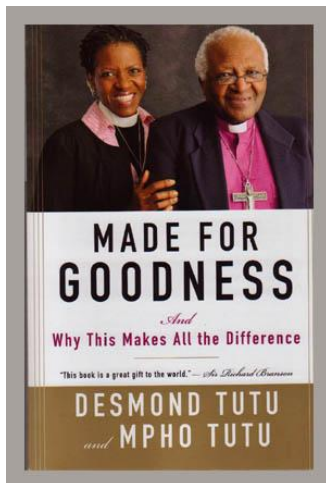
Following the picnic our Youth group and those young at heart are invited to go inner tubing down the Credit River. Please let Bill Elgie know that you are interested.



Camping Night:



Also, our families are invited to camp out overnight at Upper Canada College on Saturday night, June 22nd, prior to the picnic day. There are camping sites available. You will need to bring your own camping equipment. Please let Bill Elgie know if you are interested.



SUMMER BOOK STUDY - AN INVITATION

Who: Everyone is invited

What: A study of the book: ***Made For Goodness***, written by Desmond Tutu and his daughter, Mpho Tutu.

Why: Our world needs his message of hope: that goodness is possible.

When: Five Thursday evenings (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)
July 4, 11, 18, 25, and August 1, 2013

Where: St. Andrew's United Church

Over the years, Desmond Tutu, the archbishop, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and veteran of the moral movement that ended apartheid in South Africa has been asked: "How can you be so hopeful after witnessing so much evil?" "Why are you so sure goodness will triumph in the end?"

This book is his answer.

Made For Goodness is available through Chapters/Indigo Books. Brenda will be placing an online order. The price of the book will be \$15.00 or less. If you would like Brenda to order a book for you, please let her know in person, by leaving a phone message or by emailing the church office.

Deadline for ordering is June 23rd.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you ready for an Adventure? VBS is...

We invite you to join us on a Wild West Adventure! Registration is now underway for our Ninth Annual Vacation Bible School Program. Our VBS activity theme for this year is Son West Roundup and we will "saddle up" for a Rip-Roarin' adventure during the week of August 12th – 16th, 2013 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. VBS programming will guide children ages 4-10 yrs through a Rootin' Tootin' Wild-West adventure where there is reward to be found...the greatest reward of all...God's LOVE!! This is also a great opportunity for youth ages 11 and up to participate as Junior Leaders. VBS is looking for adult volunteers to come along on our adventure, and be a part of what is shaping up to be our best ever VBS. Registration forms are available at the church. For more information or if you would like to volunteer please contact: Brenda McCurdy or Grant Williams at the church office (905-877-4482).



MAD SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS

Mad Science Summer Camp is coming to St. Andrew's! Join us for the best summer camp experience ever! As Canada's premier science enrichment camp, we have entertained thousands of children in Ontario and beyond over the last 15 years.

Camp runs from 9 am - 4 pm daily for \$198/week (extended care \$30/wk).

This year's camps are best suited to children born 2001-2006. Choose one of our themed weeks or try all four for a scienceterrific summer!

Dates at St. Andrew's: July 29 - August 2, August 19 - 23, 2013.

Registration forms are available from the Welcome table in the lobby or online at www.hamilton.madscience.org. Please call 519-621-0600 x23, or email hamilton@madscience.on.ca for more information. See poster on bulletin board for more info.

NEW CREED ART CONTEST

The United Church of Canada is looking for artwork that reflects the New Creed. Artwork chosen will be used in Mission and Service resources (bulletins, brochures, website, etc). There are categories for children, youth and adult. One prize of \$100 will be awarded in each category. Deadline: October 1, 2013. Please see bulletin board for information and entry form.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

The Christian Education Ministry collects the Sunday School offering from the children during the Children's Time in the worship service. We encourage parents to teach children the importance of practicing Stewardship and making an offering to God.

Offering envelopes are available for the Sunday School children. Please see Rosemarie Lee if you would like a box for your child.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND PAR

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) is a "direct debit" program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. Congregational members often find that monthly direct debiting allows them to more intentionally plan and honour their financial commitments to their congregation. PAR ensures St. Andrew's continues to receive financial support even when you are unable to donate in person. A donation can be designated to current expenses and/or other special funds, just like it is on an offering envelope. To enroll, please call Nancy Thompson or Gail Bancroft.

FLORENCE'S FORUM

Great decoration for Father's Day Sunday! Val, you must have quite a collection of ties.

Many birthdays in June. Lots of birthday cake. Yummy!

Sounds like the men had a good time in Temagami. Grant said it was drier and warmer there than in Georgetown.

I really enjoyed the video that was shown at the beginning of Sunday service. It was titled "Fatherhood". Contained a lot of truth.

I hope everyone is ready for the Church Picnic and Worship on Sunday. Service is at 10:00 a.m. as usual. Keep in mind there will be no service at the Church unless, of course, the picnic is rained out. Everybody work on your sun dance.

Following the Service there will be a pot luck lunch followed by games followed by tubing down the river. Well, the Good Lord willin', I'll see you in two weeks.

Florence



GRANT'S WORLD

My world is coming to an end! Well not really, but my weekly edition in the News from the Pews is anyway. Yes, I will be going away for a four week vacation beginning next Wednesday. So yes, my world is coming to an end until the end of July.

Over the past week we have celebrated Father's day. On Sunday I was able to spend some time out in Cobourg with my family to celebrate and also see the home that my father is currently flipping. You know the sort of thing like on the TV show "Flip this House." Yes, Dad in his retirement, likes to tinker with building construction and keep busy. Well into his 70's, he is still active at doing many physical things. This is a great thing and I am proud of him.

When Dad is not working at flipping houses he can be found chairing and going to presbytery meetings. Currently he is chair of the new "Hills and Shores" Presbytery in Bay of Quinte Conference. Where is that you may think. Well, it is the former Cobourg Presbytery where I grew up. As chair he has taken on the task of visiting all the churches in his term as chair. Sometimes he leads worship, and other times he just brings greetings from presbytery.

Over my years growing up my father was always one that I looked up to. He taught me about leadership and community service. He taught me how to be faithful to God and others, and he taught me how to be a dad through his example. He also taught me about building construction. Who knows, perhaps I may be seen flipping houses in my retirement too.

So this week has been a great week as I celebrated Father's Day and I also celebrated another birthday on Tuesday. Tuesday was a great birthday as I enjoyed a meal out for lunch at our traditional Tucker's Market Place. It's free on your birthday! And later I spent the night with the family. Who could ask for anything more? I feel blessed by some wonderful people in my life.

Last night our baseball team had another great game as we were victorious over Immanuel church winning 16-11. There were some great plays and some amazing defense for both teams. Way to Go St. Andrew's!

I hope to see you all on Sunday for the church Picnic out at Norval UCC.
Blessings to you.

Grant

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COMMUNITY

FOOD FOR LIFE

Food for Life is a nonprofit organization that distributes surplus perishable food (baked goods, fruit and vegetables, prepared foods, dairy and meat) free of charge every Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 pm and 4:30-5:30 pm at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St., Georgetown. Volunteers always welcomed.

Chuckles

For all of us who are---seniors---
for all of you who know seniors---
and for all of you who will be seniors.

It pays to be able to laugh about it when you are a senior!

'Where Is My Paper?'

The irate customer calling the newspaper offices, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was.

'Ma'am, said the employee, today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered 'til Sunday.'

There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition.

'So that's why no one was in church today.'

Week-At-A-Glance

Saturday, June 22

Family camping at Norval Outdoor School

Sunday, June 23

10:00 am

Worship and Picnic at Upper Canada College Outdoor School, Norval

Tuesday, June 25

2:00 - 6:00 pm

Good Food Box pick up

7:00 pm

Board meeting

Wednesday, June 26

7:00 pm

Baseball, Conservation Red

Friday, June 28

9:30 - 11:30 am

Circle of Friends

Sunday, June 30

10:00 am

Worship