



Sunday, March 15, 2020



St. Andrew's is a place where all are welcome and we are glad that you are here! Feel free to sign our Welcome Book, chat with an usher, greeter or one of the folks here over a cup of coffee and cookies. There are a lot of activities and groups to take part in—take home the bulletin and come to any of the upcoming events. In addition, checkout our website at www.standrewsriverheights.com, where you can sign up for our weekly newsletter, check out the calendar of events, or see our weekly bulletin. If you want to chat with the minister, call or email her at 204-488-1130 or klumley@standrewsriverheights.com.

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.

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

BIBLE STUDY: We meet Tuesday mornings at 9am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact 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](mailto:Ruth-mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)

CARING COMMUNITY: We oversee pastoral care in collaboration with the ministry staff.

CENTERING PRAYER: A form of Christian meditation based on an ancient practice of prayer. Newcomers welcome - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in the lounge. Contact clark_brownlee@mts.net for more information.

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

OUTREACH: Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer @ j.demeduk@hotmail.com

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC: Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! [Choir Director—dmorphy1@mts.net](mailto:Choir Director-dmorphy1@mts.net)

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE: Come and find the quiet centre (*arr. D. Wood*)

OPENING PRAYER

One: Pilgrim God, striking water in the desert,

All: Refresh us and quench our thirst

One: Revealing God, sitting by the well,

All: Refresh us and teach us truth

One: Dancing God, moving over the waters

All: Refresh us and bring us life.

*OPENING HYMN: **VU 374** Come and find the quiet centre (*BEACH SPRING*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN: **MV 117** By the well, a thirsty woman (*RESPLENDENT*)

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:5-42 (read by Eleanor MacDougall)

ANTHEM: Your love streams down on me; Text and Music by Rhonda Woodward

Text:

Your love streams down on me. It pours as the sunlight through my soul;

Your love streams down, it falls around till waves of glory overflow.

Your love streams down on me, it spills as a gentle cleansing rain;

Your love streams down, it falls around, and washes over my heart again.

For you, my Lord have shown to me there's no greater power than Your love;

Such love which gave its all for me, Lord, nothing can take me from You.

Your love streams down on me, it flows as a river deep and wide;

Your love streams down; it flows around as did the drops from your wounded side.

Your holy love, ever spent for me.

(Text repeated)

SERMON

*HYMN: **MV 28** God of the Bible (*Fresh at the Morning*)

OFFERING: Largo (*S. Wesley*)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (**VU 116 vs 1**)

Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,

Hear the prayer of our hearts uplift,

Gathered at thy throne of grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF JESUS: pg. 914/916

*HYMN: **VU 651** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (*CWM RHONDDA*)

BLESSING

*BENEDICTION (MV 84 vs 2)

In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.

When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.

In you there is a future, in you we find our way.

When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.

POSTLUDE: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan (What God does is done aright) (*arr. F. Liszt*)

The Anthem this Week

This is a new anthem for us, text and music by Rhonda Woodward which is published by Kelman Music in Kitchener, Ontario. The text is particularly poignant, and the imagery beautifully presented. Ms. Woodward has provided a simple but appropriately flowing melody, which seemed appropriate to illustrate the encounter of Jesus with the woman at the well.

Announcements

St. Andrew's Council will be developing a protocol for COVID-19 at their meeting this week. In the meanwhile, we request that everyone please refrain from shaking hands. Hand sanitizer is available at the back of the church in the Narthex, if needed.

Winnipeg's LGBTQ2 Rainbow Harmony Project Choir presents Uncorked 2020 show tunes - a tribute to musical theatre on Saturday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Young United Church 222 Furby Street. Tickets are \$40.00 and available on line: rainbowharmonyproject.ca.

If you are a youth or young adult looking for a part time job Rock Lake United Church Camp needs a coordinator, program director, youth worship leader, assistant program director, caretaker, first aid attendance, waterfront director, assistant waterfront director, head cook and assistant cook. All of these positions are paying positions. More details are available from Karen Lumley and flyers are outside her office door or contact www.rocklake.com/jobs.

Oak Table-1 Just City is celebrating 40 years of Ministry. Their 40th Anniversary Celebration is at Holy Rosary Hall, 555 river Avenue on Saturday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.. There will be prizes, Auction and entertainment. It's a Ruby red slippers kinda day....Tickets are \$60.00. Tickets are available from Oak Table or Karen Lumley.

Ray Cuthbert will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 29. Ray was ordained in Winnipeg in 1979 and in addition to pastoral ministry, served on the World Council of Churches' Central Committee and its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

He was Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada from 2004-2006.

Prior to retirement, he served 18 years as the founding Minister at Broadway Disciples United Church here in Winnipeg.

He has recently served as a member of the Full Communion Dialogue Group of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Canada.

He currently worships at Westworth United Church"

The next book club meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. Our book is In the Lake of the Woods by Tom O'Brien. A couple go to their cabin in the north woods to sort out some issues in their lives. One day, the wife vanishes and the boat is gone. What happened? As past histories are drawn exposed, the story unfolds and shines light on the inner motivations of the partners.

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

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

Thank you to Anne and Neil Grewar who helped with greeting today!

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YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

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.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Finance Meeting (chapel) 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—Things meeting (chapel) @ 9am
Council Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm
Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm
Bible Study (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Handbell Ringers (lounge) @ 6:30pm
Choir @ 8pm

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The children and youth will be presenting a special play on Sunday, April 5 for the Intergenerational service on Palm Sunday. The children will be practicing Sunday March 29 downstairs and in the sanctuary immediately following the church service using the microphones.

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The Council has retained Kirsten Earl McCorrister to conduct a focus group for parents of the children and youth of St. Andrews River Heights United Church to understand what the needs of this group are in the coming years, and how we can best engage families in our church. This information will inform the work of the youth coordinator who we plan to have in place before the fall. Please join us in the Boardroom on Sunday April 5th after the service at 11:45am in the Boardroom. Lunch and child care will be provided.

Easter Breakfast: Tired of rushing around on Easter Sunday morning, trying to get the Easter eggs gathered, the family members dressed for church and getting breakfast ready? On Sunday, April 12, 2020, let us make breakfast for you! Breakfast will consist of homemade waffles, scrambled eggs, fruit, etc. Breakfast will be served from 9:00am to 9:45am, and will be \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more. A sign-up sheet is up in the narthex - please sign-up if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly.

Cuba Trip: Westworth is planning a trip to Cuba next February, over the Louis Riel weekend, for youth and adults, together with St. Andrew's River Heights United. We will be meeting with youth and adults from the Cuban churches, visiting various organizations (according to the groups' interests), and having good time for relaxation, the beach and Havana. The trip will be 1 week to 10 days, depending on the group's decision, and will cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500 per person. Let Karen Lumley know if you are interested in this Mission Experience. Sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

If you have any situations or people for prayer, please leave your request in the prayer box at the back of the church. Sunday during the Prayers of the People they will be mentioned. Be sure to ask for permission when naming people.

Tuesday, March 17 the Fellowship Group will be cooking and serving dinner at Oak Table-1 Just City on behalf of St. Andrew's.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew's River Heights United Church by profession of faith, confirmation or transfer of membership please let Re. Karen Lumley know by email or phone call.

Lenten Study Groups meet on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 and Wednesday evening 7:00-8:00. We will be continuing The Lenten Challenge Days 14-21 pages 42-59. Any and all are welcome to attend any one of the three groups.

Bookstore Betty needs a replacement as she is moving to Ontario in the spring. The Bookstore Manager shelves donated books, updates and maintains book lists, records money (profit) and donates it to the church, culls unsold books after a period of time, opens and closes the Bookstore on Thursdays. A more detailed description is available upon request. If you are interested in more information chat with Betty on Sunday, visit the bookstore on Thursday or email her at blorimer@mymtsnet.

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13;
- Psalms 23;
- Ephesians 5:8-14;
- John 9:1-41

