

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford
25 St. Andrew Street, Stratford, Ontario N5A 1A2
Minister: The Rev. Mark Wolfe Music Director: Earl Clark

Sunday, February 17, 2019 – 10:30 am
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Lord your God is in your midst. He will rejoice over you and be glad; he will show you his love once more.
Zephaniah 3:17

Welcome, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the worship of God. May God give us a special blessing by being together to share the life-giving Word. Following worship, join in fellowship downstairs. The notices on this sheet will keep you informed of the life of the congregation from day to day, as well as offer prayers for your daily devotions. Thanks for being part of the church family!

• **Prayer and praise opportunities**

- For Gary, Marlene, Pat, Oliver and those known to us who are in need of prayer for any reason, that prayer lifted will be prayer heard, and that prayer heard is answered by almighty God
- For the Lord's light in dark places, and for humility to repent of anything which would impede the kingdom of Christ

Education opportunities

A staffed **nursery** for children age 5 and under is located off the corridor beside our sanctuary.

Following the Children's Message, **children** are warmly invited to the Nursery (located just outside the Sanctuary) or to Sunday School (located upstairs in Hayter Hall).

Worship and pastoral care opportunities

For **pastoral emergency**, please call, The Rev. Mark Wolfe, or Clerk of Session, Ruth Reath.

Sermon Title: By Whose Authority?

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Psalm 111; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 1:21-28

Prayer or visit request cards are available in the narthex.

Want to Ride the Bus to Church! Call the Church Office, 519-271-5668 by Thursday! Arrangements will then be made for you.

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: The Gambaga Outcast Home in Ghana is a shelter for women facing accusations of witchcraft. In many Ghanaian communities, witchcraft is the suspected cause of crop failure, the death of a child or any other unexplained event. In addition to improving living conditions at the shelter, **PWS&D** works to foster social acceptance among these communities and educate village leaders about human rights, mental illness, disabilities and other health issues often mistakenly attributed to witchcraft.

Stewardship Moment: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. - *James 1:17a*

Thanks for your generous support of **Food Bank Ministry**. The next food collection takes place Sunday, March 17. Items collected will be Baked beans, soup or other food products.

Notice is hereby given of the **Annual Congregational Meeting** of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, to be held following worship, Sunday, February 24, 2019.

Printed copies of the **2018 annual report with financial statements** are available following today's service. Please take one per household and please remember to bring your printed copy back to next week's meeting!

The **Board meeting** scheduled for last Tuesday, February 12, was cancelled due to inclement weather. It has been re-scheduled for Monday, February 18 (tomorrow). Sub-committees meet at 6:30 pm, full Board meets at 7 pm. All board members please note this change and plan to attend our meeting on Monday, February 18.

Community Opportunities

Our **Moderator**, The Rev. Daniel Cho will speak on "Encountering Henri" at Crieff Hills on Thursday, February 28, from 10:30 am to 3 pm. Rev. Daniel Cho knew Henri Nouwen as a personal mentor. He will share the impact of Nouwen's spirituality, authenticity and friendship on his life. Register by February 20: 1-800-884-1525 or email info@crieffhills.com. Cost is \$25 and includes a hot lunch.

Meals on Wheels time again. Sheets will be available in McCullough Hall covering Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 5 to March 28. Thanks to the volunteers! - Lois Kipfer, Coordinator

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa Anishinabek and Odawa peoples who have longstanding relationships to the region of southwestern Ontario and the City of Stratford. St. Andrew's recognizes the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples to the development of Canada.

Mission Statement

With strong roots in the Christian story
we answer God's call to serve the community
sharing the new life which is ours in Jesus Christ.

Value Statements

Worship and Prayer

As a Christian congregation using varying styles of worship, we glorify God, exalt Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and invite the people to be open to the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit.

Nurturing Christian Community

As a Christian congregation, we create community by actively seeking those presently beyond the church family and intentionally inviting them to be part of the family.

Teaching and Learning

As a Christian congregation, we offer opportunities to engage in spiritual growth.

Outreach and Social Justice

As a Christian congregation, we are mindful of Jesus' teaching to "love one another, as I have loved you".

Pastoral Care

As a Christian congregation, we exhibit a "living faith" to all people, seeking new ways to serve those in need.

Speaking our faith

As a Christian congregation, we are passionate about sharing our faith.

Stewardship of Resources

As a Christian congregation, we are good stewards of God's gifts.

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - 8:30 am - noon

Tuesday and Friday - 8:30 am - 11 am

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