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Week of June 24th, 2018

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

- Marjory & Murray Naismith, parents of Barb Baker & Marilyn Burnell.
- In loving memory of Sydney A. Gayner and Marshall S. Wood, parents of Gayner Wood and grandparents of Christine & Geoff.

This morning we welcome

Andrew Martin McLelland

into the community of God's people.



Sundae Sunday

Please join us after the 9:30 service for our annual summer kick-off! From 10:45 am until 1 pm we will be enjoying a bbq, strawberries and ice cream, fun fair games, balloons, and face painting on the front lawn. We'll provide sausages, burgers, ice cream and drinks; please bring a salad to share if you wish. This will be our first time on the newly fenced lawn, so we'll do a blessing of the fence too. Everyone is welcome. It's going to be great fun! Huge thanks to the team of volunteers and staff who have worked hard preparing this wonderful treat for us.

Have you considered a flower memorial to remember loved ones gone? If you'd like more information, Maryann Lennox would be happy to explain how the memorials are handled. If you would like your memorial to appear in the summer bulletin, we will need to receive it by tomorrow, June 25th. Call or email Maryann at 905.335.6946 or lennoxmaryann3@gmail.com

Art Hive is Back!

Art Hive is a community arts project that welcomes people of all ages to get creative together. The program runs Tuesdays 4 - 6pm and begins July 3. We would particularly welcome the donation of new or used art supplies - glue, pom poms, yarn, large plastic yogurt containers, coloured paper, glitter, and coloured tissue paper. Help us get creative this summer!

Fun in the Sun

It's that time of year again! We're getting lots of requests from low-income families who would like to send their children to Fun in the Sun this summer but aren't able to pay the registration fee. Can you help us by sponsoring a child or two for camp? The cost is \$50 for one child for the week of mornings. Camp is earlier this year (July 30 - Aug 3), so we need the help a little sooner! Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of our kids as we explore God's creation together.

Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge tomorrow, Monday, June 25th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. Please join us if you would like to play! This will be our last afternoon of bridge until September 17th.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, August 12th at 4 pm when we will welcome Jim Sandilands (bass) and other musical guests.

Canning Jars

This summer we will need canning jars (all sizes) for our Community Kitchen program. If you have some to donate, we would be pleased to receive them.

Scent Sensitivity

Please be considerate of those in our parish who suffer from severe allergies and refrain from using perfumes, aftershave lotion, or other scented toiletries.

Thursday Morning

Join us for worship on Thursday mornings at 11 am. You are welcome to stay for our Seniors lunch which follows at noon. Our 10:15 Bible Study will resume in the fall.

Food Bank

We would particularly appreciate donations of plastic grocery bags or excess reusable bags, canned meat or fish, rice, and cereal. Please place your donations in the blue bin beside the doors into the Narthex and if you have any questions, contact Rachel. Your support is very much appreciated!

Open Doors Summer News

We are moving to a summer schedule: The last regular Kids' and Tweens' Clubs will be June 26. Active Tots will run through July and take a break in August. Thursday Programs (Community/Seniors Lunch, Food Bank, Clothing Store) will be operating on July 12, 26, Aug 9, 23. New Summer Programs include Art Hive: Tuesdays 4 - 6 pm. All ages arts programming. Move it: Thursdays 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Recreation/ active living drop-in for kids entering grades 5-8. Journal Your Art Out!: 12:45 - 1:45 pm. Visual Journaling series. No artistic experience necessary. Led by Sarah Brodie, Art Therapist. Email Rachel for more information.

Open Doors Clothing Store

The summer weather has arrived and we are in need of seasonal clothing for the whole family. Donations can be dropped off at any time during church office hours or during Clothing Store hours, Tues from 4-6 pm, Thurs from 12:45 - 1:45 pm, or Sat morning from 10 am-12 pm.

Services this Week

Thursday, June 28th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 1st

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

The Bible Challenge

As you finish reading the book of Chronicles this week, you may feel like we have fast forwarded through a bit of history. After all, we have just explored the history of the kings of Israel in great detail. However, seventy years elapse between verse 20 and verse 21 of Chapter 36, with no word about what happened between. The book of Ezra, which we will begin this week, picks up exactly where Chronicles leaves off.

Those seventy years are crucial to understanding a lot of the Bible. They form what is known as "The Exile" – a time when Israel was captured by Babylon. It was a time of physical and spiritual devastation – not only were people killed and maimed, but the Babylonians also took all Israel's leaders captive. Those still in Israel had foreign rulers, and those in Babylon were separated from their land. There was a lot of suffering on all sides. In some ways, the books of Kings and Chronicles were written by the Jewish people to help explain why this happened (short answer: because the people were not faithful). Likewise, many of the books of the prophets (including much of Isaiah) were written to help people understand how they should behave during that exile. Ezra writes after the exile, to address the question of how to incorporate back into the community those who had been taken away to serve the Babylonians. He is writing from a definite perspective – that of the people who remained. Next week we will read Nehemiah, who writes from the perspective of those who were taken away. Ezra may be difficult to read for us, especially in light of current events. For those of you who are struggling, it may be helpful to know that other people have looked at this book and struggled to find God in it as well. You are not alone in wrestling with it.

This week's reading schedule:

Monday: II Chronicles 32-34; Psalm 131; I Corinthians 6

Tuesday: II Chronicles 35-36; Psalm 132; I Corinthians 7

Wednesday: Ezra 1-3; Psalm 133; I Corinthians 8

Thursday: Ezra 4-6; Psalm 134; I Corinthians 9

Friday: Ezra 7-9; Psalm 135; I Corinthians 10

Saturday: Ezra 10; Psalm 136; I Corinthians 11

Sunday: See you in Church!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Betty Ferguson	Brian Russell
John Wolak	Robin Brooks
Kayden George	Bob Goodwin
John Smith	Sandi Smith
Jennifer Turpin	Doug Froom
Stephen Leclerc	Byron McCormack
Carol Rice	Pam Calvert
Lisa Dermentjian	Mary Ann Foster
Jeff Sims	Brandon Brown
Saskia Cobb	Ron Wilk
June Archbell	Laurie Boyes
Barb Court	Amanda Dreschler
Cameron Honan	Joan McGavin
Kathy Sims	

Anniversaries this week

Allan & Marj Dibblee	(63)
Andy & Pam Elmhirst	(7)
Malcolm & Peggy Harris	(52)
Deborah & Art Portelli	(35)
Lynda Clark & Karen Joyce	(4)
Tom & Susanne Loker	(14)
Jack & Diane Armitage	(49)
John & Sue Wolak	(21)
Ray & Kathy Corder	(55)
Jim & Lynda Kealey	(50)
Cam & Sharon McCaw	(44)
Jim & Brenda Moriarty	(44)
Richard & Audrey Bowie	(56)
Ron & Flo Forbes	(63)
Celia & Peter Klukach	(48)

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 1 pm with the exception of Monday, July 2nd (Canada Day) and Monday, August 6th (Civic Holiday) beginning June 25th. Contact us by phone at 905.634.1809 or by email at staff@stcb.ca.

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	2:00pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social Group
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
Wednesday	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Thursday	10:00am	Active Tots
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
Friday	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Clothing Store & Food Bank