

## Friendship Facilitators

**Elders**, Sue Law, Patrick Phillips, Brian Gillespie, Irene Camp, Janice Ruggles-Bolton, Jane Thompson and Jean Brinkos will be partnered with **lay leaders**, Andie Wiens, Bob Cole, Evelyn Trites, and Janet Graham to facilitate the further creation of friendship and lines of support and encouragement among us.

## PAR (pre-authorized remittance)

Please consider signing up for PAR particularly if you plan to be away in the winter. It is an efficient way of supporting St. Andrew's. Your offering will be debited from your account on a monthly basis. Speak with Evelyn. All she requires is a voided personal cheque.

## Reaching for Rainbows

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# ST. ANDREW'S

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

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**Office Hours: Thursday 10 am-1 pm**



Pentecost  
Sunday May 20  
10:30

## Welcome to St. Andrew's

We are a Circle of Friends on a quest  
to understand and to practice the  
transformational love of Jesus.

### Centering

Music to welcome us in Tom & Conrad

Welcome and Invitation to Focus

Music to settle us in Tom & Conrad

Prayer

Song *When the Spirit of the Lord*, 398

### Listening

Reading Acts 2

Message

### Responding

Time for Contemplation

The Invitation for the laying on of hands

Song (x 2) More Voices/75

**Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.**

Healing Mantra

**Spirit of healing and compassion,  
Enter you, body, mind and soul,  
And heal you of all that harms you,  
Amen**

Special Music

Gifts to support ministry  
(guest envelopes are in the shelf in front of you)

Community-in-Action

### Sharing the Feast

Welcoming New Members to our Circle  
(see insert)

Invitation to the Table

Song *Put peace*, 2 verses MV/173

Prayer

The Meal

**Bread for your journey  
A cupful of blessing**

Prayer

Song *Put peace*, 2 verses, MV/173

Blessing

**Touched by grace,  
We take God's grace to the world.  
Healed by love,  
We take God's love to the world.  
Renewed by the Spirit,  
We go in the Spirit's power  
to be agents of healing.  
Amen.**

Music to send us out Tom & Conrad

**Join us for refreshments following the service  
today.**

**We serve fair trade coffee from TTV.**

Musicians, Tom Leighton & Conrad Kipping

Flowers, Joyce Young

Artist, Aidan Hailey

Fiery Woman, Janine Kinch

Chinese Goddess of Compassion, Anne Ireland

### Next Sunday

Kirkin' o' the Tartan to recognize St. Andrew's  
185<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Music by Seventh Town Folk Group

Piper, Will Cairns

Legion Colour Party

Scones and Jam to follow

### Weekly Schedule,

Tuesdays at 10 am, Christian Meditation

Thursday at 10:30, Mindfulness meditation  
with Brian Gillespie

**Knitting Group**, Wed May 23 at 10,  
Joan Cameron's

**Finance**, Wed May 23 at 12:30, Lynne's

**Death Café @ St. Andrew's**, Wed May 23, 2-4

**Mental Health Peer Support Group**,  
Wed May 30, noon-2

Thurs May 31 at 5 pm, R4R Graduation and year  
end barbecue.

### Introduction to the Labyrinth as Spiritual Practice

Tues June 5 at 1 pm **OR**

Wed June 6 at 10 am **OR**

Thurs June 7 at 6 pm

Fri Jun 1 at 1 pm,

Memorial for Everett McCrimmond

## **A Liturgy to Celebrate our Expanding Circle of Friends**

Friends, today our Circle of Friendship is growing larger as we welcome these people who seek to be included.

*Introducing our new friends:*

Jackie Soorsma & Jim Barkman, Bernice & Michael Page, and Jim Barefoot-

*- why are you here?*

We are here because we want to belong to this Circle of Friends.

*Friends /people of St. Andrew's, do you welcome them?*

**We welcome you with open arms.**

**Welcome to this community.**

**As in all communities,  
here we laugh and cry together,  
work and play together,  
eat and drink together,  
teach and learn from one other,  
take risks and learn from our mistakes,  
embrace one another, forgive one another,  
and celebrate life's milestones together.  
Here we experience life's journey  
from birth to death.**

*Why do we gather in this place?*

**This is where we experience the Mystery we call God and learn the sacred story.**

*Tell us about this sacred story?*

**We are heirs of an ancient tradition manifested in hospitality, diversity, justice and compassion.**

**We claim the faithfulness of Ruth, the courage of Esther, the curiosity of Mary and the hospitality of Martha.**

**We claim the creativity of Solomon, the poetry of Isaiah, the tenacity of Peter and the perseverance of Paul.**

**We claim the moon as our sister; the sun as our brother; the Earth as our Mother.**

*What is our purpose?*

**We are a Circle of Friends from diverse places on a Quest to understand and to practice the wisdom and compassion of Jesus and all others who choose this path.**

*Will you seek to fulfill this purpose in sacred practice, friendship and service, using the gifts you have been given?*

**We will.**

*May the Spirit be with us all as we participate in this sacred journey together.*

(The congregation is invited to offer these friends the "right hand of fellowship" and then gather in a Circle to Share the Feast.)

### **God Breaks In, Barbara Holmes**

We are told that Jesus hung out with publicans, tax collectors, and sinners. Perhaps during these sessions of music, laughter, and food fellowship, there were also . . . moments when the love of God and mutual care and concern became the focus of their time together.

Contemplation is not confined to designated and institutional sacred spaces. God breaks into nightclubs and Billie Holiday's sultry torch songs; God tap dances with Bill Robinson and Savion Glover. And when Coltrane blew his horn, the angels paused to consider.

Some sacred spaces bear none of the expected characteristics. The fact that we prefer stained glass windows, pomp and circumstance . . . has nothing to do with the sacred. It may seem as if the mysteries of divine-human reunion erupt in our lives when, in fact, the otherness of spiritual abiding is integral to human interiority. On occasion, we turn our attention to this abiding presence and are startled. But it was always there.