

## SUCCEEDING AT LIFE

It's said there are three ways to get to the top of a tree: climb it, sit on an acorn or make friends with a big bird. But without too much imagination I can think of a couple of other ways – like one that involves a parachute and a poor landing.

However, the point is still well taken: getting to the top of that organization or reaching a new height requires effort. And it is taken for granted that reaching the top is exactly what everyone wants to do. After all, isn't that what "success" is all about? More power? More money? Reaching the top?

But what about success at living – trying to get it right this go around?

Success at this thing we call living has always been important to me. And climbing to the top of a tree has never been a good metaphor for it. I like to think more about the word "priorities." Getting some basic priorities in order is key. And I know that if one's life can be organized around solid priorities, then a full and worthwhile life will be the result.

It is always risky to use sports illustrations; they just don't speak to everyone. But let me forge ahead with an oft-quoted statement by American football coaching legend Vince Lombardi. He is remembered for saying, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." And Lombardi's dream was certainly to coach winning teams, but it's a mistake to think that climbing to the top of football's ladder of success was his greatest goal. He believed it was more important to succeed at life than at his career or anything else.

Actually, winning football games was not "the only thing" to Lombardi. He once actually listed his life priorities in this order: God, his family and his career.

He knew what was important. And he knew that keeping his priorities straight could bring him joy, peace and, ultimately, success at life. Which is probably the only thing that truly



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY STRAWBERRY SUPPER

Thursday, June 24, 2010  
ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Corner of Main & Mulkins, Stittsville

Come and enjoy a delicious  
"all you can eat" buffet with turkey, ham  
and assorted salads followed of course by  
fresh local strawberries & ice cream.

Sittings at 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm & 7 pm  
(Takeout also available)

Ticket prices

Adults – \$15

Children 6-12 – \$6

Children 5 & under – Free

Get your tickets early - they go fast

613-831-1256

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## **Combined Worship Service and Picnic**

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
2 Mulkins Street  
Sunday June 27 - 10:00 am

A time of fellowship between Stittsville  
United and St. Andrew's Presbyterian  
churches.



Dress casually and bring:  
A lawn chair  
A hat  
Sunscreen  
Munchies

St Andrew's will provide hotdogs, hamburgers,  
munchies, and beverages. Stittsville United will pro-  
vide salads and dessert.

In case of rain, the worship service and picnic will be  
held inside the church.

All Welcome!

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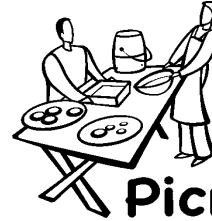
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BANK still need to be  
filled.



*Food Shelf*

COFFEE  
TEA  
HOT CHOCOLATE

## Sunday School/Congregational Picnic



**Picnic**

to be held this afternoon following the service.

We have all been invited to the McKeown's home at 119 Lanigan Cres. Stittsville. There is a lovely pool so bring along your swim suit.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served, but please bring along something to share, ie. salad, chips, veggie platter, cookies etc. Also if you have a lawn chair bring it along. This should be lots of fun, with games and treats and even a pinata. We hope you all will come. (If it rains we will host the picnic in the church.)

If you have any questions please see Kim Allard

Most jobs are best done by committees of one.

### Sharing in Ministry...

	<b>This Morning</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Duty Elder:</b>	Gwen Gaebel	Jamie MacKay
<b>Duty Manager</b>	Jamie & Frits	Jamie & Frits
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ray & Maggie	Anita & Harold
<b>Readers:</b>	Gwen /Mary Ella	Donna & Sarah
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Sylvia & Harold	Heather & Jenna
<b>Sound Board</b>	Clint	Matt & Steve

### ***Upcoming at St. Andrew's . . .***

- **June 20** – Father's Day Picnic at the McKeowns
- **June 21** – Discussion Group at the Snyders
- **June 24** – Annual Strawberry Supper
- **June 27** – Joint Outdoor Service w/ Stittsville United

Associated Church Press

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**Discussion Group**

Monday June 21 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
at the home of Don and Marilyn Snyder

Article by Karen Armstrong (theologian) and Richard Dawkins (atheist) on the topic “Where does evolution leave God?” Newcomers welcome! Copies of the article are available at the back of the church or electronically on our website at [www.standrews-stittsville.ca](http://www.standrews-stittsville.ca) in the “Groups” section.