

Next Week's Sermon:



The Three W's of a Successful Church!

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Circle	1:00 pm
Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00 am—11:30 am
Tuesday: Bible Readings Recording session	9:45 am
Tuesday: Women's Circle	1:30 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	noon—2:00 pm

It's time to record some more bible readings! On Tuesday morning, starting at 9:45 am, we will record more readings. We can hopefully record enough bible readings to take us to the end of June and perhaps the beginning of September. We always have a lot of fun doing these recordings. If you have never joined one of these sessions we encourage you to do so. Even just come to find out what happens and how the recordings are made. Bible readings will be printed and ready for you to read. If you have any questions, please speak with Joni. jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca



Mission Moment: May 10

Laxmi Bhandari is a 31-year-old mother of two from Nepal who once lived in social isolation. She didn't attend group activities because she was too shy. Then she was invited to take part in a project that aims to help women and other excluded groups live dignified lives through social and economic empowerment. Laxmi's leadership qualities were quickly recognized, and she was selected as the chair of her Village Women's Group. She now confidently facilitates monthly meetings, encouraging other women to participate. After learning about poultry and goat farming, Laxmi had the confidence to begin pursuing a livelihood in animal husbandry. Today, her rearing of goats, chickens and buffalo is creating a more sustainable income for her family. PWS&D's support of the International Nepal Fellowship helped to make this happen.



Pentecost Party—Sunday, May 24, 2026



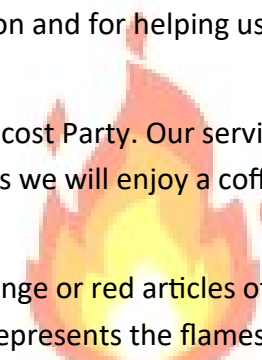
Why are we having a Pentecost Party this year? Back in the fall the Sunday School story was "How the Church Tells Time." One of the three most important times in this "clock" is Pentecost. The Sunday School children wanted to know why we didn't celebrate Pentecost like we do Christmas and Easter. So at the end of the service, the children brought this clock into the sanctuary and asked Scott to explain why we didn't celebrate it. The answer was that we really should be celebrating Pentecost. We thank our children for asking this important question and for helping us to start a new celebration in our church.

Please join us on Sunday, May 24 for a Pentecost Party. Our service will help us learn about Pentecost and afterwards we will enjoy a coffee/tea fellowship together.

In the spirit of Pentecost, if you have any orange or red articles of clothing please wear them to church. Red & orange represents the flames of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church May 10, 2026 Christian Family Sunday



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Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Amazing Grace by Don Hustad

Welcome

Call to worship

L: Let us see you this day, O God;

P: Come to us as light.

L: Let us hear you this day, O God;

P: Come to us as truth.

L: Let us sense your presence, O God;

P: Come to us as love.

L: Come and let us worship, God.

P: We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.

Hymn #434 For the beauty of the earth

Opening Prayer

L: God of life, we praise you this day for the gift of your creation as new life rises around us in flower beds and farmers' fields, in the nests and burrows of your creatures. We praise you for the gift of our lives, and for all those people—from our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to our teachers and coaches and good friends—who have encouraged us along the way. In this time of worship, encourage us in the present moments of our lives, challenging as they may seem. Refresh us with the new life you promise us in Christ Jesus in whose name we praise you as the Spirit prays within us.

Amen.

Laying Down Our Burdens

Be Still my Soul Sung by Jane Bennett

Responsive Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

L: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

P: do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

L: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

P: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

P: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

L: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

P: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

L: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

P: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 Read by Donald Paddock

New Testament: Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hymn #307 God of the sparrow

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: "St. Peter" by Healey Willan

Sermon: To An Unknown God

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer
(... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...)

Hymn #310 Bring many names

Benediction

Choral Response #726 May the God of hope go with us every day

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.

working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude: Martial Air by H. Purcell

A VERY BIG thank you to everyone who baked, bought and ate the goodies from last week's bake sale. Also many thanks to Bill & Margret Hunter for sharing their treasures from various trips to Malawi and to those who purchased some of the hand carved items.

Together we raised **\$508.25** for work in Malawi through PWS&D.



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We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Angie Gibson
Greeter:	Elaine McLean
Beadle:	Sylvia Brooks
Sunday School leader:	Lori Marsh
Tech Team:	Jacob Marsh

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington Presents:



Join us for a free workshop with Dr. Beth Anne Fisher, who recently completed their PhD in Theological Studies at Emmanuel College (Toronto School of Theology) and is also a candidate for ordination within our presbytery. Beth Anne will draw on both her academic work and ministry experience to facilitate a reflective and interactive workshop about our beliefs about power and our practices of leadership.

Tuesday, May 12 from 7-8 pm
At Gale Presbyterian Church,
10 Barnswallow Dr, Elmira ON N3B 0A8

Following the workshop there will be a time of fellowship before the Presbytery moves into its regular meeting.

Some important upcoming events

May 24: Pentecost Party

Jun 7: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

July 5: Summer Worship Experience begins

Sep 6: Regular worship begins again at St. Andrew's

Oct 4: World Day of Communion

Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction