

## ***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 – May 19, 2019**

The flowers today are placed by Dan and Valery Stewart, in loving memory of Marie and Allan Lindsay, neighbours for many years of the Stewart Family on Arthur Avenue, previously Hincks Avenue East.

*In Memoriam: The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Dorothy Lavallee, on her recent passing.*

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Helen Finseth, on her recent passing.*

## ***THIS WEEK AT TSA:***

- Mon. May 20**      **VICTORIA DAY – office closed**
- Tues. May 21**      Council – Assembly, 7:00
- Wed. May 22**      Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00  
Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00
- Thurs. May 23**      TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

## **Volunteer Corner:**

*Lay Reader:* Felicite Stairs  
*Sound Board:* Garry Scott  
*Greeters & Ushers:* Kathleen Hichley & Sadie Smith  
*Soloist/Guest Musician:* none  
*Meals on Wheels:* John & Laura Cooke  
*Coffee after Church:* Unit 6  
*Offering counters:* Pat Blandford & Doris Handford  
*Funeral Lunch Coordinator:* Lynn Stitt  
*Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators:* Faye Gagan & Jane von Boetticher

**Canadian Foodgrains Garden Team:** Friday, May 24 -9:00 am Everyone interested in The Foodgrains Garden Team is invited to meet in the Godly Play Room. We will make the garden plan and prepare the raised bed. We will also start a schedule for helpers to tend the garden and manage future produce. The grid plan will be on display in the narthex on May 26. You are invited to sign up for plant and seed donations to bring in on June 2nd. Then let the planting begin!

**June 6-8 – Women’s Retreat:** Come for a sabbath time as we reflect on prayer: what is it? How do we pray? Why do we pray? Come and explore different ways to pray. No experience

necessary! At Stillpoint House of Prayer on the Madawaska River in Burnstown, from Thursday June 6 at supper time until mid-afternoon Saturday June 8. All meals and accommodation provided. Cost is \$130, with subsidies available as needed. To register or for more information, please contact Felicite Stairs at 613-432-5583 or [felicite.stairs@gmail.com](mailto:felicite.stairs@gmail.com).

**Year-End Date for Mat Group & Crafty Ladies:** The Mat Group is winding up their season on Wednesday, May 29, and the Crafty Ladies are finishing up on Wednesday, June 12. Both groups will resume in the fall, after the Renfrew Fair.

**Finding our new Minister:** We have been in touch with Pastoral Relations staff from Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region (EOR) about the process of searching for a new minister. Briefly, the process ahead may involve the need for supply ministers during the summer months. Council appointed a team (Judy Ryan, John Cooke, Ross McEwen) to develop a Community of Faith Profile for TSA with the help of our Regional Liaison, Rev. Janet Nield. They drew heavily on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee Report of 2017. At that time you were consulted on the story of our church. This Profile has now been submitted to the EOR Pastoral Relations Committee for their approval May 16. Once approved, it will be posted on the United Church's online pastoral relations tool, ChurchHub. It will also be made available to you the congregation. A search team has been named (John Cooke, Peter Raaphorst, Felicite Stairs, Margo Aubert and our Regional Liaison- Rev. Janet Nield). They will review profiles of ministry personnel, conduct interviews, check references, and eventually make a recommendation to you at a congregational meeting. Our goal is to select a minister whose gifts and skills are a good match with who we are as a church. Please pray for God's spirit of discernment to be at work both in our community and in our future minister. We will keep you informed of progress over the coming months.

*TSA Council*

**Request for assistance with the weekly after Service coffee social:** If you would like to assist in the preparation and serving of the light snack and coffee/tea over the summer months, the sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for July and August volunteers.

**TSA Thrift Shop**  
**2019 First Quarter Report to the Trinity St Andrew's**  
**Congregation**

For the period January 1 - March 31, 2019

- \$10,500 will be given to the Church
- \$1,050 will be given to the Charity: Camp Lau-Ren
- \$943.35 will be given to the UCW to reimburse for sales on Saturdays that they operated shop
- Number of days open: 38
- Average number of customers per day: 51
- Average sales per day: \$330.39
- Average sale per customer: \$6.47
- Net sales for Q1 2019: \$12,448.04

Net sales in Q1 2019 were up \$1,349.24 from Q1 2018 with 1 more day open in 2019. Total given to the Church in 2019 is \$10,500 which is \$500 more than budgeted.



Hope Under the Rainbow

From 2013 to 2015, Rachel Hearn was a camp counsellor at Welcome Friends' Rainbow Camp for LGBTQ Two-Spirit and allied youth ages 12 to 17. To say the least, it was a life-altering experience.

Every August there existed a tiny, week-long place of sanctuary that said, “We *do* see you, and you are welcome here.” That is exactly what Rainbow Camp is all about.

“Rainbow Camp is a place of radical resistance against the oppressive forces of hetero-normativity and cis-normativity that exist across the world today,” says Rachel. It is like other summer camps, but the learning is focused around sexual health, healthy relationships, understanding our identities, and figuring out how to work around a society that is not designed to enable queer people to thrive. Even though there is no marching or petitions, the world is still changed for every camper who finds a friend or feels like themselves for the first time.

“At Rainbow Camp, we changed the world for young people by giving them the tools and skills they needed to flourish. If you create a space where people can be open about who they are and accept others doing the same, you will learn what it means to love and to trust.”

Rainbow Camp’s ministry is made possible because of Mission & Service.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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