

Preparing to Worship

During July and August when I am with you we are going to continue our reading through 1 and 2 Samuel, learning with and from David, his life and faith. David is, if not the first, then certainly one of the first people whose story is told in detail from his very early days until his death. He remains to this day a complicated man of faith. Back in June we read from 1 Samuel 3, when the Israelites first asked for a king and then from 1 Samuel 16, the anointing the Shepherd boy David. In July we continue in 1 Samuel and the days before David becomes King and then in August and September we will look at some key moments in David's kingship.

Thanks to Reverend Fred Demaray, Reverend William MacLellan and Alex Fels who will be leading worship at St. Andrew's while I am on vacation this summer. Reverend MacLellan will be finishing up the series he started in June that is based on the Adam Hamilton book, *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* (which we will also be exploring in the July Wednesday barbeques).

Grace and Peace

Karen

On July 8, in the sermon *Five Smooth Stones* we will be revisiting the story of the boy David as he meets the Philistine Giant Goliath. The reading is 1 Samuel 17:1-49.

A Complicated Grief will be the title of Reverend Dimock's sermon on July 15 as David mourns the death of King Saul and his son Jonathon. The Scripture reading will be taken from 2 Samuel 1:1-27.

On July 22 Reverend Fred Demaray will be leading worship at St. Andrew's.

On July 29 and August 5, Reverend MacLellan will be leading worship.

On August 12, the readings come from 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13. Have you ever had to tell anyone what they did was very wrong? This is the story of how the prophet Nathan called King David to account. The sermon is called *Truth telling*.

On August 19, the readings will come from 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and the sermon title is *Caught between heaven and earth*.

On August 26 and September 3, Alex Fels will be leading worship.

On Sept. 9, some of the congregation will be at Gracefield; at St. Andrew's the sermon draws on 2 Samuel 6 and 7—the return of the Ark and God's refusal to allow David to build a temple for God, and God's promise to David and David's descendants. The sermon is called *Joy and Patience*.

On September 16 we move into 1 Kings 2:10-3:14 for our reading. As David dies, his son Solomon takes on the mantle of kingship and asks for the gift of wisdom. The sermon, which will also include readings from Luke 2:41-52, is called *Growing in wisdom*.

Karen

Worship Times: A reminder that during the summer there is a single service at 10:00 a.m.

More Ways to Worship

Summer One Room Church School (June 24 to September 9): We are seeking volunteers to teach the all-ages classes in August. Teaching material for each Sunday, a script to follow, and teaching instructions are provided. If you are able to teach one Sunday in August please contact Althea.

On Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2:00 p.m., pastoral care and Rev. Dimock lead a **Special Communion Service**, followed by tea for those who have a harder time getting to regular services.

Blessing of the Food Baskets—St. Andrew's provides 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, the last Sunday of each month.

Wednesday Noon Prayers for Peace and Holy Communion will return in September.

Kid's Church and **Kids' on Mission** will return in September.

Study, Growth, Community

Summer BBQ's— every Wednesday in July. Please join us in the courtyard at 6:00 p.m. on July Wednesday evenings for a BBQ and discussion. The theme is *Common Christian Clichés*, from the book, *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. Bring your appetite, a salad to share and your thoughts for the discussion. Child care will be provided. Please contact Laura M. for additional information or if you are able to assist.

Summer Open Doors—St. Andrew's doors will be open for visitors throughout July and August, Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (except Aug. 13–17 and other booked events). We need lots of volunteers to greet people and answer questions. (There are many resources available). All ages are welcome to help out, a great family activity! Two people are needed for each 4-hour shift of this outreach ministry. If you would like to help, please sign up in Grant Hall or email Luc D.

Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.,—**Book Discussion and Light Supper**. Looking for a thought provoking read this summer and some friends to discuss it with? The *Secret Chord* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks explores the life of King David through the eyes of his prophet Nathan. All are welcome. So we can plan to welcome you,

please RSVP your attendance to Reverend Karen or the church office.

Plans are shaping up for our **Annual Summer Day Camp (VBS)**! Children 4 and up are invited to join us for this year's adventure, **Rolling River Rampage** from Aug. 13–17. Registration is open, and spaces are filling up. **If you are planning to attend VBS this summer please register as soon as possible.** For registration information contact the church office or go to www.standrewsottawa.ca/summercamp.

VBS is not just for kids, everyone can help make this adventure an awesome one! **Volunteer training** will take place on Saturday morning, Aug. 11. If you are interested in volunteering or donating supplies, please contact Tracey at stabbackmusic@sympatico.ca.

The **Men's Fellowship** is taking a break over the summer. 17 men and women enjoyed a splendid afternoon and evening at the Congregational Nine and Dine event on June 22. The winning team was John and Janet Bannigan with Richard and Jan Lauzon. To kick off a new year of activity, a summer BBQ will be held in late August. The next monthly meeting will be Sept. 24. For more information, contact Richard L.

After the summer, the **Women's Guild** will meet on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 10:30. Please join us! Contact Jill C-W with any questions.

The **Gracefield Retreat** will be September 7–9. Speak with Aisling B. for more information.

Rally Sunday is Sept. 16—Join us for the kick-off to the "new year" at St. Andrew's! A fall fair with corn-on-the-cob and soup. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

The **Junior Choir** will begin rehearsals on Sept. 16, at 9:45 in the Currie Room. New members aged 6 and up are welcome, with additional opportunities for our youth-aged members. We

look forward to praising God with you next year! Interested singers can contact Tracey at stabbackmusic@sympatico.ca.

Words to Remember

*"The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want"*

Psalm 23:1

Tuesday **Bible Study** will resume on Sept. 18 at 10:30, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Please join us for lively conversation and fellowship. For more information, speak to Rev. Dimock.

Mark your calendars! St. Andrew's is celebrating its 190th anniversary this fall. A **Congregational Dinner** is planned—Saturday, October 20 at the RA Centre on Riverside Drive. Tickets will go on sale after Labour Day. Watch for more details.

The **St. Andrew's Ringers** will be returning this fall. Listen for us on October 21, at the 190th Anniversary Sunday service; November 11, Remembrance Sunday; and December 9, the second Sunday in Advent.

A new **beginner handbell choir** will be starting in January. Watch for the announcement in September. For more information, contact Lynn Boothroyd (mlynnboothroyd@gmail.com).

Looking ahead to the Christmas season, **Pageant Rehearsals** will take place on Sunday afternoons after church, beginning on November 4. We are excited to be working with a new script this year, with something for everyone. Participants of all ages are encouraged to get involved; more details will follow in September. If you are interested, please contact Tracey at stabbackmusic@sympatico.ca.

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