

FROM YOUR PASTOR

We are entering a new season, a new school year and a new church year. As I sit here writing my submission for the newsletter, I am looking forward to the different parts of ministry that we will be doing in the fall and leading into the winter, and now that I think



about it even Christmas. I am thinking about our two congregations and the blessings that we have but also the challenges that we face. I am also thinking about the things that are going to be happening at the

Presbytery level, and even more so what will be happening with the denomination with the question that is going to be put towards the presbyteries in the coming months in regards to changing our doctrine of Marriage, and also the ordination of Teaching and Ruling Elders. I am also thinking about the many people who have been living with change, grief, struggle, and uncertainty.

We are into our ninth year of ministry together and this coming year is going to be interesting as a look at the things that I have mentioned above. We always have opportunities before us and I can list off a ton of opportunities but no matter what I say, we have to want to step through the door and try. We also have to be willing to fail and succeed. But we have to be doing these things not for our own glory or sense of accomplishment but for the glory and praise of our Lord Jesus. It is easy to do things or not to do things because of our own comfort but it is harder to keep moving

forward with submission to Jesus. Yes, we may go through times of Joy with Jesus but we may also go through times of grieving because of the great love that Jesus has placed in our hearts for those around us, but most of all for Jesus.

Living a life of faith and submission to Jesus is hard because we have to die to ourselves and let the life of Jesus live in us. It is not easy and many times it seems that it is going in a different way than the culture is going, because it is. If we are not aware of the cost of following Jesus, we may not be aware of what the deep faith that Jesus calls us into really is. Many people will live a life of faith but it is a comfortable faith that does not challenge us. Faith challenges us to trust more as we sacrifice and give more and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

As we enter this new season, I invite you to share, to share what God has laid on your heart for our communities of faith. Share what your thoughts are on the recommendations coming from General Assembly for the Presbyteries to vote on. Share your stories of faith. Share your community of faith with your friends and family. Share the love of Jesus everywhere you go.

*⁶ And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 3:6***

Pastor Edward Charlton.

MUSIC OF MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS

For 5 weeks-from June 30 to July 28- St. Andrew's was grateful for the musical talents of Kelly Knox and Jen Jansen as they assumed responsibilities for our Sunday services while I underwent knee replacement surgery. Thank you, Kelly and Jen.

It is GREAT to be back with my church family again & I thank you for your prayers, cards, visits & gifts as I am recovering. Summer 2019 is behind us & we were pleased to have the Praise Team return on Aug. 11. Hopefully they will be able to join us in Sept. again.

Please remember that our music program is run by volunteers so anytime you can contribute your help is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce McKee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Matthew 19:14 And God said "Let the little children come unto me. Forbid them not for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.



Time to think about **Sunday School teachers** for September onward. Please prayerfully consider

teaching this year. One room classroom setup again this year with nursery available for 3 and under. You can teach on your own or as a teaching team. The choice is yours. If interested please speak to me so a schedule can be setup. Thank you for your continued commitment to raising these children up to know their awesome Lord and Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth McEachern Superintendent

IT'S TURKEY TIME!

Once again, we will be holding our Annual Turkey Supper; as this is our major congregational fundraiser, we hope we may count on your support.



The supper will be served on **Wed. Oct. 9** from **5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** at the Arthur Community Centre. There

will be a work bee on Tues., Oct 8 at the Community Centre at 1 p.m. for preparation of potatoes & turnips, so bring your peeling tools & join in the fun.

Some members have graciously contributed to the cost of the turkeys and if you wish to do so, we sincerely appreciate your support. In early October a telephone committee will request your help to bake pies & donate a couple hours of time to the endeavour. If you do not receive a call, please contact Cathy More 519-848-3516 or Joyce McKee 519-848-2215.

Prices: Adults \$15; children 7-12 \$7: children under 6 free

Thank you for your support.
The Turkey Supper Committee

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Please join us on Sun., Oct. 27 for our 145th Anniversary Service at 11:00 a.m. as we welcome special music featuring Aimee McEachern, her mother Wilda Allen, her aunt Georgina Symons & her sister Laurretta Alward.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce McKee

SPORTS MINISTRY

St. Andrew's once again provided awesome support and encouragement for the annual SU Sportz Camp in July. A total of 91 campers enjoyed learning about, and playing baseball, street hockey and a different mystery sport each day.



Throughout each day, from devotions to Helena's sing-songs, they enjoyed several more ways of experiencing God's amazing love through the 5 exceptional leaders from Scripture Union, and our own 19 local volunteers.

Approximately 15 children made first-time commitments to Christ!

The Women of both St. Andrew's and Gordonville once again provided a delicious "kids lunch" of pizza, cookies and refreshments – thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and not just the kids. Thank you again for your amazing support of this outreach. And thanks again to our volunteers, both young people and adults, because it could not happen without you!

This spring a Leadership Training weekend was held in Drayton Reform Church and we hope to see that return next spring as a follow-up to this year's camp, and as a preparation for next year.

This was our 24th year of hosting the camp and with your increased help and participation we can hit the quarter century mark next year! Will you please help us? Please contact Ethel or myself and volunteer your gifts. The kids are worth it!

Respectfully submitted,
Laird More

COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP AND CHOIR

Later in September Willaby, Laird and Helena will once again be hosting area youth from grades 6 to 12 in our church basement for a weekly time of song, games, snacks and spiritual learning.

Please urge your grandchildren, children, neighbours and friends to become involved.



Hopefully they will prepare another Palm Sunday presentation as they have done in the past couple of years.

Of course, if you would like to be involved in this ministry in any way, please let us know. The format is open and always evolving.

Respectfully submitted,
Laird More

JOY TEAM

February is fast approaching and the JOY Team is reaching out to anyone looking to expand their horizons and join this small but active group in a mission trip to Nicaragua, El Salvador, or possibly both destinations.

As in past years it will probably be a two-week trip leaving the last week of February and returning the first week of March.

Once again we will be working with Pastor Melvin in El Salvador and Team MED, the sports ministry team of youth volunteers in Nicaragua.

You don't have to be young, or athletic, or experienced in any other way. All that is needed is a willingness to show God's love to people not nearly as fortunate as you. If you are the least bit interested please contact us soon as we will need your commitment the end of September.

Respectfully submitted,
Laird More

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept 15th 7pm | – Teen Bible Study begins |
| Sept. 29th 11am | - Gordonville Anniversary Service |
| Oct. 2nd 10am | – Adult Bible study begins |
| Oct. 6th | – World day of Communion |
| Oct.9th | – Turkey Supper date |
| Oct. 14th | – Thanksgiving |
| Oct. 27th | – Arthur Anniversary Service |
| Nov. 11th | – Remembrance Day |
| Nov. 15th | – Christmas Bazaar |
| Dec. 1 st | - Advent begins and Communion |
| Dec. 22nd | – Communion |
| Dec. 24th | – Christmas Eve Service |