



Sunday, April 29, 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. *bj.kennedy@mymts.net*

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. *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com*

GUATEMALA: Senior youth, ages 14 & older, are eligible for our biennial mission trip to Guatemala. *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com*

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 Karen Lumley to volunteer @ *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com* or 204-488-1130.

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 at *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

GREETING: Living in God means **God's love is living in us**. Let's love God and live Love.

*HYMN: **VU271**—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - PRELUDE (Intermezzo—D. McIntyre)

OPENING PRAYER

WORD'S OF GRACE

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: "God Made It So"

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 22:23-31—VU746, part 3 & 4 (read by Elly Hoogterp-Hurst)

*HYMN: **MV63**—Long Before My Journey Starts

SCRIPTURE READING: 1John 4:7-21 (read by Elly Hoogterp-Hurst)

ANTHEM: "I Am the True Vine"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-8 (read by Elly Hoogterp-Hurst)

MESSAGE

*HYMN: **VU588**—Many are the Lightbeams

OFFERING/OFFERTORY ('Giver of the perfect Gift' (Song 13)—arr. H. Willan)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (MV34)

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

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (VU916)

*CLOSING HYMN: **VU660**—How Firm a Foundation

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION (VU586 – vs 1, part 1 & vs 2, part 2)

**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.**

POSTLUDE (Finale Jubilante—H. Willan)

We welcome back Rev. Dr. Lt. (N) Lesley Fox as our guest preacher today!

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

“God Made It So!”

Text and Music: Terry D. Taylor

Soloist: Olivia Demeduk; Accompanist: Martha Graham

Once the world was dark as the night, so our God said, “Let there be light!”
Sunlight set the heavens aglow! Alleluia! God made it so!

God then made the land and the sea, rocks and mountains, meadows and trees,
Grass and flowers and rivers that flow! Alleluia! God made it so!

Next God made all creatures appear: dogs and cats and cattle and deer,
Birds above and fishes below! Alleluia! God made it so!

God loves! God cares! Earth now sings in thankful prayer.
Sun, moon, stars, sky, sing to God on high.

Then God made us: woman and man! Loving us is all in God’s plan.
God is always helping us grow. Alleluia! God made it so!

We thank you God for loving us so!

Junior Choir Members:

Faith Bjornson, Hope Bjornson, Joffin Bjornson, Olivia Demeduk, Isabel Dyck,
Ciara Oliver-Travers, Mya Oliver-Travers, Charlize Richard, Saraya Richard

ANTHEM

“I Am the True Vine”

Text: John 15: 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12; Music: Peter Aston

I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman.
Ev’ry branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit.
I am the vine, ye are the branches.
He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit;
So shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:
Continue ye in my love.

This is my commandment:
That ye love one another as I have loved you.

The Anthem this Week

Today’s anthem, *I Am the True Vine*, encompasses parts of the lectionary readings from John’s gospel for this week and next. There are relatively few settings of the text (compositions by Heinrich Schütz and Arvo Pärt being the best known). This one, published in 2000, is very accessible and attractive, and treats the challenging text very sensitively, rising to a climax near the end for the exhortation “that ye love one another”.

Composer Peter Aston was born in Birmingham, England in 1938, and had a distinguished career as a composer and conductor, as well as writing extensively on the music of the seventeenth century. He died in 2013.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who helped with today’s service—we couldn’t have pulled it off without you!

Thank you to Olivia Demeduk for lighting the candles today!

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Check out our website for more information and forms.



Through God's shepherding love, good stewards respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters by loving one another.

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rev. Dr. Lt. (N) Lesley Fox preaching

Choir Recital (sanctuary): Please join Heather Kozak and Linda Fearn for a 30 minute recital in support of the Church Choir Bursary program shortly following the service today. Linda and Heather will be offering well known songs from favourite Disney films and musicals.

Set-up for Bridge Luncheon

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Bridge Luncheon @ 11am

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Worship Meeting (lounge) @ 7pm
Property Meeting (chapel) @ 7:30pm

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

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Piano Tuner (David to meet) @ 10am

4th Annual Oak Table Spring Dinner—see Karen or the sign up sheet in the Narthex for more details.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Church Picnic (school) @ 10:30am

Rental – MRMTA: Sanctuary, lounge & kitchen (2nd piano moved in on Fri, May 4 and picked up on Mon, May 7)

MONDAY, MAY 7

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Bible Study – All welcome!

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Baptism Sunday @ 10:30am
Handbells playing

Student Recital (Wes) @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, MAY 14

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Pres. Exec. Meeting (lounge) @ 2pm
Service Team meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MAY 21—STAT Holiday

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

FRIDAY, MAY 25

RHS (auditorium) @ 3pm

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Conference Sunday—worship to be held at the University of Manitoba. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Auction: Thank you so much to all who participated in the Goods and Service Auction on April 22. A special thanks to Stu Roche who did a splendid job as auctioneer!

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 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.

Book Club – May 23 @ 1:30pm: We will be discussing the book *Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. From the internationally best selling author of *The House at Riverton*, a novel that takes the reader on an unforgettable journey through generations and across continents as two women try to uncover their family's secret past.

2018/2019 Planning Meeting: The planning meeting for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 year is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 30 @ 7pm**. If possible, send a representative to the meeting with your fundraising and special event requests. Otherwise, email the church office with your dates! Thanks!

