

## ***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 – June 2, 2019**

The flowers today are placed by Eleanor Wilson, in loving memory of the Olmstead family.

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

- Mon. June 3** Librarian – Library, 9:30-2:30
- Wed. June 5** Crafty Ladies – Library, 1:00

**Thurs. June 6** TSA Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

#### **Volunteer Corner:**

*Lay Reader:* Margo Aubert  
*Sound Board:* Gerry Blandford  
*Greeters & Ushers:* Adam & Rose Beck  
*Soloist/Guest Musician:* none  
*Meals on Wheels:* Jack Craig & Gerry  
*Coffee after Church:* Bruce Lange & Marilyn Lloyd  
*Offering counters:* Geoff Roberts & Noma Deshane  
*Funeral Lunch Coordinator:* Faye Gagan & Noma Deshane  
*Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators:* Faye Gagan & Jane von Boetticher

**Canadian Foodgrains Garden Team:** The Goodgrains Garden Team will be planting the raised bed today after service.

**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.

**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).

**94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada:**

Next Sunday, the Admaston Pastoral Charge will join us to celebrate Pentecost and the 94th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Cake will be served in Stewart Hall following the service.

**Pride Week, June 7-15:** On June 7 the Town of Renfrew will have a flag raising ceremony to launch Pride Week. Please watch for details. Pride Week events will take place in Pembroke and include the Pride Walk on Sunday June 9. We will start at the Pembroke Marina at 1 p.m. Come and join the celebration! There are many other events throughout the week, including a candlelight and memorial worship service at Wesley United Church on Wednesday, June 12 and the Pembroke Pride Festival at the Champlain Trail Museum on Saturday June 15 from 2-5 p.m. You can find the full list of events on Pembroke Pride's website ([www.pembrokepride.com](http://www.pembrokepride.com)) or Facebook page (Pembroke Pride Walk).

**Year-End Date for Crafty Ladies:** The Crafty Ladies are finishing up on Wednesday, June 12, and will resume in the fall, after the Renfrew Fair.

**Finding our new Minister:** As we reported last week – our “Community of Faith Profile” which drew heavily on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee Report of 2017, was submitted to the EOR Pastoral Relations

Committee for their approval May 16. And good news, it was approved!! It has been posted on ChurchHub, the United Church's online pastoral relations tool. Our search team (John Cooke, Peter Raaphorst, Felicite Stairs, Margo Aubert) is scheduled for training on June 4 by our Regional Liaison- Rev. Janet Nield. Once trained, they will review profiles of ministry personnel, conduct interviews, check references, and eventually make a recommendation to you at a congregational meeting. We will keep you informed of progress over the coming months with a timeline when we have it. *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.



## A Health Crisis

In the Kalpakkam area of Tamil Nadu province, India, the local fishing community is dealing with a very different threat than the one it faced with the 2005 tsunami. A nuclear power plant became a death trap during the tsunami, with several workers drowning within its walls. No one knows how many died for sure, as the government never released a number.

Today, some villages believe the nuclear plant is still connected with death and destruction. They say that people go fishing and suddenly die afterwards from a lack of blood circulation. Rates of cancer, birth defects, infertility, and autoimmune and neurological diseases have increased, affecting young and old alike.

Mission & Service partner the Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation works in the region to help affected families, often paying medical costs. For those families where the primary breadwinner has prematurely died or been incapacitated, the foundation helps with

finding employment, school costs, and other day-to-day expenses.

The Department of Atomic Energy says that the rates of radiation are too low to cause a health effect. Local doctor, Dr. Pugazhendhi, who runs a local clinic with the foundation's assistance, has seen an increase in illness and believes radiation plays a part in this increase.

The Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation trains the local community about its rights and how to organize to collectively and defend their rights to clean air, water, and land.

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.