

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 – July 7, 2019

The flowers today are placed by Leo & Lois Desjardins, in loving memory of deceased family members.

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

Mon. July 8 Librarian – Library, 9:30-2:30

Volunteer Corner:

Lay Reader: Felicite Stairs

Sound Board: none

Greeters & Ushers: John & Marilyn Naismith

Soloist/Guest Musician: Joy Curry

Meals on Wheels: Shawn Panesar & Bennett

Coffee after Church: Cathy Morris & Sharon Hanniman

Offering counters: Bev Davis & Peter Raaphorst

Funeral Lunch Coordinator: Jack & Ruth Grant

Thrift Shop Scheduling Coordinators: Faye Gagan, Garry Scott & Marg McLeish

Summer Worship in July & August: At the June 25 council meeting, it was agreed that our regular Sunday worship services will be held downstairs in Stewart Hall over the summer, from July 7 to August 25.

Lay Worship Leader: We welcome Felicite Stairs as our Lay Worship Leader today.

Request from Camp Lau-Ren: Camp Lau-Ren camp leaders are looking for 500ml mason Jars (and bigger), no lids for camp crafts. If you have any quart and larger jars, please leave them on the wooden pew at the bottom of the circular staircase.

COME FOR CHICKEN! Our Annual Chicken BBQ is on July 18, 2019 from 12:30 to 5:30. Tickets are available at Aikenhead's and the church office, \$13.00/ticket. Come, bring your family, neighbours and friends for a great chicken barbecue.

From Ministry & Personnel: As a result of a new policy implemented by Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region, ministers leaving a pastoral charge are not permitted to enter their former church for a period of three years. This is to allow the new minister to build a relationship with the pastoral charge without any sort of influence from the previous minister. The exception to this is that departing ministers may attend weddings and funerals in their previous church upon invitation. This clearly applies to Russell and Susan so we unfortunately won't be seeing them in our church for some time.

TSA Photo Booth: We apologize for any photo errors or omissions. If you have a problem, please leave a

message in the office. Duplicate copies can be picked up during office hours after July 1.

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.



Dialogue on Reconciliation

Kenji Marui travelled to Australia as part of the Moderator's Dialogue on Reconciliation to consult and build a relationship with the Uniting Church in Australia, the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, and Indigenous groups in Australia. He reflects on this experience:

“At a theological gathering of our Canadian visiting group, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress members, and students training for ministry, we engaged in earnest conversation about the effects of colonialism in our lives, in our churches, in our societies. As a second-generation Canadian born to Japanese immigrants, I struggled to find my place in the discussion. I don't look like a settler but have throughout my life operated with such a mindset. Yet I also know the effects of racism and discrimination. I grow weary of having to explain or justify myself in society, of my reality of being unrepresented or misrepresented in media.

“There was tension in discussing the interrelation of gospel and culture because it is such a one-sided dynamic: Christianity has been so dominant and pervasive, so closely associated with assertions of Western superiority, that it becomes difficult to

disentangle Jesus' true messages and intent from the historical and traditional interpretations of his parables and teachings.

“Aboriginal culture has long been deemed second-class at best and downright demonic at worst.

“As we look to what might come next in this unfinished process, there is a commitment and understanding that this work is too important to ignore. The work goes on thanks to your gifts for 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.



**TRINITY-ST.
ANDREW'S
UNITED CHURCH**
**ANNUAL CHICKEN
BARBECUE**

**Thursday, July 18, 2019
12:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS
291 Plaunt Street South, Renfrew**

**Cost: \$13.00 each
Pie available at an additional cost**

**Please buy your tickets early.
Available at Church Office and
Aikenhead's Drug Store**