

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

June 27, 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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Hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:00 – 1:00, Thursdays 9:00 – 3:00

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WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND – June 30th, 2013, Canada Day Weekend

Theme: Home

This weekend we celebrate Canada Day. As the psalmist declares: "Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy." We are very fortunate to live in this country with its natural resources, rivers, lakes, oceans, vast stretches of prairie land, and especially the majesty of the Rocky Mountains. We are grateful for the inheritance which is ours to choose those who will govern over the land. This freedom is sometimes eroded and it is we, the citizens, who must be ever vigilant that all power is not lodged with the people at the top of government.

The roots of our values come from our Christian beliefs that God has given us the ability not only to think but also to dream that the rich resources of our land may be equally shared by all people within the borders of our country. Canada Day, July 1st, is not only a holiday but a holy day in which we thank our Creator God for this country we call home.

This week's readings are:

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 67 (responsive, VU#786)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 51-62

Sermon: The Cost of Discipleship

Sunday, June 30

Reader: Alan Grundy

Greeters: June Longstreet and Fran Trowbridge

Ushers: Charlie and Etheleen Martin

AV: Heather Curtin

Counter: Pat Moore

Announcements: Alan Grundy

Next week, July 7

Reader: Marie McMaster

Greeters: Phil McClure and Lillian Rosie

Ushers: Gail Bancroft and Valerie Jordan

AV: Howard Beitz

Counter: Andrew Piper

Announcements: Brenda McCurdy

PLEASE NOTE

Rev. Grant Williams is away on vacation until July 24. For Pastoral emergencies please contact Brenda McCurdy. Brenda's regular hours at St. Andrew's are Monday to Thursday. If you wish to reach Brenda at any other time, please leave a message on the church voice mail. Brenda will regularly check for messages when she is not in the office. Heather will also be checking office emails outside office hours.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

There will be nursery care provided downstairs for the summer months. There will also be a "One Room" Sunday School program during July and August for the older children.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

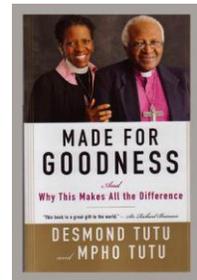
A family whose son attends Sue Whaley's school has lost their home in a tragic fire. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but they have lost everything. Sue is looking for any assistance for this family. They will need daily household items such as sheets, dishes, pots and pans, toiletries etc. Gift cards would also be a good option. If you would like to contribute in some way, please see Sue Whaley. Thank you.

LAY SUPERVISION TEAM

The members of the Lay Supervision Team during Brenda McCurdy's internship at St. Andrew's are Sherry Farago, Carole Howard, Laura King, Phil McClure and Mel Yach. We welcome any comments that you may have regarding Brenda's worship leadership and ministry among us.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

The Summer Book Study "*Made for Goodness*" begins Thursday, July 4, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Please see Brenda on Sunday about the books you have ordered.



Heather's Summer Office Hours

Beginning July 3, Heather will be in the office on
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 2:00

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 Heather Curtin 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 scienterrific 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

See you in July!

Florence



GRANT'S WORLD

See you in a few weeks!
Blessings to you.

Grant

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Chuckles

Two gentlemen boarded a coast-to-coast flight and were seated next to each other on the commercial plane. After breezing through the on-flight magazine, the first man turned to the other and asked, "What do you do?"

The gentleman replied: "I am a pastor of a church."

"Oh," said the first man quickly. "I don't believe in this religious stuff. It's for kids, you know, like the song

'Jesus Loves Me This I know, for the Bible tells me so....' "

The minister politely laughed and asked the other man what he did for a living.

"I am an astronomer," said the first man.

"Oh, that stuff," said the minister. I thought it was just for kids, you know - 'Twinkle, twinkle little star....'"

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, June 28

9:30 - 11:30 am Circle of Friends

Sunday, June 30

10:00 am Worship

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 pm Baseball, Conservation Red

Thursday, July 4

7:00 pm Book Study: *"Made for Goodness"*

Sunday, July 7

10:00 am Worship, Bread Basket Sunday