

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Lent Holy Humour Sunday March 06, 2016

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church! We are glad you are here with us. May God bless you in his grace and mercy as we take time to give our love and attention to the One who has embraced us in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please take time to sign our guest book and to let us know how we can become better acquainted.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP, 11:00 A.M.

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

*Entry of the Bible (** Congregation Standing*)

*Introit

*Greeting

*Responsive Call to Worship ~ based on Isaiah 66:10-11

L: Rejoice, Jerusalem!

A: Be glad for her, you who love her;

L: rejoice with her, you who mourned for her,

A: and you will find contentment within her

L: Let us rejoice together in God, our saviour

*Hymn of Approach: Rejoice, the Lord is King #267

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

The Lord's Prayer (Sung): #831

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Lenten Insert

Nathaniel Roberts

*Children's Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus #570

Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9 Griffith Roberts (p 139)

Responsive Psalm: 32 (p 506)

New Testament: John 3:11-21 – Candace Peters (p 094)

Anthem

Sermon: **"Laughter is good for the soul"**

*Hymn of Commitment: Out of my bondage, sorrow and night #193

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology (822, vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

*Confession of Faith: 8.2.6 (p 24)
"The church is the family of God."

*Commissioning Hymn: And can it be #352

*Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Agathe Ratsimandresy *For those who wish, a nursery is available in the church hall next door.*

ANNIVERSARIES... Mar - 12 Sandy and Beth Oke.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 are now available in the Church Office.

MORNING COFFEE will be held after the service today. Spend a few minutes before heading home to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or juice and a cookie. Everyone is welcome.

If Pastoral Care is required please contact Rev. Derek Krunys on his cell phone (687-7742) or at the office (726-5385).

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dent has been offered the position of National Director at the Canadian Bible Society. As a result of this, his time at St. David's will come to an end sometime after Easter. While he will be missed at St. David's and here, we wish him well in his future ministry with the Bible Society.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Calendars for 2016 are available in the vestibule (lobby) of the Church. The cost is \$5.00 each.

BENEVOLENT FUND: Your contributions to the St. Andrew's Benevolent Fund help support special need situations. Contributions can be made individually or through your regular offering envelope by marking "Benevolent" in "Other".

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL DINNER AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be on Tuesday, March 15th, 6:30 for dinner, 7:30 for meeting.

Spring Garage Sale, upcoming for early May, date to be confirmed soon, please consider saving items for us, we would really appreciate it. Absolutely NO storage in the Hall.

*****Bible Study*****

We have begun a whale of a tale as bible study resume at the Kirk with the book of Jonah. Join us in the church hall 10:30am, each Friday as we make a beginning together. If you didn't make the first meeting, simply mark 10:30 Fridays on your calendar, as you are more than welcome to join us any week.

CHOSYN Update: *The Al Hussein family are settling in well. There have been very few teething pains so far, and the family is extremely happy and appreciative to be here in their new home. There are some medical concerns, which are being addressed by our extremely focused medical support group and others locally who have stepped in to assist. We are pleased by the willingness and desire of the local Muslim community to help out with translation and social interaction, which has*

been uplifting. Schooling and language training are arranged, and the family are keen to get going. Socially we have had a lot of people drop in, and all have commented on how warm and friendly they are made to feel. The children have met some new friends as well, but would love more. Our transportation, groceries and clothing support groups have all been very busy as well. We do need more drivers (particularly female ones) for medical and other appointments, please contact Ewan or Heather h.e.cumming@gmail.com... transportation group, if you are able to assist. Funds to support the project are always welcome and can be sent through the church office, or in your envelope by marking "CHOSYN" in other.

BRIDGES TO HOPE.....A big thank you from Bridges To Hope for all your continued support. In the coming weeks we would ask for juice, crackers, instant coffee and cookies.

CFUW GIGANTIC USED BOOK SALE 2016. Over 40, 000 books ARTS AND CULTURE CENTRE, St. John's; Monday, March 14 6 pm – 9 p.m; Tuesday, March 15 10 am – 9 p.m; Wednesday, 1/2 price March 16 10 am – 2 p.m.; Cash sales. Admission fee \$1 - good for all 3 days. Please bring bags for your books. Most items selling at \$2 or less. Sponsored by The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW St. John's). Thanks to all donors and volunteers. We welcome new members!

11th Annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Tuesday, March 15....

You are invited to the 11th Annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue, *Role of Religion in Responding to World Crises*. Free event, all are welcome. Crises include Terrorism, Refugees, Wars, Poverty, Hopelessness, Natural Disasters and Climate Change. Justice Alphonsus Faour will moderate with speakers from the three religions and a Q&A with the audience, followed by refreshments. The Dialogue explores connections between the three Abrahamic religions and plays an important role in building understanding and respect in our community. Tuesday, March 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Bruneau Centre Auditorium, Prince Philip Drive (MUN Campus). Free parking: Lots 1A and 15B. More info: manal.ca, queenscollegemun.ca, havura.org

Update: So far 35 knives in total. 12 for refugees, 19 Bridges To Hope, 2 Kirk and a couple of spares. That was 1770 stamps or the equivalent of \$17, 700 in groceries bought!

*****Mar 06 - Mar 12*****

Sun	9:45am	Choir Practice
	11:00	Holy Humour Worship
	11:10	Sunday School
	12:10pm	Morning Coffee
Tues	7:30	Venturers
		Board of Managers Meeting

*****Upcoming*****

Mar 13	VOWR Broadcast
Mar 15	Annual General Meeting and Dinner
Mar 17	Session Meeting