

St. Andrew's United Church

*Learning the Way, walking the Way,
making a difference together.*

Come and worship with us
Sunday mornings at 10 am -
all are welcome to attend!

We offer Sunday school, a toddler
room and a cozy area for those
with infants. Join us after the
service for coffee and snacks.

Our Mission:

By learning and walking the Way
of Christ together, we make a
difference.

Our Team:

Reverend Curtis Tufts
Reverend Nel Ouwens
Church Secretary, Doreen Gilbert

Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday, 8 – 12

Visit our Sunday service podcast:
<http://standrewsunited.podbean.com/>

Treehouse Café and Play

Parents and Tots, join us Monday
mornings from 10 – 11:15

St. Andrew's United Church Thrift Shop

Shop, donate or volunteer!

219 Church Road, Spruce Grove
780.962.9703

Our Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 10 - 5:30
Thursday 10 - 7
Friday 10 - 5:30
Saturday 10 - 3
Closed Sundays, Statutory
Holidays and Long Weekends.

WEEKLY UPDATE MAY 17 - 31, 2012



Pentecost and Picnic!

Parents...

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Sunday
School wrap-up on May 27th! *The teachers have been working hard
all year, and it would be great if they could enjoy this day with the
children.*



The children will receive *certificates*
during the service (**which is Pentecost
Sunday - wear red!**) The *Amazing Race*
will follow right after the service. A
lunch of hotdogs, veggies, watermelon
and ice cream will be served once the
formal activities are finished.

The junior high Sunday School class are
planning the activities for the Amazing
Race.

Scripture for May 17 - 31

Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for the following two Sundays are as follows:

May 20 – 7th and last Sunday of the Easter season

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 27 – Pentecost Sunday! (the birth-day of the Christian Church)

Acts 2:1-21 (or Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 (or Acts 2:1-21)

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Flowers for St. Andrew's

Every year, the Sunday school children plant flowers in the beds in front of the church. The flowers are purchased via monies donated from members of the congregation. If you are interested in donating for the purchase of the plants, please contact Morgan at 780-946-6883, catch her at church, or leave a donation with Joanne at the office.

Weekly Update

Do you enjoy the update? Do you like to write? Are you willing to volunteer for the Weekly Update? If so, contact Rev. Curtis in the office, or Shauna at scweisgerber@shaw.ca.

Spring Praise

Parkland Bells Spring Praise on May 11 and 12 was incredible as always! This ministry of music is held annually on the Mother's Day weekend and features a handbell concert with accompanying musical guests. Friday was completely sold out and Saturday must have been close to sold out judging by the crowd. Many thanks to Juanita and her team of ringers who bring such joy to all who hear them play.

Baskets of Joy - Next Week!

May 2012			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
20	21	22	23

**** Please remember that the baskets will only be ready for pick up between 9 am and 9 pm on Tuesday, May 22 or Wednesday, May 23, and you will need to sign for your plants. They will not be ready for us until then. ****

The dates have been arranged for us because the baskets are in a separate greenhouse, and will have to be pulled up to the main greenhouse for us. Your cooperation will help to make the process run smoothly.

Just a reminder that if someone else will be picking up your plants on your behalf, or you need to make alternative arrangements to let me know asap so that I can advise our contact at the Greenhouse directly.

Thanks again for supporting St. Andrew's United Church through this fundraiser. Have a great May long weekend, and enjoy your plants when you get them next week!

Yours truly,
Shauna Weisgerber

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780-962-0401

Comedy is a Laughing Matter



Come see for yourself as the 9th Street Players, Knox-Metropolitan United Church's resident drama group present *Charley's Aunt* a British farce by Brandon Thomas. The dates are Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 (8 p.m. curtain) and Sunday afternoon June 3 (1:30 p.m. curtain). Tickets available at the door from 1/2 hour before each performance. Adult \$15, Senior/Student \$10 & Child \$5. Refreshments included. Church address 8307 109 Street Edmonton, AB.

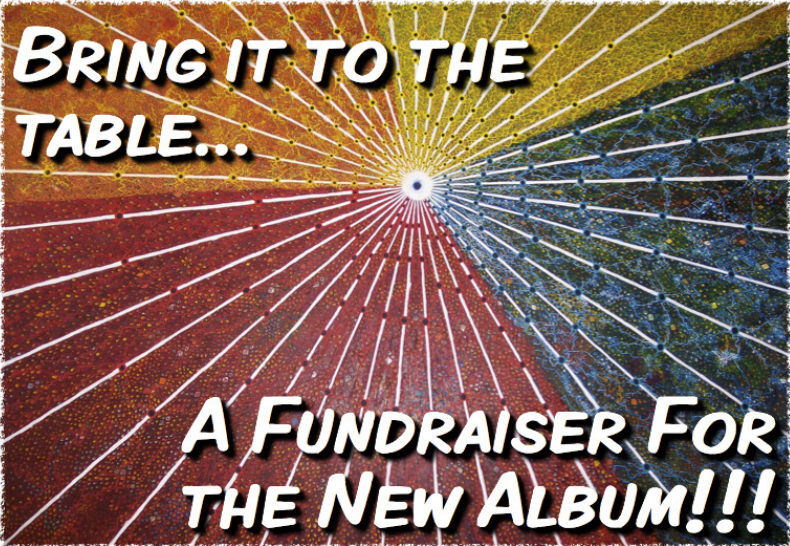
Ministry Team away...

Our ordered ministry team, Rev Curtis and Rev Nel, will be away May 20 on a regularly scheduled Sunday off. Their attendance is also required in Calgary on May 31-June 3 at the AGM of the Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada.

rEvolve *invites you to a Special Concert!*



BRING IT TO THE TABLE...



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE NEW ALBUM!!!



JUNE 3RD @ 7:30 PM
Southminster-Steinhauer
UNITED CHURCH
10740 19 Ave. Edmonton, AB

We ask your partnership in recording our 3rd album. Join us June 3rd, the evening will feature all the songs from the upcoming album and a **delicious reception**. Find Info @ "rEvolve lovers" on Facebook or call 780-270-5799.



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Commissioning of Lay Pastoral Caregivers

One of the highlights of our worship gathering this past week was the commissioning of a group of Lay Pastoral Caregivers. This group, including Connie Archer, Sheila Christensen, Beth Hobbs, Lorna Laustsen, Diane Skeels, Aimee Trudeau, and Victoria Vickerson, responded to a call to serve as Lay Pastoral Caregivers on behalf of St. Andrew's United Church. They participated in an initial pastoral care workshop in preparation for taking on this role, made a commitment to carry out assignments under the supervision of the Pastoral Care Committee and the Ministry team, and will continue to meet for further learning together through the coming year.

It is our hope and trust that as they assist the ministry team in providing pastoral care for the members and friends of St. Andrew's they will help us to live out our vision to be a welcoming, accepting and inclusive community, and that they will be an important part of our embodiment of the values of diversity and caring in community, and open and respectful dialogue which we all share.

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit and sustained by our prayers and faith, they are prepared to provide pastoral care, and we entered into a covenant with them in this effort.

These are the words of our covenanting together...

Lay Pastoral Caregivers, do you commit yourselves to participate faithfully in our Lay Pastoral Caregivers program and to join together in learning and growing in your work?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you perform your duties in such a way as to insure confidence and respect confidentiality of those you visit?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you use the pastoral tools of prayer, scripture, and careful listening in your pastoral care work on our behalf?

I will, God being my helper

Members of St. Andrew's: will you prayerfully support these before you in their ministry to you, and on your behalf, and accept them as part of the pastoral ministry of this congregation?

We will. We ask God's blessings upon them in this part of our ministry to which they have been called.

Prayer - Creator God, give us a heart that is open to new possibilities. We are grateful for servants who are willing to serve you as Lay Pastoral Caregivers. We ask your blessing on them in this new ministry. By your Spirit, guide and sustain them in their efforts on our behalf. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thanks be to God for the gifts that we share in community!

Blessings
Nel & Curtis

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 spiritual gathering at 10 am	21 Victoria Day holiday – no Treehouse	22 Basket of Joy Pick Up at Big Greenhouse from 9am-9pm	23 Choir 7 pm Basket of Joy Pick Up at Big Greenhouse from 9 - 9	24	25	26 Memorial Service for John Hodgetts 1:00 pm
27 spiritual gathering at 10 am Sunday School Celebrations and Amazing Race!	28 Treehouse Café and Play 10-11:15 1:00 faith development group meeting Board Meeting 6:30	29	30 Choir 7 pm	31 Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada – AGM – Calgary	June 1 Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada – AGM – Calgary	June 2 Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada – AGM – Calgary