

Preparing to Worship

Thanksgiving! What a wonderful way to begin fall! I was in Beechwood last week helping lay to rest the bones of some early settlers in this city whose remains had been unearthed during excavations for the Light Rapid Transit. It was very moving to contemplate and give thanks for those who first arrived in this area and began to settle the city we call home. As Thanksgiving approaches I have been thinking what this season meant for them. With summer behind them and winter ahead, the gathering in of the harvest was a time when they were acutely aware of God's provision for the long cold days ahead. We don't experience Thanksgiving in the same way but we still keep the feast. Giving thanks to God for the provision of life, community, faith and love, we gather to worship and praise God each week.

On October 8, Thanksgiving Sunday, we continue our series, *Foretastes of the Kingdom* with the story of Zacchaeus which can be found in Luke 19:1-10. Reverend Dimock's sermon is called *Good News to the Poor* although she also likes to think of it as the Day Love Came to Town.

October 15th, we celebrate our Anniversary. St. Andrew's is 189 years old and what better way to celebrate than in welcoming new members. Reverend Dimock's sermon for the day is the last in the series *Foretastes of the Kingdom: Are you the One?* The text is Luke 7:18-35.

October 22nd marks the start of our Commemoration of the Reformation. The Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald, who is professor of Church and Society at Knox College will be preaching the Sermon, *Justified by Faith, but by Faith Alone* (Romans 1:16-17). Stay after worship for a Lunch and Learn with Dr. Macdonald. This is also **Bible Sunday**, when fourth grade students are

invited to receive their own Bibles during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Reformation Sunday is October 29. We mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with an all-ages worship service that will include a drama about Church History.

Karen

Understanding Grief

October 28, 9:00 to 12:00

Pastoral Care is sponsoring this workshop to help people understand bereavement and how to assist those experiencing grief. Our leader, Ian Henderson, will cover such topics as healthy vs. unhealthy grief, common misconceptions about grief, and common questions about grief. For more information, contact Judy at jd@standrewsottawa.ca.

More Ways to Worship

New Members Reception—Interested in becoming a member at St. Andrew's? Want to know more? We will be receiving new members in worship on October 15.

Wednesday Communion—Each Wednesday at noon we ring our bell, welcoming you and the surrounding community to a short service of hope. Beginning at 12:10 and lasting about twenty minutes, this is a time in the middle of the week for offering prayers for the world, sharing communion and enjoying the peace of our Sanctuary. After, there is soup and a time for conversation in Grant Hall.

Kid's Church is on the fourth Saturday of every month at 4:30 p.m. A time specially crafted for per-schoolers and their families—to make a simple craft in St. Andrew's Hall, worship on the carpet in the sanctuary and enjoy a potluck meal together. We meet this month on Oct. 28. The theme is inspired by Reformation 500: *What is*

Grace? Contact Huda at hk@standrewsottawa.ca for more information.

At the same time, older kids (7+) will be on a new mission, Local and international, at the **Kids on Mission** program. For more info about Kids on Mission, contact Lorna.

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.

Study, Growth, Community

We invite your children to be part of the upcoming 6th season of the **St. Andrew's Junior Choir!** Alongside its regular performances at St. Andrew's, the Junior Choir has several exciting off-site performances and social times planned for this coming year. The choir practices every Sunday at 9:45-10:45 a.m. Contact Tracey at stabbacmusic@sympatico.ca.

Youth are invited to the youth group every Sunday at 11:20 a.m. in the Currie Room with their leaders Aisling and Bruce. They will study the Bible using the *Bible Project* programme.

The October meeting of the **St. Andrew's Women's Guild** will be on October 12 to give us time to prepare on Thursday as well as Friday for the Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 14. Please join us if you have a few hours to give! Contact Jill C.



Fall Rummage Sale: Saturday, Oct. 14, from 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 Rummage Sale.

The Presbytery's Youth Working Group is holding **Mission 5 to 5,000** to help youth understand challenges that face lower-income people, like providing healthy meals for their families. Working in teams and on a limited budget, youth will buy food, cook it and eat it. A fun time combining experience, fellowship and discussion. October 14 at 3 p.m. Speak with Huda for registration and more info.

The Ottawa Presbytery Youth website needs a new logo! Enter the contest (for Ottawa youth and young adults 25 years old and under) to design a new logo. For more details, visit www.pcc-ottawayouth.ca/. The deadline for submissions is **October 14**.

Walk for the Centre: October 15 at 2 p.m. St. Andrew's families are invited to participate in the walk-a-thon to support the Centretown

Emergency Food Centre, either by walking or by providing financial support. CCSAC is celebrating 50 years, uniting churches downtown to serve the Centretown community.



The Food Centre is one of its primary ministries. For a second year, church school will be supporting the Walk for the Centre.

The proceeds of the church school offering are used to support the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. We invite you for lunch together after church that Sunday, before the walk begins. centretownchurches.org/walk/

Open Table is a ministry that St. Andrew's supports for university students, by providing hot meals once a month for over 100 students. St. Andrew's will host the meal on Sunday, Oct. 15. Volunteers are still needed to provide main meal and dessert, as well as assist with serving and clean-up in the evening. Sign up in Grant Hall.

The **St. Andrew's Ringers** are back for the Fall. Our first service is October 15 at the 11 a.m. service. Beginners are always welcome! It helps if

you can read music. Contact Lynn Boothroyd (mlynnboothroyd@gmail.com).

Alpha @ St. Andrew's: Alpha continues on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.StAndrewsOttawa.ca/alpha.

Bible Study, led by Reverend Dimock, is on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Please join us for a lively conversation and fellowship, this season studying **Wisdom Literature and the Book of Proverbs**.

We meet at 10:30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Woodroffe just off the 417. There is lots of parking, good coffee and great conversation. If you have questions or would like to know more please speak to Reverend Dimock.

Reformation 500 Concert

A concert of musicians and singing, celebrating our 500 years of Reformed heritage. All are welcome; a freewill offering will be taken in support of the Centretown Emergency Foodbank. October 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

Words to Remember

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

The October meeting of the **Men's Fellowship** will be held on Monday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. As always, we will have dinner, followed by a short devotional and then a guest speaker. All men of the congregation are welcome and feel free to bring a friend. For more information, please contact Don G.

The Days of ... October

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Disputatio pro declaratione virtutis indulgentiarum, Martin Luther, 1517. printed in Nuremberg by Hieronymus Hölzel, collection of the Berlin State Library

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Join us!

Mark Your Calendars!

Honouring Our Veterans and War Dead

To mark Remembrance Day, St. Andrew's welcomes Dominique Boulais, Commemorations and Public Relations Manager of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Canadian Agency, for a presentation about the Commission and its responsibilities within the Americas; and Dr. Tim Cook, Historian of the Canadian War Museum, for a talk about how Canada commemorated its First World War sacrifices throughout the 1920s and 1930s. November 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Preparations for the **Christmas Pageant** are underway, and volunteers of all ages are needed both on and off stage, as we get ready to present a service of staged lessons, carols and reflections. Tracey Stabback will direct the play this year. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons Nov. 5 through Dec. 17 (from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.), and December 24 (4:30–5:30).



The **Scottish Tea and Christmas**

Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 25, from 1:00–3:30 p.m. Please consider what you might add to Attic Treasures, the Silent Auction, or the art, books,

linens, crafts and jewellery boutiques. If you are making jams or preserves, consider putting some aside for the bazaar. For more information, contact Gail B.

The **Annual Congregational Retreat in**

Gracefield will take place February 10-11, 2018 this year. Explore the Canadian wonderland and take part in outdoor activities and indoor retreat time with friends. If you have not been to Gracefield before, this is the year to come. It is sure your children will have a wonderful time snowshoeing, or skating on the icy pool.



What changed at the Reformation? Life, Authority and Bible

There will be a **Lunch and Learn** on October 22 after worship, with the Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald. This year marks the 500th Anniversary of a key moment in European history and the life of the church—Martin Luther's *Ninety-five Theses* against indulgences. The controversy over indulgences was a small point yet as a result of this protest, massive changes occurred, not the least of which was the splintering of Western Christendom. What changed as a result? This presentation will explore some of the fundamental differences thematically—looking at how our understanding of the Christian life, our understanding of authority within the church, and how we read and interpret scripture has been permanently changed.

Stuart Macdonald has taught church history at Knox College, where he is currently Professor of Church and Society, for twenty years. His areas of research include the reformation era, particularly the Scottish Reformation.

Wednesday Evening Studies

October 25 for 6 weeks from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Choose a study group and enjoy fellowship over a meal. Sign up boards are found in the sanctuary entrances for registration and more information. Studies include:

- Reformed and always Reforming?—Rev. Karen Dimock
- Bible Study: James, the Letter of Straw—Scott I.
- Prayer: Does it make any difference?—Huda Kandalaft