

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 5, 2019

The flowers today are placed by Al & Sandra Comba, in loving memory of Sheena (Panesar) Dahl, by the Panesar & Comba families.

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

TODAY Memorial Service – Bonnechere Manor, 2:30

Wed. May 8 Men's Breakfast – Rocky Mountain, 8:30
Spring Cleanup day – entire building, 10:00
Bible Study – Marian Roffey, 12:00
Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:00
Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00
Finance – Library, 6:00

Thurs. May 9 MFPC – Library, 9:30
Worship & Music – Library, 6:00
TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

Volunteer Corner:

Lay Reader: Felicite Stairs
Sound Board: Marilyn Eady
Greeters & Ushers: Kathleen Hichley & Sadie Smith
Soloist/Guest Musician: none
Meals on Wheels: Ken & Karen Mullins
Coffee after Church: Unit 7
Offering counters: Pat Blandford & Doris Handford
Funeral Lunch Coordinator: Lynn Stitt
Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators: Faye Gagan & Jane von Boetticher

From the Office: The office email address for Joy Curry, our Bookkeeper, has been changed. Please note that her new address is treasurer@tsarenfrew.ca.

Property Committee: On Wednesday May 8 we will be having a workday to wash windows and address other spring jobs. Any volunteers wishing to help out would be welcome. Men's breakfast is at 8:30 at the Rocky Mountain House and work at the church begins at 10:00. Come and bring a friend.

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.

Request for assistance with the weekly after Service coffee social: Everybody enjoys the coffee, cookies and conversation following our weekly service. The UCW looks after making, serving and cleaning up from October to May, however,

everybody needs some time off in the summer months. We are therefore inviting all members of the congregation to join in the preparation and serving of the light snack and coffee/tea over the summer months. This is actually a lot of fun! We would appreciate your participation by signing up for a Sunday or two over the summer months. If this little tribute to support the fellowship coffee social interests you, please sign up on the schedule sheets in the Narthex. The continuation of the coffee social is dependent on participation by members of the congregation and we look forward to continued comradery over the summer months. We look forward to your assistance and support.

Congregation Photographs: The ongoing project to get current photographs of the congregation is going very well and we are working towards the project's completion by the end of May. We will be conducting two additional session of picture taking for members that have not had their pictures taken or retakes to improve the finished product for some people. The photographer will be set up at the back of the Chapel before and after service today and Sunday May 12, 2019. If you have not had your picture taken we invite you to participate in this no cost opportunity to be included in this photographic representation of our congregation.



My Heart upon My Sleeve

We stand on the foundation of a great cloud of witnesses—faithful men and women who answered the call of ministry in an overseas position to preach, teach, and heal in places around the world. We are thankful for the ways they showed us what it means to love your neighbour around the world in loving partnership. This is the story of one of our United Church saints: Lucy Winifred Robinson Bryce, principal, educator, and author, who lived in

India from 1915 to 1953. Lucy was married to fellow missionary George Bryce. Together they taught at the Indore Christian College in Malwa. Lucy was the principal of the college from 1952 to 1953. In her time at the college, she introduced social work and sociology programs as part of the curriculum. She had a deep love for India and its people. In her 1945 book *India on the Threshold*, she reflected on what an independent India would be like. Lucy shared these words in her book: "India is not only setting her house in order, but she is taking her place among the nations of the world. Never again can she be designated 'faraway India,' for she is within...flying time from all nations east or west. We who love her, but who, alas, are not of her soil, must be humble in this her great hour... With my hands folded in your own greeting of peace, O India, I bow to you in the threshold of new life."

We give thanks for the inspiring foundation of our past! 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.