**Summer 2022**



**St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church**

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**A message from your Minister: Worship is our Calling**

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he Presbyterian Church in Canada, has a Statement of Faith, called **Living Faith**. In the section on worship, we read,

*We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God, day by day.* (Living Faith, 7.3.1)

I have discovered, over these past few months, that St Andrew’s Church delights in worshipping God together. Following the long pandemic, many have found their way back to worship in person, and now that all the pews are open, you have found your way back to your “regular” pew.

In April, the congregation welcomed a new church musician, Drew Vereyken. Drew is a doing a great job. We give thanks for him and the choir, who add to our worship with special music, and offering leadership in song.

A Worship Committee has been formed, and I have appreciated reflecting about worship with them. The committee members are Chelsey Blair, Liz Cobb, Janet Smaglinski and Drew Vereyken.

Worship is our calling. In worship, we offer to the triune God, our praise, our attention, and our lives.

We know that worship does not end at 12 p.m. on Sundays, but worship is to be our daily practice. We glorify God with our lives and our work. We worship God, as we love our neighbour, and as we care for the poor and hungry.

I enjoy, leading you in worship, and I also enjoy hearing how you worship God with your lives throughout the week.

Come, let us worship God!

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***Sing to the Lord, for he has done***

***wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world.***

Isaiah 12: 5



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**orship in the Park 2022** begins Sunday, June 26 and will run through to Sunday, September 4th . Service time will be at 11 a.m. at Veterans’ Memorial Park, Cobden.

**Bring your own lawn chair.**

This year, the congregations of Grace United and St Andrew’s Presbyterian will hold combined services. Rev. Ingrid Condie-Bennett and Rev. Milton A Fraser will share the leadership and preaching.

**Special music will be offered each Sunday.**

Each congregation will have their own offering jar, to receive the offering.

**In case of inclement weather, joint services** will be held at **Grace United,** *during June and July,* and **at St Andrew’s** *during August and September***.**

**Sunday Worship in the Park**

Sky of blue, shining water

embraced by trees and the

Love of God we gather

to sing and pray our thanks

for the beauty of nature

the love of friends

the chatter of children

birds and squirrels.

Creation fully abundant

While we worship in the park

We remember …

We are one in the Spirit

All God’s children

grateful for quiet peace

in the music we hear

the hymns we sing

the minister’s message,

the love of Jesus

in gentle warm breezes

He is Alive in this place

When we worship in the park.

Lawrie Barton

**“100 Boxes of Cereal” Challenge**

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uring the month of June, the congregation of **St Andrew’s** rose to the challenge of collecting 100 boxes of cereal for the Cobden and District Food Bank.

As of Sunday, June 19, the congregation collected an amazing 107 boxes.

Inspired by St Andrew’s, **The Little Coffee Shop and Scoop**, also took up the challenge, and were willing to match Cereal Box Donations up to 50 boxes at the shop. **The Little Coffee Shop and Scoop** and community collected 102 boxes and $50 in cash.

Thank you for your generosity!

“If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one.”

― **Mother Teresa**

**Technology Grant**

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n 2021, St Andrew’s, Cobden received a technology grant of two thousand dollars from the Presbyterian Church in Canada to improve its outreach through technology.

This Spring 2022, the Session approved, the purchase of a new audio mixer and camera set up in order to enhance the live stream of our church services.

This technology will be in place when we return to the building for worship in the fall.

The Session extends a huge vote of thanks to Scott Hamilton for researching and taking the lead on the purchase and installation of the new equipment.

There will be a need for a group of volunteers to operate the new equipment. Training will be available. Interested? Please speak to Chelsey Blair.

**Sign Up Sheets**

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here will be a binder at the Church, with sign-up sheets for the Fall.

There is a Reader Sign Up Sheet for those willing to read Scripture or a Call to Worship on a Sunday.

There is a sheet, to record your favourite hymns, with the hope to add them to our Sunday services.

**Congratulations to the Graduates of the Class of 2022**

Emily Barron, Carleton University with a major in Addictions and Mental Health.

Carson Edwards, Algonquin College, Perth.

Grace Summers, Fellowes High School, Pembroke

Ryan Yuke, Grade 8 from Cobden Public School.

**Lake Dore, “The Point” Presbyterian Church**

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rom June 26th through to September 11th, Sunday Evening Worship at 7 p.m. will be held at The Point Church in Lake Dore.

The musicians for the summer will be Drew Vereyken and Jocelyn Smaglinski.

Everyone Welcome!

**Decoration Services**

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he **Ross Cemetery** Annual Decoration Service will be held on Sunday, July 10 at 2 p.m. at the **Ross Cemetery.**

**Howard Cemetery Decoration Service**, July 17, 2 p.m. in Foresters Falls. In case of rain or extreme heat, the service will be at Trinity United Church, Foresters Falls.

**Caressant Care Worship Services:**

Rev. Milton will be leading worship services at Caressant Care this summer. Caressant Care, Nursing Home. July 28 at 10 a.m.

Caressant Care, Retirement Home, August 25, 10 a.m.

**Keeping in Contact**

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f you are receiving this newsletter, and would rather not, please let us know. If you have had a change in address, email, or telephone number, please keep the church office up to date. Thank you! 613-646-7687

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*You are invited to the*

***RETIREMENT CELEBRATION***

*for Reverend Patricia Van Gelder*

*from St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobden*

***SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022***

***OPEN HOUSE from 2:00-4:30 pm***

*Cobden Agricultural Hall, 43 Astrolabe Rd, Cobden*

*EVERYONE WELCOME!*

*Special Music*

*Air Conditioned*

*Accessible entrance & washrooms*

***No Gifts Please, Your presence is gift enough***

*If you have photos to share for a slide show from the past 28 years, please pass on to Lorraine Hamilton by email* *blhamilton@hotmail.ca* *or in person by July 10–*

 *Contact 613-281-5226- they will be returned*

*Due to Covid Restrictions, the Retirement Celebration for Reverend Patricia Van Gelder was delayed until the summer. The Congregation is happy to invite you,*

*and the community to celebrate Reverend Patricia!*

*Please spread the word!*

Financial Update:

***Financial Report for Year Ending May 31, 2022***

Operating Income $24,807

Operating Expenses $31,127

Shortfall **-** $ 6,320

Presbyterian Sharing $ 715

PWS&D $1300 ($1250 for Ukraine Crisis)

***Fundraising (Included in above Income & Expenses);***

**Lions Club Fishing Derby Lunch & Dinner – May 28**

Profit $1771

***Fundraiser (NOT included in above Income & Expense);***

**Yard & Bake Sale – June 4**

Profit $1719

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Blair

Treasurer

***Donations can be mailed or e-transfer to;***

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Thank you for your generous support to

St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobden.

Your generous contributions provide us with the opportunity to worship and praise God each week, in our well-maintained building.

Your support assists us to make a difference in our community. Your kindness makes an impact in the world, as we support the work of the national church, through Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development.

We count on your continued support to the life and mission of the Church, throughout the summer, while we **Worship in the Park**.