***Our Statement of Purpose*:**

As a community of faith led by the Spirit, we welcome all to worship God and live in loving, just and respectful relationship with each other, our neighbours and the earth. Inspired by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ we strive to recognize the light of God in each person regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, economic status or any other category by which the world may seek to divide. We challenge ourselves to deepen our relationship to God, to see the light of the divine in each person and in all creation, and to live the faith we proclaim.

***Our Week at a Glance – April 29, 2018***

The flowers today have been placed by Judi Brisco, in loving memory of deceased members of Unit 6, UCW.

***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

**Sun. Apr. 29** Volunteer Appreciation Reception – Stewart   
 Hall, after service  
  
**Tues. May 1** Unit 6 – 7:00 – meeting at the Renfrew Food  
 Bank, then return to TSA for meeting  
 **Wed. May 2** Goal 6 – Library, 10:00  
 Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00  
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00  
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00  
  
**Thurs. May 3** Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00  
 **Sat May 5** Set up for Art Show – Stewart Hall  
  
**Sun. May 6** Art & Spirituality Show – Stewart Hall, after Service

***PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR OTHER EVENTS AND DETAILS***

**AUDIO SYSTEM** Apr. 29 – Garry Scott  
 May 6 – Geoff Roberts   
   
**COUNTING OFFERING** Lois Desjardins & Doris Handford  
 May: Pat Blandford & Marg Crozier  
  
**MEALS ON WHEELS** Apr. 29 – Garry & Ruth Charter  
 May 6 – Ken & Karen Mullins  
  
**Unit 6 UCW**: We meet at 7.00 p.m., Tues., May 1, to visit the Renfrew Food Bank at the Fairgrounds Armouries. Then return to TSA for our business meeting in the Library.  
  
**Art & Spirituality Show**: Sunday, May 6. Bring the item you wish to share and show to Stewart Hall before the service, and pick it up after the social time when you are ready to go home. During April, please register your item with us in the Library. If you have any queries, give us a call: Laura Cooke (432-6149), Beulah Wright (432-3295), and Ginette Raaphorst (752-0327).  
  
**Renfrew Youth Chorus Concert**: The Renfrew Children's/Youth Chorus present their annual Spring Concert: "Sing for Spring!" on Sunday, May 13 at 3pm.  Held at Trinity-St. Andrews United Church.  Tickets are $5.00 and available at the door.  Homemade butter tarts and raffle tickets for a Spring themed gift basket will also be sold at the concert.   Come and enjoy an afternoon of music from our 40 children's voices blended together in song!  
  
**Upcoming Presentation**: Join Tom Sidney at TSA on Wednesday May 16 at 7pm for a presentation entitled: "Tom Sidney's Gratitude Attitude - from Fears to Tears to Hope!". Tom will talk about his recent illness, which paralyzed him for a time, and his spiritual/emotional journey to recovery. This event is sponsored by the Renfrew and Area Foodbank and is free to attend with a donation to the food bank.  
  
**From Christian Education**: We're having a Church Family Picnic! Join us on June 3, after worship, rain or Shine: on the Plaunt Street lawn or in Stewart Hall. Family and friends of all ages welcome. Food provided – hamburgers, hotdogs, dessert & drinks (also vegetarian & GF food). Games too! Participate or watch: lawn games, parachute games, relays... Want to help? Have a favourite "church picnic" request? Contact Nancy Illman, Ginette Raaphorst, Yvonne Powell or Felicite Stairs. Mark your calendars now!  
  
**From MPCF**: Please remind friends and family members who are unable to attend regular worship that *The Upper Room* daily devotional guide is available in the display case in the narthex. It is also available by monthly subscription online at <http://www.upperroom.org/visitor_subscriptions>.

2018 Affirming

The Danish Girl – the movie

This is a fictionalized biography of Gerda and Einar Wegener. The movie is set in Copenhagen 1926. Both Gerda and Einar are painters. Gerda is a portrait artist and Einar paints landscapes from memories of his childhood.

What begins as an experiment for Gerda to paint Einar as a woman sets in motion the transformation of Einar to Lili Elbe his female persona and one of the first people to attempt reassignment surgery. Lili seeks the help of many Doctors who all want to fix what is wrong with her even going to such extremes as radiation treatment. Lili recognises herself for who she is and demands to be recognized by those who care for her the most. Through Lili’s bravery she becomes a forerunner for the transgender rights movement.

Although I felt the movie did not adequately portray Lili’s soul it helped me to imagine the extent of pain, suffering and loneliness endured because of the lack of understanding and misunderstanding of the medical profession at that time. The movie did however help in my understanding of the immense struggles for transgendered people.

Linda Boldt