

WELCOME

Sunday, April 15, 2018



We are glad you're here. If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, we would love to have you sign the Welcome Book. If you are visiting from out of town, church-shopping, or came with a friend who already calls St. Andrew's home – we want to meet you!

Please take this bulletin home as it contains a lot of information about the many things happening at St. A's, including interest based groups, social activities, or justice orientated opportunities. You can also find more detailed information on our website or by signing up for our weekly newsletter at www.standrewsriverheights.com.

Let's learn, live, and love in God's way together!

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

AFFIRMING: Our continuing mandate is to encourage ongoing understanding of what it means to be affirming and to evaluate the programs at St. Andrew's for inclusivity.

Tara - mctara@shaw.ca

ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE: Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

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BIBLE STUDY: We meet Friday mornings at 9:15am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com*

BOOK CLUB: We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! *Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca*

CARING COMMUNITY: We oversee pastoral care in collaboration with the ministry staff. *Ardelia - abburrow@shaw.ca*

CENTERING PRAYER: A form of Christian meditation based on an ancient practice of prayer. Newcomers welcome - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the lounge. *clark_brownlee@mts.net*

CIRCLE OF CARE: Lay pastoral care-giving and ministry for all ages and stages of the congregation.

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GUATEMALA: Senior youth, ages 14 & older, are eligible for our biennial mission trip to Guatemala.

MESSY CHURCH: Once a month gathering where families can enjoy being together. Crafts, stories and potlucks! *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com*

OUTREACH: Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'. *Nancy - neh@mts.net*

PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS: Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers are always needed. Contact the church office if you are interested.

STEWARDSHIP: Encourage stewardship of time, talents and resources throughout St. Andrew's. *clark_brownlee@mts.net*

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC: Love to sing or play the handbells? Both choirs meet Thursday evenings and welcome new members! *Choir Director - dmorphy1@mts.net*
Handbell Choir - carolynlutes@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea, and the Circle of Care interest groups. If you are interested, email the church office. *volunteer@standrewsriverheights.com*



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC (Lied—Louis Vierne)

GREETING: We are all part of the church universal-faithful; people of every colour, gender, class, sexual orientation, age and ability, gathered to love and serve God.

There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here for all people.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN: **MV1**—All Are Welcome (vs. 1, 3, 5)

DEDICATION OF THE RAINBOW CANDLE: **We dedicate this symbol to the glory of God.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - CANDLES FOR ALL NATIONS

We are all chosen by God. We are all loved by God. We are all forgiven by God.

May our lives reflect our faith in our words and deeds.

PRELUDE (Trio in C major—Josef Rheinberger)

*HYMN: **VU402**—We Are One

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: "A Simple Song" (Sarah Cory, accompanied by Charmaine Bacon, flute)

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16:9-15 (read by Linda Paul)

ANTHEM: "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (read by Linda Paul)

MESSAGE

*HYMN: **VU372**—Though I May Speak

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart—Atkinson, arr. Labenske)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE: **All is giv'n for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!**

All depends upon our glorious God. Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

All is giv'n for the glory of God. Amen! Amen! (MV34)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (VU916B)

*CLOSING HYMN: **VU691**—Though Ancient Walls

*BLESSING: As we go may love call us to be curious about the realities of others' experiences

As we go may love call us to challenge our assumptions and receive the joy of new understandings.

As we go may love call us to celebrate our differences.

*BENEDICTION: **We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out from strength to strength go on; we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go. We'll sing our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.** (VU586 – vs 1, part 1 & vs 2, part 2)

POSTLUDE (Trumpet Tune on GAUDEAMUS PARITER—David Lasky)

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you! A special thanks to our candlelighters, Joffin, Hope and Faith Bjornson, and our guest organist, Linda Fearn.

A special thanks to the Affirming Group: Tara McCallum, Vinny Ashton, Peter Brehaut, Clark Brownlee, Anne Grewar, Linda Paul and Rita Swan for their work in our Affirming Journey and the service today.

SOLO

A Simple Song

Text: Stephen Schwartz; Music: Leonard Bernstein; soloist: Sarah Cory

Sing God a simple song, Lauda, Laudē.
Make it up as you go along, Lauda, Laude.
Sing like you like to sing; God loves all simple things for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help;
I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laudē.
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,
and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē and walks in His ways.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē Lauda, Lauda di da di day
all of my days.

ANTHEM

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Text: based on 1 John 4:7-8; Music: Pepper Choplin

Beloved, let us love one another with love that comes from God.
For love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God.
For love is from God, and everyone who loves surely knows God.
Whoever does not know love does not know God for God is love.

The Music this Week

For our worship service focused on our commitment as an affirming congregation, both Sarah's solo and the anthem celebrate life and above all, God's love. The lyrics of Leonard Bernstein's "A simple song" were written by Stephen Schwartz, the composer of "Godspell". The song comes will present a solo which celebrates simple things. It's very much a song of the mid-20th century by the writer of "West Side Story", a pop song composed by a brilliant classical musician who conducted the New York Philharmonic for several decades.

Pepper Choplin is a prolific American composer of sacred songs and anthems. The voices of the choir echo each other in a simple gentle, almost hypnotic, melody to accompany the text, which celebrates the power of the love of God for us all.

STUDY LEAVE: Rev. Karen Lumley will be on study leave from Monday, April 16 to Monday, April 23. She will be attending a national gathering of diaconal ministers here in Winnipeg. The theme is Courageous Risking. If any pastoral care needs arise contact Karen on her cell phone 204-250-5073 .

OUTREACH

Sign up at the back of the church or email Rev. Karen Lumley for the Oak Table 4th Annual Spring Dinner on Saturday, May 5 at Holy Rosary, 510 River Avenue. Cost is \$50.00 with an income tax receipt for \$30.00.

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Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms.



How are our stewardship practices affected when we consider that we are all God's children?

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Affirming Anniversary

The Three B's

(Bach, Beethoven & Brahms)

Sanctuary @ 7pm – Tickets (\$10) available at the door or in-person from the church office. Proceeds to go towards St. Andrew's.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Parkway @ 10:30am

Sr. Housing Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Recital (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rev. Peter Denton preaching
Soup & Sandwich/Goods & Services
Auction (auditorium) @ 11:45am

MONDAY, APRIL 23

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Misericordia Service @ 10:30am
Pres. Exec. Meeting (lounge) @ 2pm
Centering Prayer (chapel) @ 7pm
Service Team meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Caring Community (lounge) @ 1pm
Affirming Meeting (lounge) @ 6pm
Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

Rental – Neufeld (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rev. Dr. Lt. (N) Lesley Fox preaching
Choir Recital (sanctuary) @ 12pm
Set-up for Bridge Luncheon (auditorium)

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Bridge Luncheon @ 11:30am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Church Picnic (school) @ 10:30am
Rental – MRMTA Sanctuary, lounge & small kitchen (2nd piano moved in on Friday, May 4 and picked up on Monday, May 7)

MONDAY, MAY 7

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

What's on the AUCTION BLOCK?

homemade tourtiere, water taxi ride & lunch, poolside lunch under grape arbour, photography by Jamie, pure mohair blanket (new), figurines, hand-made baby blanket & receiving blanket, sunset gourmet basket. New items added—The B&B tour, handcrafted dream catchers, garden fresh tomatoes, two books by Peter Denton, brunch for 4, weekend at a Cottage, 6 silver-plated brandy snifters, progressive dinner for 6, pickles, plum & strawberry preserves. Come on out on April 22 and enjoy an auction right here at St. Andrew's following the Soup & Sandwich lunch!

Bridge Luncheon: This annual fundraiser is **Monday, April 30, 2018**, and we need the congregation's help with the following items:

1. Make and donate salads & dainties.
2. Help with set up April 29 and take down April 30
3. Help in the kitchen to prepare food and serving

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Thank you very much for helping to make this once again a huge success.

Church Picnic—Sunday, May 6: Lug-a-mug, lug-a-lawn chair or blanket and join us for an outside worship in the school yard across the street, followed by games and food. All food is supplied. If weather is not permitting, worship will be in the auditorium.

MMM Sale — M for May, M for Mother's Day, and M for Murder: Come to the Basement Bookstore on Thursday, May 3 and Thursday, May 10. Refresh your reading and get some new books for spring. Consider these: *Regeneration*, *The Summer of Me*, *Beach St. Bakery*, *A House in the Sky*, *Mother's Day*, *Murder Duet*, *The Murder Book*, *The Sudoke Puzzle Murders*, and *The Murderer's Daughter*. There will be something MMM yummy available. See you soon!

