

THE CARILLON

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ST. ANDREW'S

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"Messy Church" Morning at the Circus, June 2013

IMPORTANT DATES THIS FALL



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| Sept. 8 th
10:30 am | Welcome Back!
"Messy Church" Worship &
"Catch Up Sunday" |
| Sept. 15 th
10:30 | Church School and Nursery
programs begin |
| Sept. 16 th
10:00 am or
Sept. 17 th
7:00 pm | "A Call to Discipleship"
Bible Study begins.
3 rd Floor boardroom. |
| Oct. 19 th
9:00 am | Family Pancake Breakfast-
Week of the Child |
| Oct. 26 th
7:00 pm | Celebrating the Roaring
20's- Fun night |

From the Minister's desk. A message from Rev. Judith Visser

Summer never feels quite long enough, does it? I admit I'm reluctant to say goodbye to the warmth and the more relaxed pace this season has offered. However, there are some really good reasons for looking forward to this fall at St Andrew's with eagerness and enthusiasm!

First of all, we kick-start the new season with "Messy Church" on Sunday, September 8. Come ready for a family birthday celebration! We'll begin with a singsong and creating party hats, then move into a worship time that focuses on our special-ness to God, and finish with a fun time sharing birthday cake! Regular Children's Programming will resume the following Sunday, with leaders Kate (in the youth room) and Shanda (in the nursery).

For those of you who enjoy (or would like to try out) the role of "sermon schemer" and be part of planning a collaborative sermon with me, save the date of Friday 13, on which evening I invite all interested parties to join me in my study for some animated conversation on John 6:41-51. The sermon we develop together will be

preached on September 22. There will also be a Bible study offered this fall, based on the gospel according to Mark, encouraging us to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This study will be offered during the day and in the evening. Later in the church year (the Season of Lent), there will be opportunity to participate in a weekly gathering focused on "Praying in the Messiness of Life".

Check the rest of this issue of The Carillon for other exciting activities planned for this fall. We continue to familiarize ourselves with some new ways of doing things—like the Connex program, for example, which helps us stay connected to each other as faith family; and the fresh ideas that are emerging from our new governance model, including Sharing Our Resources Committee and Congregational Life Committee. If you haven't yet found your special place in the ways we coordinate our congregational life and mission, let someone know that you'd like to get involved! Jane Kuhn (in the office) and I would just LOVE to hear from you!

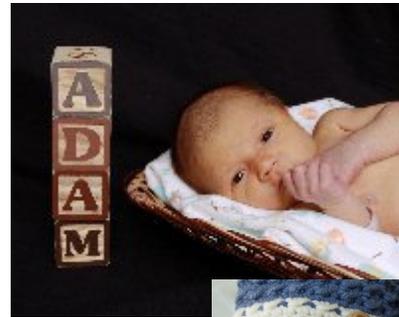
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Speaking of Jane-in-the-office, we are so glad to welcome her back to her full schedule. It's inexpressibly wonderful to be working together again!

Looking forward to another busy and beautiful church year, together with each other and with the Spirit.

Judith

P.S. Many thanks to those of you who have been asking Tom and me how our new grandbabies are doing, and have been holding them in your prayers. We appreciate your caring thoughts very much! As you can see, the boys are thriving.



Church Bulletin Board A new season at St. Andrew's



Celebrating the Roaring Twenties!

Saturday October 26th
7:00 pm

St. Andrew's United Church presents...

- A Silent Movie featuring Dr. Robert Hall on the organ in the Sanctuary
- "Jazz Age Club" Speakeasy on the 2nd floor featuring the music of Swing Fever Band with a 1920's repertoire and costumes.
- An audience sing-along
- Name that Tune bingo
- Charleston dance lessons and more
- Included is a wide selection of snacks and "Mock-tails" (it was prohibition, after all!)



Plan to come dressed as your favourite 1920's character: Bugsy Moran, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Betty Boop, Mary Pickford, or Charles Lindbergh!

Tickets: \$25.00 per person
Tickets available at St. Andrew's
or call 705-674-0721



Welcome back with Messy Church

On Sunday Sept. 8th, we will start the new season with a Party! Messy Church will celebrate birthdays with party hats, balloons, stories and of course, birthday cake.

The fun starts at 10:30.

Body and Soul- Let's Eat



All are invited to an informal worship time followed by a soup lunch (no charge) from 12:00 ~ 1:00 PM in Club 111 Lounge.

Next luncheon is Tuesday September 10th

Connex Congregational Care Programme

“I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light.” – Helen Keller

Amongst the many reasons people give for choosing to be part of a church-community, “community” tops the list. As human beings created in the image of a loving, relational God we crave caring connection with others.

We need to “walk with friends”.

It’s bred in our bones.



As part of our mission to be a welcoming, compassionate and inclusive Christian community of faith, St. Andrew’s is committed to offering opportunities for folks to make such caring connections: both informally, as friendships naturally take-root and grow over time, and more formally through our Connex Congregational Care Programme.

Connex is intended to provide intentional, low-key spiritual support to every member of the St. Andrew’s family who wishes to participate.

To this end, every household-- single, couple or family-- on our congregational list is assigned to a member of our Connex Team; a group of dedicated volunteers, whose ongoing role it is simply to remain connected with the folks in their clusters.

This connection can happen in whatever way feels comfortable: whether a couple of times a year, or more frequently by phone, email or in person.

These friends-in-Christ keep their folks up to date on life and work at St. Andrew’s and serve as a liaison between those in their clusters and the ministry personnel, in situations where pastoral care is desired.

To learn more about the Connex Programme, or to participate, please feel free to “connect” with Rev. Erin Todd at todd_erin@hotmail.com.

A Call to Discipleship

**A study based on “Say to This Mountain”:
Mark’s Story of Discipleship¹**
Facilitated by Rev. Judith Visser

The gospel of Mark is a particular genre of story: one that invites us to get engaged, to see, to follow. It is “a first century C.E. manifesto of radical Christian discipleship” (xi). We will reflect on the gospel text in context, and then consider the Word in our world. Our goal is to experience for ourselves a transformed engagement with the world; this is our call to faithful discipleship.

This study will be offered in the third-floor Boardroom over five sessions during this upcoming fall— at both morning and evening times, so that participants can choose between those two time slots.

Sept. 16: 10am- noon

Sept. 30: 10am- noon

Oct. 7: 10am- noon

Oct. 28: 10am- noon

Nov. 4: 10am- noon

Sept. 17: 7 - 9pm

Oct. 1: 7- 9pm

Oct. 8: 7- 9pm

Oct. 29: 7- 9pm

Nov. 5: 7- 9pm

Before each gathering, participants will be asked to read an assigned portion of the Markan text, as well as some background resource material that will be sent out via email or can be picked up from the church office. Along with the authors of our study resource, it is my hope that “Mark’s story will animate us to ‘speak the truth to this mountain’ (Mk 11:23), and to live the Jesus Way of compassion and justice in the world” (xv).

Please RSVP to the Church Office so that we can provide you with the resource materials. (705-674-0721)

¹ Ched Myers, Marie Dennis, Joseph Nangle, O.F.M., Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, and Stuart Taylor. *“Say to This Mountain”: Mark’s Story of Discipleship*, edited by Karen Lattea. New York: Orbis Books, 1996.

An update from Church Council: The Mission Sustainability Task Force

This Task Force submitted a final report to the May meeting of Council. The Task Force was formed early in 2012 to “develop a long range plan to address the issue of the sustainability of the mission and ministry of St Andrew’s United Church , which would include a process of consultation and include ways to generate revenue and a review of costs and expenses.”

With this somewhat general mandate the task force met regularly and addressed the matters of shrinking membership, (fewer people, most of whom are seniors), our cumbersome governance structure (too many committees requiring too many people) and finances (annual church revenues would be reduced following the Place’s repayment of the loan from the Church)

Various reports of the Task Force made recommendations to the congregation and decisions were taken along the way that helped the congregation face the changes that are needed for us to continue to bring a Christian ministry to downtown Sudbury. Further details of these actions can be found in the minutes of congregational meetings which are available in the Annual Reports or from the office.

At the May meeting of Council the Task Force was disbanded. Those who served on the Task Force were: Phillips Thurston, (chair) Roger Pile, Bert Brankley, Scott Darling, Caroline Sinclair, Ralph McIntosh, Judith Visser, Sylvia Carscadden.

Many hours were spent in deliberations and careful thought. We are thankful for the dedication and commitment of the task force members to the ministry and mission of St. Andrew’s and we offer appreciation for the hours spent in its service.

Sylvia Carscadden, Chair, Church Council

Have any news you’d like to share about St. Andrew’s Members? Or ideas for pictures or articles you’d like to see in the Carillon?

Please submit them for future editions of the Carillon through the Church office or to kbarber144@gmail.com The Carillon is published by St. Andrews 3 times per year.

Stewardship Reflections - August 2013

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, Talent, and Treasure are the gifts we receive from God to nurture and share throughout our days. Please take some time over the next few weeks to consider how you might share your gifts to support the work of the church this year. 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 do 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)

“Catch Up” Sunday- Staying on Track!

2013 marked the fifth summer that we have shared in joint summer worship services with our friends at St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s. Even though we weren’t worshipping at St. Andrew’s every Sunday, our pastoral care and outreach ministries continued throughout July and August - and so did our monthly bills!

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

- “Staying on Track” - making a special offering on “Catch Up Sunday”, Sunday September 8th, to catch up on offerings that were missed over the summer.
- “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 when you are absent for just a few Sundays, you help to keep the church from dipping into its reserves to meet our expenses.

Thank You from the St. Andrew’s Stewardship Team: Terry Carscadden, Mike Martin, Ralph McIntosh, Roger Pile, Jim Smith