



Sunday, September 13, 2026



Summer has ended, and our new Church Year begins afresh. Come celebrate with us as we gather outside this Sunday. Come celebrate every day and rejoice, for the Lord is good.

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 trans-
formed by faith.

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 on our website.

FIND YOUR PLACE

WASHROOMS: A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

Sunday School Registration forms are available this Sunday and next Sunday. Please register your children.

Audrey Belyea passed away on September 5th. Remember her family in your prayers. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, October 10th, with the time TBA.

Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave from Monday, September 14th-18th in Kelowna, B.C. for a Diaconal Minister's gathering. She will be officiating at a service in Roland, Manitoba, for a funeral for Joyce Rich on Saturday, September 19th and at the Treaty Days at the Forks on Sunday, September 20th.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



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.

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Celebration Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND:

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect the Indigenous, Inuit and Metis peoples of this land. We share the responsibilities and privileges for living, working, and worshipping on Treaty 1 land. We are all Treaty people.

SONG: *Rise and Shine (Arky Arky)*

♪ **Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory;
Children of our God.**

**God said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody,"
God said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody,
Get those children out of the muddy, muddy,"
Children of our God.**

**Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.
Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.
Made it out of gopher barky, barky,
Children of our God.**

**All of the animals, they came in by two-zies, two-zies,
All of the animals, they came in by two-zies, two-zies,
Elephant and kangaroo-zies, roo-zies.
Children of our God.**

**Rained and poured for forty day-zies, day-zies.
Rained and poured for forty day-zies, day-zies.
Nearly drove those animals crazies, crazies.
Children of our God.**

**Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.
Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.
Dove came back with twig in her beaky, beaky.
Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.
Children of our God.**

**This is the end of, the end of our story, story,
This is the end of, the end of our story, story,
Ev'rything is hunky-dory, dory.
Children of our God.**

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,

**Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory;
Children of our God. ♪**

TODAY WE CELEBRATE:

We celebrate sunshine and rain,
warmth of the sun and the coolness of the rain.
We celebrate long summer days and short winter days,
and the beauty of the fall leaves with their beautiful colours.
We celebrate balloons, parades, and chocolate chip cookies.
We celebrate seashells and elephants and lions that roar (**roar like a lion**)
We celebrate roasted marshmallows, chocolate cake and fresh fish.
We celebrate aromas: (**sniff the air**) bread baking, pizza cooking and fresh apple pie.
We come... **We come to celebrate.**

We celebrate seeing: bright colours, wheat in a field, wildflowers.
We celebrate hearing (**hand to ear**) waves pounding, rain falling, soft voices.
We come... **We come to celebrate!**
We celebrate touching: toes in the sand (**wiggle toes in the sand**), a kitten's fur, a parent's hug.
Bubbles being blown (**Blow bubbles**).
So celebrate!
Bring your balloons and butterflies, your bouquets of flowers.
Dance your dances, paint your feelings, sing your songs, whistle, laugh,
Life is a celebration, an affirmation of God's love and God's creation.
Life is balloons, bubbles and rocks.
We come... **We come to celebrate!**

For God so loved the world.
Surely that is cause for joy.
Surely, we should celebrate!
Good news. That God should love us that much.
We come... **We come to celebrate!**

PRAYER

SONG: *This Little Light of Mine*

♪ **This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? (NO!)
I'm gonna let it shine x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Don't let anyone blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

See the light spread around the world
I'm gonna let it shine x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. ♪

SCRIPTURE & SCAVENGER HUNT

REFLECTION

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER:
**Our Father and Mother who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

GIFTS

BLESSING

Announcements

Sunday Recital Series:
The St. Andrews River Heights Choir invites you to join us for a recital on Sunday, September 20th at 12pm in the sanctuary. Come and hear the organists of St. Andrew's present an afternoon filled with wonderful organ music! Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted. Tax receipts will be available, and all proceeds benefit the music program at St. Andrew's.

- Upcoming Services:**
- Sunday, September 20th - Rev. Jeff Cook will be preaching
 - Sunday, September 27th - Sacrament of Baptism and the Community Fair. Wear Orange to remember Orange Shirt Day which is September 30th.

Community Fair on Sunday, September 27th after church. Every Interest Group (Committee) will have a table with information about their group. People will be there to chat with you about their group and what they are involved in. Come and see where you can be involved.

ST. ANDREW’S CONTACT LIST

Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and running Celebration Sunday. We also want to thank everyone who will help with packing up afterward.

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

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Bible Study begins on Wednesday, October 7th at 9:30am in the lounge; all are welcome.

Confirmation Classes will be offered this fall or winter for youth and adults. Please let Rev. Karen Lumley know your availability.

Remember in prayer Nancy Parkhill, who is in the Misericordia Hospital. She would welcome visitors

Remember Glenn Neufeld in your prayers

How can we serve?

From time to time, we get requests from people who need/want a ride to church. Is this a service you can offer? If you are able/willing to pick up someone from your general neighbourhood, please let Charlotte in the office know. The need is there, and this is just one more opportunity for service. Thank you for considering this.

Recycling update

Thanks to everyone who has supported our recycling program so far. There are a few changes to the original list, and we are working on revising the posters.

Meanwhile, please note that personal care products (e.g. toothpaste tubes) must be cleaned out before recycling. This sounds quite onerous, but it's actually quite easy. Many other personal care items are also recyclable - if cleaned out. Please refer to www.pactcollective.org for a list of products and suggestions for cleaning.

Also, please note that toothbrushes are no longer accepted.

We are adding lightbulbs, and there is now a bin in the narthex.

There are no changes regarding pens, markers, batteries, printer cartridges and eyeglasses.

Please speak to Linda Fearn for more information.

“We are all Treaty People” is an event organized and funded by the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba, Prairie to Pine Region of The United Church of Canada and Winnipeg Quakers, in partnership with The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. The purpose of this event is to bring Indigenous folk, Settlers and Newcomers together to celebrate and honour our relationship with one another under the treaties signed by our ancestors.

This year the event will feature Niigaan Sinclair, Allen Sutherland, Don Amero, Anne-Marie Willott, Ryan Richard, Hinode Taiko Drummers and Josh Ward. These are speakers, singers, dancers, and drummers (Japanese drummers). There will also be games and activities for all ages, crafters selling their wares, and information tables. There will be food and ceremony as well.

The date is September 20 from 1pm to 4pm at the Forks-National Historic Site, Centre Field. We are encouraging people from our congregation to attend this event, and volunteers are needed to help. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley, klumley@standrewsriverheights.com or phone at 204-250-5073.

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, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock, our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.

