

St. Andrew’s Fall Workshops

are just around the corner!

Don’t wait to register, the workshops are filling up quickly!

ST ANDREW’S FALL WORKSHOPS



**SUNRISE BIRCH
WORKSHOP**

MONDAY SEPT 14: 1-4
SAT SEPT 19: 9:12 or 1-4

- no experience necessary
- all materials provided
- you will go home with a lovely matted 8x10 painting

• **COST: \$35 +hst**

For more info and to register, visit:
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CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOPS



Please join me for this new workshop as part of the St Andrew’s Fall Workshops

To be held at St Andrew’s Hespeler Presbyterian Church Room 206 (Small class size)
Cost \$35+hst
All materials provided
No experience necessary

We will be making 5-6 small Christmas cards (4x6) inc. envelopes.

Your choice of date/time:
Wed Oct 21: 1:00-4:00
Sat Oct 24: 9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00
Mon Oct 26: 1:00-4:00
Sat Oct 31: 9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00

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Mission Moment: Sunday, September 13

Although today’s global food production is sufficient to feed everyone on the planet, hunger continues to rise in too many parts of the world. If current trends continue, around 512 million people may still be chronically undernourished in 2030. This September, join PWS&D’s annual Journey for Hope—a fundraiser where PWS&D’s supporters gear up and walk, run, ride or do another activity they love to raise money for vital food security work around the world. Your participation in and support for Journey for Hope enables PWS&D to actively respond to hunger through food security projects in places like Haiti, Guatemala and Malawi. Funds also help provide emergency food assistance in extremely vulnerable countries, including Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Thank you for participating and making a difference!



This Week at St. Andrew’s Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	noon—2:00 pm
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Some important upcoming events

- Sep 14: St. Andrew’s Fall workshops begin—registration needed
- Sep 27: Fire Drill Sunday —boy it’s hot in here!
- Oct 4: World Day of Communion
- Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Steve Marsh
Greeters:	Lynn Platt
Beadle:	Vern Platt
Sunday School:	Alexis Smith
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh

Sunday,
September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost



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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: Minuet by Handel
- Welcome
- Call to Worship
- L: Praise the God of life.
- P: Let us praise God together.**
- L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love;
- P: as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.**
- L: So let us rejoice in God’s gracious presence.
- P: Let us praise the God of mercy together.**
- Hymn: #717 We cannot own the sunlit sky
1. We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing, for we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing.
- With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation, that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

2. When bodies shiver in the night, and, weary wait for morning.
when children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their
warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbour.

3. God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future
free from want or fear, life’s goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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Opening Prayer

L: God of might and mercy, the heavens and the earth are full of your
glory. Your love transforms our lives. You enter our confusion and
give insight. You bear our grief and bring healing. You see our
fatigue and renew strength. You sense our fear and spark courage.
You know death and raise up new life. So, we come before you in
worship, handing over to you all that weighs us down. Renew us in
this time of worship, we pray, so that we may serve you with joy in
Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Laying Down Burdens

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved
and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of
them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of
Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the
darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all
night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove
the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry
land, and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea
on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and
on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after
them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the
morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down
on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He
clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The
Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting
for them against Egypt.”

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the
sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their
chariots and chariot drivers.” ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over
the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the
Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the
sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot
drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the
sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry
ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their
right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel
saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that
the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and
believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 15:1-11

L: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

**P: “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and
rider he has thrown into the sea.**

L: The LORD is my strength and my might,

P: and he has become my salvation;

L: this is my God, and I will praise him;

P: my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

L: The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

**P: Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his elite officers
were sunk in the Red Sea.**

L: The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

**P: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—your right hand, O LORD,
shattered the enemy.**

L: In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;

P: you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.

L: At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in
a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

**P: The enemy said, ‘I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil;
my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand
shall destroy them.’**

L: You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in
the mighty waters.

**P: Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic
in holiness, awesome in splendour, doing wonders?**

Matthew 18:21-35 Read by Jane Bennett

Hymn: #708 When Israel was in Egypt’s land

1. When Israel was in Egypt’s land, let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

*Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land;
tell old Pharaoh: let my people go.*

2. The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go,
to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go. *Refrain*

3. As Israel stood by the waterside, let my people go,
at God’s command it did divide, let my people go. *Refrain*

4. When they had reached the other shore, let my people go,
they let the song of triumph soar, let my people go. *Refrain*

5. Lord, help us all from bondage flee, let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: “Rockingham” by H. Willan

Sermon: Clogging the Wheels of Empire

Prayers of the People

... forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors...

Hymn #722 Lord, whose love

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human
need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness draws upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we
give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

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Benediction

Choral Response #777 Send me, Lord / Thuma Mina

Leader: Send me, Lord.

All 1. Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Leader: Lead me, Lord.

All 2. Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Leader: Fill me, Lord.

All 3. Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

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Postlude: March by Mozart

