

The Days of ... September

St. Andrew's Church Ottawa

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Like a Tree Planted by Rivers of Water, by Mark Kuhne

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Join us!

Preparing to Worship

If it had not been for God where would we be now?

I came across this line in a reflection on Psalm 124 earlier in the summer and it has been guiding me as I reflect on scripture and life in the days since.

If it had not been for God what kind of people would we be?

As September brings us back from summer vacations and times away, I invite you to ponder these questions yourselves as we pick up our Scriptures and worship together.

September 6 at 10:00 a.m. we will be completing our summer series, ***God in whom we live, move and exist***. Rev. Dimock will be preaching a sermon of that same name as we read from Luke 24:1–12 and Acts 17:22–31. The Psalm for the day is number 121.

On September 13 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Dimock will be watching her words as she preaches on ***The power of the tongue***, a sermon based on Proverbs 1:20–33, Psalm 19 and James 3:1–12.

September 20 is Rally Sunday. We will be worshipping at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. As we commission the Church School and Choir for a new year together, Rev. Dimock will be preaching ***Pondering Greatness*** as she reflects on Psalm 1, James 3:13, James 4:3,7,8 and Mark 9:30–37.

September 27, we return for one week to a single service at 11:00 a.m. (because of the Police Parade), when Huda Kandalafi will preach about ***Being Church***, inspired by Psalm 19:1–14 and James 5:13–20.

Karen

More Ways to Worship

Communion, Wednesdays at noon. Taking time out in the middle of the week, we gather in the Sanctuary at 12:10 for a short service of Scripture, Prayer and Communion. After a summer break, we look forward to resuming this practice on September 9. Afterwards there is soup and a time for conversation in Grant Hall.

Blessing of the Food Baskets

Here at St. Andrew's we provide monthly support to the Centretown Emergency Food Centre with donations of food that can be dropped off anytime in the bins in the south narthex. These gifts are presented along with our offering during worship, on the last Sunday of each month after which they are transported to the Food Centre.

Spilled Coffee On being a hospitable church

Congregational Retreat—Sept. 11–13

Enjoy a weekend away at Gracefield Camp to grow together in faith. Our speaker is Rev. Mark Whittall.

There is a special program for youth and children, and lots of time for relaxation, outdoor activities and fellowship. Speak to our registrar, Natalie B. for more information.

Kids' Church and **Mission Possible Kids** meet on Sept. 26 from 4:30–7:00 p.m. See the insert for more information.

Saturday October 17 at 2:00 p.m.—the pastoral care team and Rev. Dimock lead a **Special Communion Service** followed by tea for those who have a harder time getting to the services regularly.

Study, Growth, Community

St. Andrew's Youth Group for ages 15–17 meets every other Sunday with Huda in her office. This is a place for youth and by youth. All are welcome to join us on Sunday Sept. 20. We leave the Sanctuary after the time with children during the 11 a.m. service. For more information, contact Huda Kandalafi (hk@standrewsottawa.ca)

St. Andrew's Women's Guild will meet at the church on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m. We are delighted to have Rev. Karen Dimock as our speaker this month. Reflecting on her own Spiritual Journey, she will talk about Faith and Science, bringing them together as friends. We'll get back down to business, enjoy a light lunch together and catch up with one another. Please join us! Contact Jill C. with any questions.

The **Monthly Mid-Week Morning Bible Study** will resume on Sept. 15, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for coffee and conversation as we start a new study *Exploring God's Mercy, Five Images of Salvation* based on a book study by the Anglican Bishop, Steven Croft. This month we will be talking about what it means to be lost and found, hungry and satisfied. If you have any questions about this, she would love to talk to you (minister@standrewsottawa.ca or 613-232-9042). Meet at St. Paul's Presbyterian (971 Woodroffe Avenue, lots of parking).

Women's Missionary Society—Join us in Grant Hall at noon on Thursday, Sept. 17 as we gather to support church mission. Bring a sandwich! All welcome. Contact Alice C. for more information.

Bread for the World: Friday, Sept. 25, 6:00–8:15 p.m., offered by the WMS & friends. Savour a supper of soups, international breads and sweets. Hear Aisling B. speak about her recent PCC mission trip to North India, and ongoing WMS projects. Cost is \$10. Proceeds will go to PWS&D's micro-finance and small business

programs which help marginalized women in India to lift their families out of poverty.

Let's Talk About... This month, we'll discuss *What does the Good News mean to you?* All adults welcome. Meet for lunch on Sept. 27 at 12:30 followed by study and discussion 1–2 p.m. Alex F. or Maureen R. for details.

Durie Monument Dedication

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Karen Dimock will lead a short service at Beechwood Cemetery to re-dedicate the restored monument and to dedicate the recently installed plaque at the grave of St. Andrew's third minister, the Rev. William Durie (1804–1847), located in Section 37, Lot 68.

Open Table invites you to pull up a seat at the table. All students and young adults are welcome to a time of eating, hospitality, community and sharing over a home-cooked meal to connect and reflect. Sept. 27 at centre 454, King Edward Ave.

The **St. Andrew's Ringers** resume practices on Monday Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Currie Room. We would be delighted to have new members until the end of October, especially those of you interested in ringing the bass bells.

The **Men's Fellowship** meets Monday, Sept. 28 starting with supper at 6.00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Meetings include a meal, short devotion and guest speaker. All men of St. Andrew's are more than welcome to join us. For more information, contact Don G.

The **Rainbow Circle** is a fellowship group that considers matters of sexual orientation in the context of Christian faith. We will be meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Currie Room to catch up with each other and with relevant

current events. New participants are welcome! For more information contact Rob S. or Sheila S.

The **Caregiving Group** is a support group for those caring for others. Our next meeting is Sept. 30 at the home of Molly A. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Marj F. for more information.

Words to Remember

*"The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the dome proclaims his handiwork.*

*Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge."*
Psalm 19:1–2

Mark your calendars

As the congregational ministries start up for another year, please mark your calendars for these events in the months ahead.

Rummage Sale: Saturday Oct. 3, 10:00–1:00 The Women's Guild welcomes donations of books, clothing, household items, small appliances, sports equipment and surplus items (no electronics!) for the Fall Rummage Sale. Donations may be left in the downstairs kitchen a few days in advance.

October 4 is **World Wide Communion Sunday**.

Sunday October 18, the **Rev. Ian McDonald**, the new General Secretary of the Life and Mission Agency of the PCC, will be our guest in worship as we celebrate our anniversary.

Wednesday October 28, **Evening Study Groups** begin a new series of studies. Join us for dinner at six. Study discussions are from 7–8; stay tuned for this year's list of leaders and their topics.

November 8 is **Remembrance Sunday**.

The **Scottish Tea and Christmas Bazaar** will be held Saturday November 28, from 1:00–3:30 p.m.

September 20 is Rally Sunday!

As we gather for worship we will be marking the beginning of a new year together and the re-commencement of many of our programs. It is a day for great catching up, celebrating and committing anew to our life together in Christ.

The Choir and the Children's Choir, as well as the Church School, resume on this day and during worship we will be commissioning them for their ministries in the coming year.

Registration for Church School and the Children's Choir will be received as well, forms are available before the service on Sept. 20 in Grant Hall and during the picnic after the service.

As a special guest, the Sunday School will be welcoming in their gathering Mr. Jared Klassen from the Canadian Food Grains Bank. This continues to be the mission project the children support for the second year. Jared will be available to meet with the congregation and share at the lunch afterwards.

After the eleven o'clock service we will be having a congregational BBQ lunch together. The Women's Guild is providing desserts for this and there will be a special entertainment. You can sign up in Grant Hall to bring bread rolls, salads, or to help BBQ.

We have been notified of street closures around the Supreme Court on September 20th for Battle of Britain Ceremonies. Parking will be secured around the church, please check the website and emails for notification as the locations are confirmed.

Mission Possible Kids Joins Kids' Church!

On September 26 the first meeting of **Mission Possible Kids**, for 1–6 graders will be held at the same time as the preschoolers' worship program Kids' Church. This program encourages our children as they open their hearts and hands in service, to communities and organizations here in Ottawa, throughout Canada and into the wider world. Through play and active learning, each month they will discover and participate in a new mission project. It will run in St. Andrew's Hall alongside Kids' Church.

Kids' Church, for preschoolers and their families, continues with a time of worship together in the Sanctuary and a program of crafts and games especially for the little ones.

Both programs run from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All families enjoy a meal together afterwards. For more information, contact Huda Kandalaft at hk@standrewsottawa.ca.

Children's Choir

Join us for a fabulous time as we make music and praise God! Children and Youth ages 7-15 are encouraged to join us for our exciting fourth season. Rehearsals resume on Sept. 20 at 9:45 in the Currie Room.

Contact Tracey Stabback for more information (stabbackmusic@sympatico.ca)

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Join us for a special celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ! Children, youth, teens and young adults are encouraged to participate in our Christmas Eve presentation. Rehearsals begin in November. Contact Tracey Stabback to join this dramatic journey as we prepare to welcome the Christ child.