

Spring / Summer 2018 - Share the
Good News of God's Love!

GOOD NEWS FROM Zion



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Summer Hours

Join Us for 10:00 Worship

During June, July and August, we will
be gathering for worship at Zion at
10 am every Sunday!

Miss a service? You can watch us on
YouTube! Go to our www.zionpres.org
website for the Service Videos link!

Calvin Presbyterian Church in Mermaid is
also open for worship throughout the
summer; worship begins at 8:30 a.m.

Anniversary and Communion Sunday, May 27, 2018

Be sure to join us for the 171st Anniversary of the
founding of Zion Presbyterian Church! Our
celebration will be greatly enriched as we share
Communion together.

GOSPEL, GRACE AND GLORY Sunday, May 27th—7:00 p.m.



A great evening of inspirational music presented
by the choirs of Zion (Sanctuary, Marcato, Legato
and Cantabile), solos, duets, and ensembles.

Be sure to reserve this date for this inspirational
night of praise and fellowship! And bring some
friends too! Brownies and ice cream will follow
the performance. We would love to see the church
filled!



Camp Keir has been filling the summer
with fun - and changing young lives along
the way - for generations. Make sure your
children or grandchildren don't miss the
opportunity to make new friends, have
great adventures, and experience God's
love at Camp Keir! More information and
registration at: campkeir.ca

Week 1 - Ages 9-11 - July 8 to 13

Week 2 - Ages 12-14 - July 15 to 20

Week 3 - Ages 6-8 - July 22 to 25

Week 4 - Ages 10-12 - July 29 to Aug. 3

Week 5 - Ages 14-17 - Aug. 5 to 10

Week 6 - Ages 7-9 - Aug 12-16

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Rev. Andrew Hutchinson

It has been a great Fall, Winter and Spring at Zion! We have been continued to be blessed by the ministry of the Rev. Andrew Hutchinson. Andrew came on staff in 2016 as Moderatorial Supply, during my time as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He proved so helpful to us that Session asked him to stay on in the capacity of Ministerial Associate! One of Andrew's primary responsibilities, in addition to preaching once a month, has been to organise an Alpha Program, which was a big success - see the write-up in this newsletter!

Glynis Faith

We were also blessed by the participation of Glynis Faith. Glynis was our Knox College Field Placement Student for 2017/18. She quickly became part of our church family, and her strong gifts of ministry were appreciated by all. Glynis will continue with us in 2017/2018 as our Christian Education Coordinator, as well as taking on some of our Senior Home visitation and services. She will also be providing pastoral care and supply this summer, at both Zion and Calvin, Mermaid.

The Reformation and the Gospel Challenge

Our Fall Sermon Series and Wednesday Evening Bible Studies centred around the story of the Reformation and the formation of the Protestant Church, which celebrated its 500th Anniversary in 2017. And in January, we began our series and study on the Gospel of Matthew, along with a challenge to read the Gospels together - one chapter a day! Many people have told me how they followed through on this challenge, and found themselves blessed. Many others told me they finished, and are starting all over again! Still others confessed that they started, and then fell away from the practice. Well, it is never too late to begin again! Start on a chapter a day, and by summer's end, you'll have all four Gospels read - and the words and deeds of Jesus fresh in your mind and heart.

Summer Reading

For those who are looking for what's next, I can heartily recommend the Book of Acts, which follows the Gospels in our New Testament, and details just what happened after Jesus ascended to heaven. You'll hear all about Peter and Paul, Lydia and Tabitha, and the amazing things that happened in the early church - your church!

Coming This Fall

This fall, we will be focussing back on Alpha. There will be a new Alpha session, a sermon series which follows the Alpha topics, and a Wednesday study series which enters into even greater depth. By the time the snow flies (shudder!) you will be firmly grounded in your faith, and ready to share the Good News with all our world!

There's lots going on and lots coming up at Zion in 2018. Let's share the excitement together!

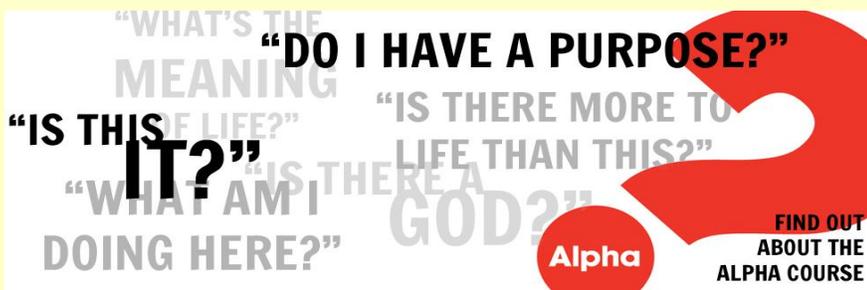
Rev. Douglas Rollwage

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS FROM 10:00-11:00AM THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Join us for our Sunday School Celebration on June 3, and remember, we will still have a Children's Church program every Sunday in July and August!

Zion is Kid Friendly, all summer long!



Alpha Ahead!

Rev. Andrew Hutchinson

Doesn't it swell the soul to finally experience **spring on PEI**? It brings the promise of an upcoming visit from summer for a few weeks before the Fall season is ushered in. We wait longingly for summer to begin, only to get caught off-guard by its all too limited time with us. I mention Fall even before spring has properly unfolded, to remind us all that if the **Fall season of Alpha** is to get underway in a timely fashion, we need to start our preparations now. There is nothing like being prepared.

Last winter's Alpha program turned out to be very well received. From the evaluations submitted by the 35 or so participants, it was a meaningful, and in some cases, a **life-changing experience**. The most checked answer to the question "In what ways did you benefit from being a part of Alpha?" was, "Strengthened my faith". Other responses included "Feel more at peace", "Made new friends", and "Feel more loved". Encouraged by those responses, we will offer another **Alpha program beginning in September** that will run through the Fall ending before the Christmas season begins to grab our full attention.

If you have been hearing about Alpha and would like to be **part of the leadership team**, get in touch with me at revandrew@zionpres.org. We have training sessions to orient you to how Alpha works, and there are a wide variety of ways **you can participate**. We have opportunities for people to help in the kitchen each week, to be on the prayer team, to publicize Alpha, and to be **hosts and helpers** in the small groups. If you like to help, we have a place for you.

In the worship service on June 10th we will be re-introducing you to how the Alpha program works and let you hear from some of those who attended last winter. We want to **highlight the value of Alpha** and its goal to engage people in exploring significant life-questions from a Christian perspective, all in a **welcoming atmosphere of encouragement**. This service will also be an opportunity to get a taste of the videos that are such an important part of Alpha. If you want to get a taste of the meals that are so lovingly and expertly prepared each week, however, you will have to actually come to Alpha in the Fall!

Everyone is welcome at Alpha. You don't have to attend church at Zion, or anywhere, for that matter. All you need is a curiosity about what Christians believe and what that could mean for your own life. In a small group, you will get the opportunity to listen to what others think about what is being presented, and to **participate in the discussion** if you feel like it. One common comment from Alpha participants was, "I am so glad for Alpha, because there are so very few places like this where we get the opportunity to talk together about these kinds of things."

We are committed to providing an **encouraging and non-threatening space** for people to explore why the Christian faith is such an important part of so many peoples' lives. And, even if you are not that interested in what Christians believe, **come for the great meals** and the stimulating conversation. **And bring a friend!**

Getting to Know Glynis

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people at Zion for allowing me to complete my Theological Field Education with you throughout this past academic year. I have been blessed to have the chance to work with a great ministry team, and to learn amongst a terrific worshipping community. Thank you for your encouragement, patience, guidance, and inspiration.

One goal of TFE is for students to apply the theories of classroom learning with the practical tasks of ministry, and to do so while under the supervision of a minister and a church committee. Zion is blessed with the complementary gifts of two ministers: Reverend Doug and Reverend Andrew. Rev. Doug's structured and teaching ministry style, paired with Rev. Andrew's reflective style, afforded me a well-rounded leaning experience. From them I also learned the value of the entire ministry team, including the Session, the staff and the many volunteers that share their time and talents week in and week out.

The truth be known, we are all in ministry together. Some people have specific visible roles, yet each member and adherent at Zion plays an important role in the worship and ministry of Christ's church. May God bless each of you as you come together as a church to praise God and continue Christ's ministry in the world.

I am delighted to be continuing to study and work at Zion in the coming year. I have three courses to complete next year. While I complete my studies, I will be working part-time at Zion in the Christian Education department. Debra-Lynn Trainor and Tonya Gray have been filling in this position during the past few years. They have done a remarkable job, and with the help of Silvia Beaton and several volunteers, the children at Zion are learning and growing in their faith. How well they have been cared for and taught is evidenced by the children's prompt answers and comments during Children's Time. I pray that I can contribute to this ministry as faithfully and effectively as Debra-Lynn and Tonya have, as I believe our children deserve the very best, especially when it comes to 'knowing God, and making God known.'

Again, thank you all for your encouragement and support this past year. May God's love fill your hearts, Christ's peace be your strength, and may the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be your guide as you grow in your faith and share in the blessing of ministry together.

Your sister-in-Christ, Glynis Faith

Zion is now on Facebook!

"Like Us" on Facebook - It's a great way to stay up to date on what's happening at Zion and provides an easy way to 'Share' Zion activities with friends and family.

- ***Inspirational Bible verses***
- ***Informative Christian resources (e.g. videos, articles, recommended books)***
 - ***Updates on upcoming events, programs and initiatives***
 - ***Notification of special services you can use to invite family and friends***
 - ***Information on other Christian events taking place in the community***

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