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Mission Moments:

Serving vulnerable people in Romania

Life is difficult in Romania. The monthly salary of a school teacher is the equivalent of about \$250 USD, so many people feel forced to leave in search of work in other EU countries. This economic migration is creating new challenges for the Romanian society. There are over 300,000 migration orphans and a growing number of elderly people who are left behind. The good news is that they are not left alone. Since 2011, Diakonia Christian Foundation for Social Work of the Reformed Church in Romania has been reaching out to Roma children, people living with disabilities, and the elderly. In 2017, the foundation's social workers and volunteers made over 8,200 visits to the elderly, providing services such as helping with personal hygiene, cleaning and providing medical care or devices. Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to accompany and care for vulnerable people in Romania.

Presbyterians Sharing cares for vulnerable people

Check out our church website at www.standrewsbarrie.ca



Welcome to our fully accessible church

Today at St. Andrew's
We welcome guest worshippers with us today and invite you to sign the guest register at the front hall.



Welcoming Elder	Susan Stott-Hood
Elevator Operator	Gord Thompson
Greeter	Lorraine Earl
Ushers	Muriel Johns & Dorothy Sarjeant
Ushers	Ellen Millar & Bev Millar
Driver	Wally Smith
Scriptures	Christine Boyd
Counters	Andrew Douglas & Don Miller

NEW WORSHIPPERS: On the small table in the entry narthex (beside the elevator), you will find coloured file folders which contain welcome and information materials for new worshippers to St. Andrew's. Feel free to be in touch with us if we can be of support to you!

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Huron-Wendat, Odawa and Anishinabek people. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live upon it, and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today. We are committed to living forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

Nursery Care (located through the right front door of the Sanctuary) is provided for little ones in St. Andrew's each Sunday. You are welcome to bring them into the nursery before service begins. Our ushers will gladly show you to our nursery.

Kindly let us know of any births or deaths or those hospitalized so that we may respond. Simply share information with Dr. Horst or an elder or leave a message at the church office.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please speak to Dr. Horst or leave a message on his voice mail (728-3991 ext. 3) and he will see to it that your request is passed on to members of our prayer network.

January at St. Andrew's		
Sun	20	10am Worship Service Congregational Meeting
		Pastoral Care Team meets in Library
Mon	21	4pm Centering Prayer
Tues	22	11am Prayer Group Ministry 7pm Bible Study
Sun	27	10am Worship Service
Mon	28	4pm Centering Prayer
Tues	29	7pm Bible Study
Thurs	31	7:30pm Choir

A Congregational Meeting has been called for TODAY immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing elders to the Session of St. Andrew's Church. At Session's request, a call for the election of seven elders was put forth in the month of December. We are pleased to report that seven excellent candidates have agreed to let their names stand from a list of persons who were duly nominated. At the congregational meeting today, you will have the opportunity to vote to affirm or reject the candidacy of each of the seven nominees. Please note that only those who are full members of St. Andrew's are eligible to vote for elders. A biographical sketch of each of these candidates appears in today's bulletin. The seven eldership nominees are: *Sherry Phillips, Betty Grant, Shane Mayes, Don Miller, Ellen Millar, Christine Boyd and Barbara Morrison*

Taizé Prayer Service, Friday, January 25th, at 7:30 pm, at Westside Evangelical Lutheran Church, 510 Ferndale Drive N, Barrie. We invite you into reflection and meditation through prayer, song, Scripture and silence. This service is hosted by The Barrie Taizé Community—A partnership of Christian Churches. For more information, please call Susan Stott-Hood at 705-716-4030, or email [sstotthood@gmail.com](mailto:ssotthood@gmail.com)

Please Note

Submission for the 2018 Annual Report are due by Sunday February 10th. Please send your articles to barb@standresbarrie.ca

Submissions for the next issue of the Awareness Newsletter are due by Thursday February 14th. Please send your articles to Kelly Douglas at awarenessstandrews@gmail.com

In sorrow we note the sudden passing of our long-time member and friend, Pat Watt, who passed away early on Monday morning, with her loving daughter, Pam, at her side. The Funeral Service in celebration of Pat's life was held here at St. Andrew's on Friday morning at 11:00. We give thanks to God for the many years of Pat's service to the life of St. Andrew's through her involvement with the Senior Choir, Guiding, and the Women's Missionary Society, and we remember Pam and her siblings Maureen, Brian, Derek and their families in this time of loss.

Lifelong Learning Study Series Begins This Tuesday! Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome and the Kingdom of God The 12-session video-based series *Eclipsing Empire* will launch this Tuesday (January 22nd). Participants will trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. Teachers Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan will explore how the Christian witness "*Jesus is Lord*" challenged the Roman imperial theology claiming, "*Caesar is Lord.*" The video was made "on location" in Turkey, Greece and Italy. *Eclipsing Empire* will begin with **dessert at 7 pm** in the **Activity Room**. Participants will receive a complimentary 70 page book to accompany the presentations. (Rev. Keith Boyer has copies available this morning following the service.)

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER: The gift card fundraiser had another successful year, thanks to all who participate! You purchased **\$137,250** worth of cards, which netted the church **\$7,087.!!** Since we started the program back in 2006, you have purchased **\$1,742,945** worth of cards for a profit of **\$85,846!!** And all you had to do was buy groceries or go out to eat! There are 4 ways of supporting this gift card programme: 1. Buy a grocery card and use it to purchase your groceries. 2. Buy a grocery card and donate it to the St Andrews food cupboard (you receive credit for this with your annual givings). 3. Buy an Ultimate card and either give it as a gift or go to one of the listed restaurants for a meal. 4. Buy a grocery card and use it to purchase one of the MANY cards on display at your favourite grocery store (i.e. Lowe's, The Keg , Home Depot, to name a few). ***As February 3 will be a joyful day of celebration of Rick's retirement, we will not be open for sales that day. Please stock up today or see Barb in the office during the week.*** **College & University students** may apply for some assistance for 2018 from the Florence Busch Bursary Fund (available May 2019). Applications are available from Cheryl Anderson – Clerk of Session, or the church office. Completed applications & registration, or marks from the last term can be given to the clerk by January 31st 2019.

Today's Music

Psalm 36: 5-10

Prelude: **Dearest Jesus, We are Here.** *J. S. Bach*

Anthem: **Jubilate Deo** *Mozart*

Let us praise you,
Let us praise you,
Father, let us praise you,
We rejoice in you,
O Father,
Let us give you praise.

Offertory: **Toccatà** *Pachelbel*

Postlude: **Toccatà** *Lubeck*

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep; you save
humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people
may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house, and you
give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see
light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know
you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

CARENOTES

January 2019

When life gets a little overwhelming, a CareNote can provide just the right words of encouragement, strength, guidance, and comfort.

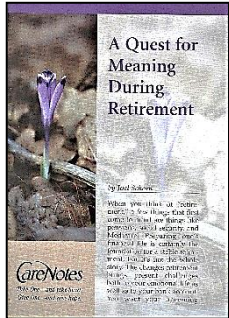


St Andrew's has a CareNote display located in the Gathering Hall.

Our selection of CareNotes cover many issues. Whether you need a little care for yourself, or know someone who needs a little boost, check out this wonderful display.

The notes are tailored to many different life situations and you are encouraged to share them freely.

This month's feature selection is titled:
A Quest For Meaning During Retirement



When you think of retirement, a few things that first come to mind are things like pensions, old age benefits & healthcare. We ready our financial affairs but forget our “psychological portfolios”, which include our identity, our relationships, and our need for purpose. Even those who thought they were prepared can find that the transition is tougher than they thought. Retirement is not like jumping off a diving board, it's a process and takes time.

For some insight on how to prepare for this change in life, read this month's pick-of-the-month CareNote.

Take One – And Take Heart

Give One – And Give Hope

