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**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church**

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817
We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-42

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved."

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,'

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,'

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

'This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,'

"The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ”

‘Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Going Forward Together: An Opportunity to Join the Conversation

The Presbytery of Kingston has spent considerable time in the past few months in discussions around the concerns and challenges facing the Presbytery today. Much of these discussions have centered around innovative ways to address these challenges and “be the church” in our time. Recently, the Presbytery held a Zoom webinar convened by John Peter Smit, Regional Minister for Congregational Health. He presented an informative and interesting review that shed light on where we find ourselves today as Christians. The workshops to follow will explore the idea of Collaborative Ministry. There is a sense of excitement and encouragement, knowing that we can be stronger together. In what ways is St. Andrew’s, Kingston able to share our strengths and resources across the Presbytery and wider community? How might we benefit from the resources, knowledge and skills of others? Where is God leading us? Peter Trudeau, Doug Young, and I invite you to attend a Zoom meeting on **Saturday, June 5 from 10 –noon** when we will share a recording of the webinar to give

you some context to the conversations that will be ongoing. We also invite you to join the conversation on **Thursday, June 10, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm** for your considered response and input. Contact Elaine Coderre for additional information and a Zoom link.

Congregational Meetings: Update and Announcement

At the congregational meeting of last Sunday, members approved in principle dedicating the manse as a mission project to provide safe and affordable housing to independent adults of low income, awaiting additional information before a final decision is made.

Another online congregational meeting has been called for after the service on Sunday, June 13, to receive the 2020 financial statements, which will be distributed early in June.

Our Daily Bread

A batch of 10 large print copies of Our Daily Bread (July, August, September) landed in the church mailbox this week. Let Lori-Kim at the office know if you would like a copy set aside or delivered to you.

Bi làidir (Scots Gaelic for Be Strong)

Bi làidir is a weekly suggestion area of how you or someone you know can Be Strong during these interesting times we are living.

Seek help. At times, you may feel that your stress is difficult to cope with or is interfering with your daily life. If the stress in your life becomes overwhelming, don't hesitate to seek professional help

*“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” **Isaiah 41:10***

Did you know that, 24 hours a day, there is a phone number for older adults to call if you are feeling lonely or just need to hear a friendly voice? Someone is always available at: 1-855-892-9992.

A Sunday Afternoon Drive?

We are all feeling a wee bit 'confined'. How about going on a virtual Sunday afternoon drive? Would you like to see a former home or

school or church, or have a view from along the 1000 Islands Parkway, or visit a particular lock, or pay your respects at a family cemetery plot? Elaine Coderre is offering to drive to a destination selected by you anywhere within 100 kilometres, and take some photos, and drop them off at your door. Contact Elaine C.

St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer

Members of our congregation are requesting prayers for themselves, their families and neighbours, and for our world. Would you be willing to be part of a circle of prayerful support? You would a) receive a list of prayer requests once a week by email or phone b) keep this information in confidence c) dedicate a time of prayer for those named over the next week. This initiative of the Prayer Team has been approved and is being commended by the Elders of St. Andrew's. Dorothy M has offered to co-ordinate. Please contact Dorothy to join the Circle of Prayer or with any questions.

Looking for a Clerk of Presbytery

The Presbytery of Kingston is seeking a new Clerk. This position would be ideal for someone who has general knowledge of the governance of the church, computer skills and a reliable internet connection. It would require regular attention to correspondence but is usually quite manageable and flexible, and is accompanied by a monthly honorarium of \$550. If you are interested, please ask for a copy of the Position Description - lorikim@standrewskingston.org Applications are due by May 31, and the position would normally commence July.

Doctrine of Discovery

You are invited to view a video produced by the Anglican Church of Canada, exploring our need to reconcile and rebuild relationships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples. It is available for viewing anytime at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQwkB1hn5E8>

Reflection from the Moderator: The Gift of Vaccination

The Rev. Amanda Currie writes about her experience and response to being vaccinated, highlighting the 'Love My Neighbour Project'.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2021/05/06/reflection-from-the-moderator-the-gift-of-vaccination/>

Assistance needed for Vacation Bible School

Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church is considering the possibility of holding a **Vacation Bible School** on June 28th - July 2nd from 9am - noon. If we proceed, we will hold VBS outdoors under Party Tents. The viability of VBS this year is dependent on many factors including Public Health protocols and the level of active Coronavirus cases in our community. We will require many volunteers to make VBS safe for all. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this Ministry. We will need kitchen help, small group leaders and Station leaders. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Michaela Vandyke at 613-328-7135 or email vandykeschaap@gmail.com

St. John's Church Middle Road Online Auction

To raise funds to refresh the manse for a new minister, this congregation will be holding a Maxsold online e-auction in June. In the meantime, might you assist by contributing items large and small in good condition that might be of interest to others? Pick up available. More information forthcoming.

Forthcoming Services

Sunday May 30 – Trinity Sunday
Sunday June 6 – The Lord's Supper

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry M
Cantor: Paul P
Pianist: Annabelle T
Videographer: Benjamin V

Financial Review to Apr. 30, 2021	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$76,258.65	\$87,104.65
Designated Mission	\$6,166.67	\$6,850.00

Empowering Youth in Malawi



The people in Malawi's Mzimba District face many challenges. School dropout rates are high and teen pregnancy is on the rise. More women are experiencing gender-based violence, and there is a lack of knowledge about HIV transmission and prevention. To help

address and educate the community about these issues, Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner, Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme, has trained 20 community facilitators to teach parents how to nurture adolescents. The facilitators help parents engage youth on issues such as sexual and reproductive health, teen pregnancy, early marriage and the transmission of HIV. The project has been successful in encouraging adolescents to return to school after dropping out.

In 2021, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$4,550 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

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