

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

July 12, 2020

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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Office Hours:

The office is currently closed.

Order of Online Worship for July 12, 2020

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. The link will be sent out by email and posted (with a password) on the Website.

Call to worship (Microphones on)

L: God's Word is a lamp to our feet;

P: and a light to our path.

L: God's Word is made visible in Christ;

P: in him we are rooted in truth.

L: God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;

P: and lived out in our faithful response.

L: Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.

P: We wait in anticipation to receive the Word of Life.

Prayers of approach and confession

Responsive 119:105-112 (Microphones on)

L: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

L: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

P: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

L: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

P: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

L: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

P: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Ongoing life of the church

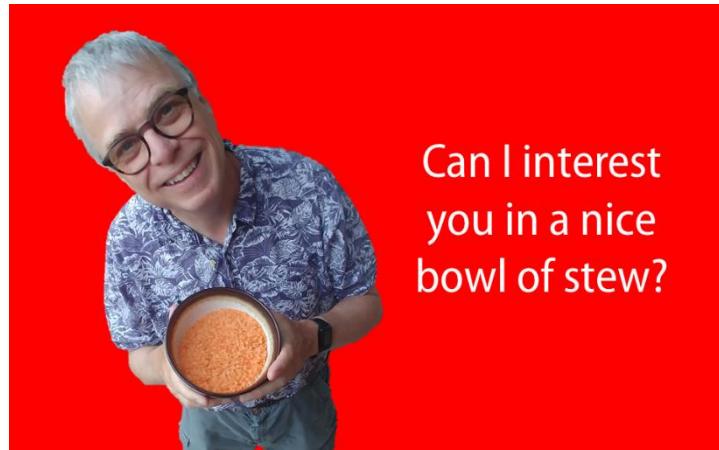
Genesis 25:19-34 (see below)



Celebration of Generosity

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Sermon: Rev. Scott will preach a live sermon over Zoom for those who wish to stay for it. The sermon will also have already been posted on YouTube for streaming whenever you like. The YouTube sermon may have better video and/or audio quality and will feature some graphic illustrations. It will otherwise be the same sermon. The sermon title is:



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Carol & David Johnston and family on the passing of Carol's mom, Margaret Drake, earlier in the week. Please keep Carol and her family in your prayers.

Financial Update:

The following represents our Year to Date (YTD) May 2020 General Fund performance as compared to the same period last year Last Year:

\$	YTD May 2020 Actual	YTD May 2019 Actual
Receipts	61,000	62,000
Expenses	93,000	105,000
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	(32,000)	(43,000)

Items of Note:

1. Thank you to all who contributed to our "*Giving Tuesday Now*" campaign! This campaign raised \$2,000 which is included in our YTD May 2020 Receipts.
2. Also included in YTD May 2020 Receipts is \$6,000 in government wage subsidies.
3. YTD May 2020 Expenses include a \$4,863.24 credit (refund cheque) received from the Waterloo Wellington Presbytery following a decision by Presbytery to refund Presbytery/Synod dues for 2020.

Thank you for your ongoing support to St. Andrews during this crisis. Please pray for our continued collective responsive to the needs of our General Fund.

Donald Paddock, Stewardship Chairperson

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 12

Sacred Spaces and Faith Formation

Camps and conference centres have been an important part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for many years, providing vital ministry outreach to all ages. For adults, conference centres create “sacred spaces” for retreat, leadership development, education, missionary training, vocational discernment and so much more. For children and youth, a summer camp experience can help them to grow spiritually, socially and physically in a fun-filled and safe place of adventure and challenge. Camps play an important role in faith formation for children who would not otherwise have an opportunity to learn about Christ’s love. Please pray for PCC camps and conference centres so that they may continue to provide vital, life-giving outreach for many years to come.

Presbyterians Sharing provides resources for camps.



Prayer Partnership

Monday, July 13 We thank God who made the world, and all life, with incredible beauty and diversity. We pray for the wisdom and strength to honour these gifts and protect the world’s biodiversity.

Tuesday, July 14 We give thanks for the pastoral ministry that our Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Amanda Currie, is offering to our church. Remember her in prayer as she continues to serve in this office over the coming year.

Wednesday, July 15 We pray for Major Kenneth MacRae, who serves as a regular force military chaplain in Edmonton, Alta., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Thursday, July 16 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton.

Friday, July 17 During the summer heat, we pray for our fragile environment and consider using air conditioning sparingly.

Saturday, July 18 We give thanks for the creative ways that children’s ministry leaders are engaging with families this summer.

Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to

me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal

bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world

and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."