

## 2026 Hespeler Reunion

We have been busy exploring and planning ways that St. Andrew's might participate in this summer's Great Hespeler Reunion. The Reunion will take place July 10 -12.

We have been invited to participate in a few ways, but before we are able to commit we need to have a couple of small teams ready and willing to take on a couple of tasks & projects!

### How can you help?

- We have been invited to participate in the parade, Saturday, July 11, starting at 10:00 am. We will need a small team to:
  - coordinate, create and decorate a float (think trailer, pulled by a pick up truck)
  - a driver, with a truck, would be awesome, too!
  - dismantle the float at the end of the parade
- We may need 2 or 3 people to give guests tours of our beautiful sanctuary (talking points will be provided if you are not a historian!). Time/day to be confirmed.



**Please talk with Joni if you have questions or would like to join one of the above teams.**

We are also happy to be a workshop venue on Saturday, July 11 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. The workshops that will be offered are:

- candle making workshop that will be personalized especially for this Hespeler event from Strawberries & Sunshine
- a Hespeler sign making kit/craft time with instructors

*Registration details for workshops will be available at a later date.*

### This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00 am—11:30 am
Tuesday: Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: CNT (dinner)	5:00 pm

## Mission Moment: May 3

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Presbytery of Assiniboia's Messy Church meets eight times a year across three congregations: First (Regina), Trinity (Grenfell), and Knox (Weyburn). Coordinated by the synod's Youth Coordinator, the Rev. Devon Pattemore, each session



features crafts, a themed story, worship, and a shared meal. Designed to engage families unable to attend Sunday worship, it has revitalized struggling congregations, built confidence, and drawn both church members and local families. In some locations, attendance now surpasses traditional services. Messy Church offers flexible, informal faith formation, strengthens community connections, and provides a creative, welcoming space for intergenerational ministry.

The **Women in the Bible** will continue this Wednesday at 10 am in the Foyer. We will be looking at the stories of the sometimes-troubled marriages of Moses in the Bible, as well as his relationship with his sister.



The wives and family of Moses

**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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# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter



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 Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

**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: I Hear Thy Welcome Voice by Lani Smith

Welcome

Call to worship

L: God is our Rock and our Fortress.

**P: In God, we find refuge and strength.**

L: God's house has many dwelling places.

**P: We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

L: Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.

**P: For us, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.**

L: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Hymn #565 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (to tune of #96)

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath,  
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast,  
such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

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#### Opening Prayer

L: Steadfast God, you are our refuge in times of trouble our shelter when we are afraid, and our dwelling place forever. In you alone we place our trust for you set the way before in Christ Jesus and your Spirit gives us courage to follow him. And so, we offer you our worship and love as the Source of life for the world, as the Son who preached the truth of grace and mercy, and the Spirit who guides us this day and always. **Amen.**

#### Laying Down Our Burdens

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 14:1-14 Read by Joni Smith

Hymn #373 Jesus loves me, this I know

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so,  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

2. Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. *Refrain*

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#### Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Andante in G by E. Batiste

Sermon: And You Know the Way

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

Hymn #375 Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,  
Jesus, of God and Mary the Son:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
O thou my soul's delight and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes the saddest heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
fair is the shimmering, starry sky:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines clearer  
than all the heavenly host on high.

4. All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

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#### 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: Trumpet Gavotte by Henry Purcell

#### Next Week's Sermon:



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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Sylvia Brooks
Greeter:	Angie Gibson
Beadle:	Joanne Waugh
Sunday School leader:	Dean Davidson & Angie Gibson
Tech Team:	Jacob Marsh, Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

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