

Volunteers Today

Greeters:	East Door: 9 a.m.	Nancy Kroetsch, Kim Uyede
	West Door: 9 a.m.	Gerald & Nancy Boles
	East Door: 11 a.m.	Beatty & Barb McLean
	West Door: 11 a.m.	Joan McWilliam, Sandy Campbell
Session Counters:		John & Barb Hodgson
Board Counters:		Linda Cameron, Paul Lang
Nursery:		Krystal Hyde
Refreshments:		H.E.A.R.T.S Hot Dogs for Haiti

Our Church Staff

Rev. David Whitecross	Minister
Chris Clements	Youth Pastor & Discipleship
Joan Wilson	Traditional Music Director
Pauline Hall	Clerk of Session
Sid Bakker	Board of Managers Chairperson
Sandra Woods	Church Secretary
Paul Dunnill	Custodian

Church Web Site

There are links to the Sunday Bulletin, Announcements, Calendar of Events, the Church Newsletter and the Sunday Sermon on our website. Check it out at: www.standrewsfergus.org

St. Andrew's E-Mail Roster

If you have e-mail and would like to receive the Quarterly Newsletter, Timely announcements about Church events, Changes to Sunday Worship times, Prayer requests & Death Notices, please send a note to standrewschurch@wightman.ca to be added to our email list.

Pastoral Care Hotline 519-843-1505

Please call Rev. Dave 519-843-1505 or the church 519-843-3565 if any of our St. Andrew's family is in the hospital or in need of a prayer shawl.

Dec. 3rd 2017

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



Our Mission Statement:

To accept Christ's love, embrace His teaching, and share Him with those both near & far.

Tips for Our Guests

- Helpful Ushers** are at each door to assist you.
- The Nursery** is located downstairs for infants to toddlers.
- Sunday School** children aged 2 to grade 8 go downstairs to their classrooms after the children's story during worship.
- Visitor Cards** are in each pew rack. Please fill one out & drop it in the offering plate so we follow up with your visit
- Offering:** If you wish to make an offering to the Lord, offering envelopes are available in the pews racks. Tax receipts will be issued for the calendar year.
- Refreshments** are hosted downstairs in the gym after the worship service.
- Follow-Up** Please text your name to Pastor Dave so he can follow up with you: **519-843-1505**

Surprise From Your Pastor

On December 31st, 2017 I will be retiring from St. Andrew's Church and from congregational ministry to pursue other opportunities and try something new. After 16 years of working together for the Lord, both St. Andrew's congregation and myself are in need of a change to advance in new directions. St. Andrew's church is in good hands. Our caring elders and the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington will ensure that there will be a smooth and speedy transition to new leadership which will equip this great Church for even greater things to come. Peace. Dave.

BOARD OF MANAGERS NEWS

From the Finance Committee

NOTE: it's budget time... Please let your group know to review expenses and see what we can trim for 2018. Deadline for submissions is Dec 15.

1 Chronicles 29:9

The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

Help Needed

Our Tech team is in need of someone to operate Easy Worship on Sunday mornings at the 11 a.m. Worship time. The schedules are all set up ahead of time. All that is needed is someone to show the hymns on the screen. Please speak to Paul Lingen or Sandra at the office.

Thankyou

A very special thank you to all my church family for your love and support at the time of our great loss in Jacks passing. Thank you for your kindness, care, compassion, and we offer our most sincere gratitude and love. Joan MacGregor & Family

Advent Devotionals

Moving Toward the Manger – writings by Frederick Buechner at the back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourselves.

CHURCH FAMILY INFO

Birthday Blessings

Today: Zachary Hyde

This Week: Linda Kirkham, Noah Kirk, Ken Hawkins, Mary Drew, Jessie Dunford, Lois Eveleigh, Merlen Kropf, Kathryn Starratt, Chris Clements.

In Need of Prayer:

Fergus: Don Watson, Grant Gammie, Doe Harper

Freeport, Kitchener: John Whitecross

At Home: Ken Hawkins, Sigrid Robson, Marjorie Dibben, Keith Parker, Bertram Stewart, Theresa Ganzeboer, Margaret McDonald, Hugh Black, Robert Rogerson, Doe Harper, Merlin Kropf, Reuben & Marg Ryan, Ruth Leybourne, Charles Bouwman, Don Ranney, Jean Green, Thys Splinter

Happenings To Note This Week

Tues. Dec. 5 th	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:00 a.m.	Discipleship
	5:45 p.m.	Prayer Group
	7:00 p.m.	Junior High
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers
Wed. Dec. 6 th	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Scott Woods Show
Thurs. Dec. 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Holy Donuts
	11:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	11:15 a.m.	Gentle Exercise
	7:00 p.m.	Senior High
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sun. Dec. 10 th	9 & 11 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 & 10:45 a.m.	Bible Studies

****Holy Donuts ends Dec. 14th Gentle Exercise ends Dec. 7 and both starts back up on Jan. 4th, 2018.**

DISCIPLESHIP

Student Ministries

Sr High – Thursday Nights @ 7pm *Grades 9 – 12

Jr High – Tuesday Nights @ 7pm *Grades 6 – 8

Bible Studies and Small Groups

We worship a God who speaks to us through his scriptures, through his church, and through his Spirit. Come join a small group, where each of these is present, and discover God's words for you. No previous experience required. A listing of groups is available on the Small Groups bulletin board (gym), on the website, or as a flier at the back of the sanctuary. Chris is also happy to address questions in person.

Operation Christmas Child Warehouse Trip

St Andrew's has been invited to spend a shift working in Guelph's shoebox processing center. We are looking for 20 people, on December 9th, between 4pm and 6pm. We will inspect, sort and pack shoeboxes for distribution around the world. Details and sign up are on the News and Views board in the fellowship hall. Speak with Chris for more information.

Movie Night

Friday Dec. 15, 2017, 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary, Admission FREE
MOVIE - "Psalty's Christmas Calamity" on recorded DVD St. Andrew's 1985 musical presentation performed at the Grand Theatre. Take a walk down memory lane and enjoy our own Christmas musical in this blast from St. Andrew's past.

Prayer Chapel

Room 7 downstairs is available for prayer, meditation and quiet reflection anytime the Church is open. Prayer teams use the Chapel between Services on Sunday mornings. **The Tuesday Night Prayer group meets at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel.** We welcome anyone to join us for prayer any Tuesday. Contact Sandra Woods for more info or prayer concerns.

Food Bank

The Food Bank has asked for donations of general food items for this Christmas season. Donation envelopes are available at our church office.



MISSIONS

Old-Time Christmas Scott Woods & his Band

Wed., Dec. 6th, 2017

\$25.00 Adults \$10.00 Children



Join Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his band for a masterful two hour presentation of seasonal songs, inspirational stories and lots of family fun that will open your heart to the joy of the Christmas Spirit. here at St. Andrew's **Tickets available at the office or after services.**

Honour Your Friends and Family at Christmas

Your tax deductible gift will make a lasting difference in the lives of Haitian children. The gifts you give will bring peace and joy to your friends and family. As you bless these children, we pray that you also will be blessed. Stop by the office for your gift selections or pick up a form at the back of the Sanctuary. A Gift Card will be provided.



Winter is here!!!! We need your help!!!!

Once again this year, the Centre Wellington Food Bank is having its annual winter clothing drive. WE NEED **WARM, NEW OR CLEAN, VERY GENTLY USED** COATS, JACKETS, SNOW PANTS, BOOTS AND MITTS.

Most Needed:

- Large and Extra Large Men's and Women's Coats
- Coats for Teenagers
- Coats and Snow Pants of all sizes for children 6 years old and up
- Winter Boots **for all ages**
- Warm **Adult** Mitts
- * we already have a good supply of winter clothing for children under 6 years of age, thanks to the people who donated last year.

Drop off times at the Food Bank are:

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 - 12:00, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Friday: 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Please bring all drop offs into the Food Bank.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**Caroline Laing- Brad Buzza
WEDDING - INVITATION
TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!!**



You, our beloved church family,
are warmly invited to witness
our wedding vows at St Andrew's -officiated by Pastor Dave
- on Saturday December 30, 2017 at 1pm.

Following the ceremony please join us for tasty
Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall!

We love you and really want you to share in our Big Day!
God is good.

Note: no gifts!

If you feel so inclined we suggest a donation be made to the
Nicaragua Mission. Cheques or e transfers.

Thank you.

Many blessings!!!

P.S. It would be helpful if you let either Brad or Caroline
know if you plan on being there. 😊

This way we can prepare accordingly.