

THE CARILLON

May 2015



ST. ANDREW'S

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS SPRING AND SUMMER

May 24 th 10:30 am	Pentecost Sunday. Wear red to Church!
May 31 st 10:30 am	"Birthday Party" after Worship. Cake and fellowship with those who share your birth month!
June 7 th 10:30 am	Communion Service
June 13 th and 14 th	90 th Anniversary Celebration Weekend! More info below.
June 17 th Time TBA	Body and Soul BBQ to be held on the roof garden, partnering with St. Andrew's Place.
June 21 st 10:30am	Father's Day Service with special guest: The Rev. Dr. Will Kunder. More info below.
June 28 th 2:00 pm	Blessing of the Pets. More information on Page 2.
July August	Services at St. Andrew's Services at St. Peter's More info on Page 2.



Welcome back, Spring!

From the Ministers' desk. A message from Bill and Catherine's office.

At our last Body and Soul event, I (Catherine) talked about the time I went hiking in Spain. My friend and I had an incredible summer adventure. We walked through vineyards, abundant with growth and promise. We smelled the fragrance of the most beautiful roses I have ever seen. We traveled beside crazy-busy highways, where we feared for our safety at times, and we wandered through quiet towns, stopping to pray and light candles in churches that were hundreds of years old. We got lost a lot, too.

Whenever you travel, you have to rely on the kindness of strangers. Many times on this trip, we had to ask for help. From the simple act of needing to make a phone call, to getting directions to the next town, or ordering a "café con leche" in a local restaurant, we were forced to put ourselves into the care of others. People were so very kind. I re-discovered the kindness of strangers, and I came home determined to be kinder myself.

When I need reminders of my promise to be kinder, the wisdom contained in Hebrews 13:2 comes to mind: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

This summer, wherever you travel, be it on the streets of Sudbury, or further afield, may you find kindness and bring back stories to tell of how you welcomed the hospitality of strangers. Perhaps these holy encounters will help you to learn a bit more about the love of God,

surrounding us, prodding us, and blessing the living of our days.

Bill is looking for a few quiet days at his camp on St Joseph Island during the summer. In August, he will seek out (and find!) the hospitality of strangers as there will be lots of "strange encounters" (having been to one General Council meeting myself, I can attest to this!) at the General Council meeting of The United Church of Canada in Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador, where he will be presenting the report of the Theology and Faith Task Group. And I will look for kindness on the dock in Little Current, near our cottage, as I enjoy both the summer sunshine and ice cream, the staples of Island living.

May your summer be touched by the kindness of strangers and loved ones.

For your information, Bill and I will make sure that one of us is available for emergency pastoral care coverage every day throughout the summer. Just call the office to find out how you contact one of us (705-674-0721, ext. 103 for Bill; ext. 104 for Catherine). Summer services will be held here at St. Andrew's, Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for the month of July, and at St. Peter's United Church for the month of August. We will gather back together for regular worship as a church family starting on September 6.

Warmly,

Catherine and Bill

Summer Service Schedule

Our summer services will be combined between St. Andrew's, St. Mark's, and St. Peter's United Churches.

July - St. Andrew's United, Larch Street

July 5th & 12th
10:30 am The Rev. Dr. Bill Steadman,
from St. Andrew's United Church

July 19th & 26th
10:30 am The Rev. Linda Saffrey,
from St. Mark's United Church

August - St. Peter's United, York Street

Aug. 2nd
10:30 The Rev. Linda Saffrey,
from St. Mark's United Church

Aug. 9th, 16th, & 23rd
10:30 am The Rev. Dawn Vaneyk,
from St. Peter's United Church

Aug. 30th
10:30 am The Rev. Catherine Somerville,
from St. Andrew's United Church

We return to our regular churches on Sept. 6th.

May 31st - Birthday Party

Join us for our Birthday Party following the service! Enjoy cake and fellowship with friends who share your birthday month. We ask you to bring your age in change for a special collection for the Mission and Service Fund.

Your hosts for this event are the Connex team.

June 13th and 14th

Come Celebrate with us!

June 10th marks the 90th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, and we are celebrating!

On **Saturday, June 13th at 7:00 pm**, there will be two silent movies. Dr. Hall will be playing the organ to accompany the films, just like in 1925!

On **Sunday, June 14th at 10:30 am**, we'll celebrate with a special service featuring a choir of present and former members. At **4:00 pm, Sunday afternoon**, there will be a concert featuring Dr. Hall's musical friends and colleagues. This will be followed by a Pot-Luck supper at **5:15 pm** where we will give special thanks to Dr. Hall for his musical leadership.

Information on ticket prices has been previously sent out. If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets, please contact the Church Office.

June 21st - Father's Day Service

We will have a special guest at our Father's Day Service, The Rev. Dr. Will Kunder, Executive Secretary of Manitou Conference. He will speak about the Cairn at Huntington University, marking the site of the apology made by the United Church to First Peoples in 1986. Bill Steadman was present at the Apology in 1986, and he will share with Will ways the United Church of Canada is striving to live in good relationship with First Peoples.

Do you have any news you'd like to share about St. Andrew's Members? Or ideas for pictures, artwork, articles or poems you'd like to see in the Carillon?

Please submit them for future editions of the Carillon through the Church office at

church@st-andrews.ca

The Carillon is published by St. Andrew's 3 times per year.

June 28th - Blessing of the Pets

Brennan Maag has requested that his turtles be blessed. So, we decided to have a pet blessing service in the Courtyard behind the church. Brennan's turtles will be there, and they would love to have some friends join them. You are invited to bring your special friends to this inaugural event, be they dogs, cats, birds, fish, iguanas, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, chameleons, rabbits, newts . . .

Well, you get the idea.

This is a lovely way to celebrate all God's creatures! All are welcome to attend!

We need your help.

Our partners at APANO (Aboriginal Peoples Alliance of Northern Ontario) are working to secure funding for their receptionist's position. Having a person at the front desk enables the drop-in centre to keep their doors open to walk-in guests every day. Currently the receptionist is doing the job on a voluntary basis. She needs your help with food for her family of four. We would like to help her, and help APANO keep the doors open. Food donations (vegetable or chicken noodle soup, apple juice, fruit punch, tuna, peanut butter, crackers, pasta & sauce) can be dropped off at the church office any time. We will deliver the donations every week. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

Stewardship Reflections – Spring 2015

Stewardship is everything that we think, say, and do after we say "I believe."

When many church members hear the word "Stewardship", they think of pledge campaigns, financial reports, budget deficits and other money matters. However, Stewardship involves much more than just the financial side of the church's work.

Time and **Talent** are gifts we receive from God to nurture and share throughout our days. We encourage you to consider how you might share your gifts to support the work of the church. For example...

Time is a scarce and finite resource. In our lives of faith, how we spend our time is one way to indicate what we value.

- How do you "give" time to the service of others, formally and informally?
- How does your time inventory reveal your faith and love of God?

Talent – How to employ our gifts in God's service is an ongoing Christian spiritual practice.

- Consider the things you do well and are willing to share, things that you are excited to begin once asked. Once you have discerned your talents, how will you use them to serve our congregation and the wider community?

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
(1 Peter 4:10)

Summertime Stewardship @ St. Andrew's

Sunday July 26 marks the last Sunday that we will worship at St. Andrew's until September. For the month of August, services will be held at St. Peter's United Church on York St. We hope to see many of you at these joint summer services with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Even though we won't be worshipping at St. Andrew's, our pastoral care and outreach ministries will continue throughout the summer (and the monthly bills will keep coming in!). The staff and volunteers who "keep the church going" all year round need your ongoing financial support to sustain their work.

For those of you who are not on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) and who may be away for all or part of the summer, please consider sustaining your support of the Church by:

- "Staying on Track" - mail or deliver a set of post-dated cheques to the church office, one for each summer Sunday
- "Paying It Forward" - offer several weeks of regular givings in one lump sum *before* you take your summer break
- "Going on PAR" - so that your offering will automatically be deducted from your bank account on a monthly basis. To learn more about PAR, talk to Treasurer Roger Pile or any member of the Stewardship Team.

By ensuring your uninterrupted financial support of the church, even if you are absent for just a few summer Sundays, you help to keep the church from dipping into its reserves to meet our expenses. You'll also have fewer offerings to "catch up" on when we return to worship at St. Andrew's on September 6th.

The St. Andrew's Stewardship Team:

Ralph McIntosh, Roger Pile, Rev. C. Somerville, Rev. Dr. Wm. Steadman

Reaching Out



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? What has been happening ?

At Christmas we supported:

- Queen Elizabeth Public School
- Aboriginal People's Alliance of Northern Ontario (APANO)
- Voices for Women
- Sudbury Secondary School Value Vault

In January we took hand-made **blankets** to APANO.

Your Lenten response to bring groceries to APANO clients was so appreciated.

Food support is going to the receptionist position at APANO until they can get permanent funding.

We applied for bus tickets supplied by the city to help people get around town.

Some of us went to the **SPOT** dinner that supported a local at-risk youth group.

Volunteers have been helping out at APANO every week.

We bought a printer with a donation that came for Reaching Out work.



WE are meeting with the other **Downtown churches** and looking for ways to address the needs of downtown people. They sponsored a very successful Faith Walk during Holy Week preceded by a chili supper at Christ the King Church.

The crowd is growing at **Body and Soul**. Plan to attend our BBQ on June 17, weather permitting, on the roof garden, partnering with St Andrew's Place. We will update you with the time soon.

St Paul's church has generously made \$6500 available from the sale of their church to each pastoral charge in Sudbury Presbytery for a mission project. We will be identifying our project in the next few weeks to take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

Speak to a Reaching Out facet member: Kathy Brankley, Colleen Burns, Natasha Gerolami, Allison and Dan Desormeaux, Marian McKnight, Catherine Somerville, Rhodine White, and Freda Wilson.