***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 in every aspect of our lives.
We will live into this statement by encouraging all who make TSA their faith home to participate fully in all aspects of the life and work of this community of faith.

TSA is a place where the gifts of all people are celebrated.

***Our Week at a Glance – March 24, 2019***

 ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

The flowers today are placed by Kathleen Hinchley, in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

**TODAY** Bonnechere Manor Service, 2:30
 Environmental Justice Potluck – Chapel, 6:00

**Mon. Mar. 25** Thrift Shop Committee – Library, 7:00

**Wed. Mar. 27** Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
 Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
 Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00

**Thurs. Mar. 28** TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

***Volunteer Corner***:

*Lay Reader*: Felicite Stairs
*Sound Board*: Geoff Roberts
*Greeters & Ushers*: Marg McLeish & Ellen Groenewoud
*Soloist/Guest Musician*: Catherine Helferty
*Meals on Wheels*: Felicite Stairs & Dan McCarthy
*Coffee after Church*: Unit 11
*Offering counters*: Bev Davis & Barbara Symington
*Funeral Lunch Coordinator*: Sandra Comba
*Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators*: Faye Gagan & Jane von Boetticher
 **Environmental Justice Dinner**: Tonight is meant to be an opportunity to share ideas and challenges, to support one another in living more justly in relation to the planet. This conversation can be hard. People can feel judged or guilty and therefore react defensively. We hope to rise above that tonight. Some of us will be just starting to explore ways of living more sustainably. Some of us may have already taken some pretty radical steps. What binds us together tonight is the desire to “live with respect in creation.”

We hope the conversations tonight can fall into one of three categories:

1. How we are taking steps in our personal lives to live more sustainably.
2. How we can take steps as a church to model sustainable living.
3. How we can engage politically to support systemic change.

We are not here to explore or defend the science of climate change. We are here to live into our faith. May God bless our gathering.

**To the Congregation of Trinity-St. Andrew’s**: Since our minister, Rev. Russell Wardell, submitted his letter last week to request a change in pastoral relations, we have experienced a profound sense of loss and sadness. His time with us has been very significant to our faith community at Trinity-St. Andrew’s. These next three months together will be an important time for each of us to say goodbye. We will inform you about our plans to celebrate Russell’s ministry before his departure in late June. We will also share with you, as soon as we are able, the next steps to search for a new minister. *Council*
**Joanne Ciphery Memorial Community Supper**: Thank you to everyone who assisted to make this Community Supper successful.

**UCW Members and Kitchen Volunteers:** The UCW is replacing the 29-year-old counters in the large kitchen. Help us select the new laminate for the counter tops by going to the downstairs kitchen after church or following coffee time and voting for your first and second choices.

**Lent 2019 “Give it Up for the Earth”**: Lent is traditionally a time of prayer and spiritual practices including fasting, (giving something up), and actions, (almsgiving, or committing to a positive spiritual disciplines). This Lent TSA is taking part in a postcard campaign organized by Citizens for Public Justice, an ecumenical partner of the United Church of Canada. The postcard includes a pledge to individual climate actions - what will you “give up” to care for God’s creation; and also a call for more far-reaching national climate policy. Postcards will be available in the narthex before and after worship during Lent (March 6-April 18), and in the office during the week. When you have made your pledge, please return the cards and we will take them to Citizens for Public Justice to be presented to the government along with postcards from Christians across the country.

**How can we live ethically** in a time of climate crisis? How can our Christian faith support us as we try? Are there others in the church who care about climate justice too? If these questions interest you, or if you have thoughts to share, please join us

tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a potluck supper and conversation. For more information, please contact Felicite Stairs or Yvonne Powell.

**Easter Newsletter**: Please note that all articles and pictures for the Easter Newsletter must be sent by Tuesday, April 9 to Daphne Hanneman at daphne.hanneman@sympatico.ca. If you wish to receive our newsletter by email, please contact the office. Thanks.

**From Camp Lau-Ren**: The yearly spring freshen-up for the summer camp season this year will be the first week of June, June 3 to 7. Anyone wishing to volunteer for a few hours or days, please contact Bert Brisco through the church office.

**TSA Sunshine Coach Appeal March 24 & 31**: On Sunday morning our driver comes to our residence and with a happy greeting helps us into the Sunshine Coach. We are sure we will have a worry-free drive. When we get to TSA there is a warm feeling of being welcomed by Russell and

the greeters. I look forward to hearing the music, seeing familiar faces, and being comfortable in my own church. I appreciate this service offered by TSA and encourage others to try the Sunshine Coach and join us in worship and fellowship with friends.

*From Esther Seeley, with thanks*

Your donation assists with TSA’s costs for this service, and are receipted on your church offerings. TSA has made a commitment to provide Sunshine Coach service for those with special transportation needs. Envelopes for your donations to help with expenses are available at the back of the sanctuary, or from the greeters.