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with Cornelius and then spoke to the crowd that day telling them that God did not discriminate between Jew and Gentile. He said, *“but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him (Acts 10:35).*

Jesus didn't construct a church building but He promised to build a great gathering place for Christians. Jesus will also be there and everyone will have a room of their own, a quiet place. He said so in the gospel of John.

*“In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14: 1).*



Heaven is our Eschatological hope.

## A Message Regarding the World Day of Prayer service.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome YOU to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

### All God's Creation is Very Good!

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World Day of Prayer Committee of  
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Genesis 1:1-31

**THE SERVICE WILL BE HERE AT  
ST. ANDREW'S  
FRIDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> 2018**

A heri grontapu di Gado meki bun doro, dóro!

In the beginning God created order out of chaos. Everything He created found it had a special place in creation. Everything related to each other – the earth to the light, the waters to the sky, the tree seeds to the living creatures, and man to God. Nothing was created or could exist alone. The source of all was God.

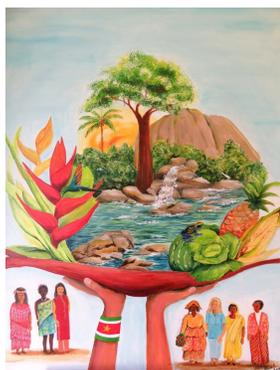
This integrated system proved to be good because everything existed to benefit every other thing. Enter man and greed, and over the years man finally cracks the system. The result is the chaos in the world as we now know it today. We don't know how to fix what we've broken!

Women from Suriname speak out reminding us that we are caretakers of God's creation! They bring our attention to the urgent need for caring, at a time

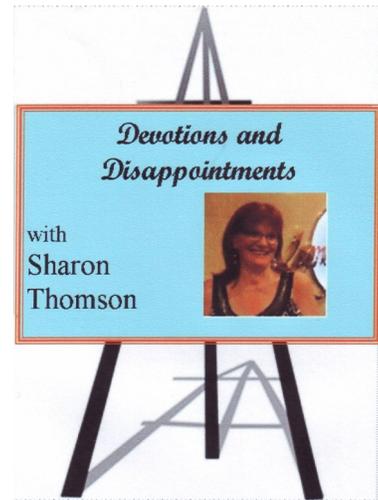
when more than 180 countries have signed the Paris Agreement on Climate Change; a commitment to keep the earth cooler that depends on governmental public policies be geared to mending our earth while still allowing humankind to thrive and advance.

The World Day of Prayer service affirms “prayer is rooted in listening to God and to one another.” The worship service, tells the stories of the multicultural and multi-ethnic people of Suriname. They take us to their communities and show us their concerns and why their concerns should be our concerns too. History is before our eyes! We will see remarkable flora and fauna and how the people of Suriname are trying to weave everyday life into prayers.

How good is God’s creation now? That is the question that is the core of the service and we are asked to meditate on and respond to with a personal commitment to care for creation. It is also an opportunity for the World Day of Prayer motto “Informed prayer and prayerful action” to be affirmed in the community. What is it that we, as members of St. Andrew’s and attendees at the World Day of Prayer service, can do to keep God’s creation good?



## In case you MISSED IT



On April 29<sup>th</sup> Diane Stewart and members of the Mission Committee, brought guest speaker Sharon Thomson to the church to speak on Devotions and Disappointments. Sharon’s presentation was based on Joanna Weaver’s book Living a Mary’s Life in a Martha’s World. (A copy of the book is in our church library.)

For all of us men and women alike this is an important topic in scripture. Most biblical stories were written to tell the stories of men - action and intrigue, but this story of Mary and Martha tackles the difficult problem of living in the world while trying to keep the focus on Christ. Although told from a woman’s point of view, this story shouts out to both men and women at a time when folks turn their thoughts from the church and focus on the pleasures of summer.

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The list for not attending Sunday worship is long and justifiable to those who choose not to attend.

- The activities of most churches cease to function.
- It's difficult to find a place of worship when you're away on vacation.
- Tours often are in progress over the usual worship times.
- We often lose track of time over morning coffee on the dock or walks in the garden.

These are just a few and if we give it a little thought, we can make that list never ending.

Christ didn't chastise Martha for choosing worldly events over Him. He just reminded her and us that Mary had chosen the better way. As we enter this summer season of relaxation, vacations, time away, and just pure summer enjoyment stop and think, we owe all these wonderful moments to our gracious God. Will you take time to worship Him over the summer months? Never forget as we enter summer, God gives us the opportunity to choose how to spend our worship time. Church in the summer, yes or no. It's a choice each of us is called on to make. Will you choose like Martha and let the world dictate your actions or will you choose like Mary and make the better choice?



The tables are set with pastries in tea cups. While tea pots were on the tables at the ready



The dessert table caused many to stop and decide. What a hard decisions



The guests we seated and ready for an exciting and informative afternoon.





The folk singers were set up and ready to sing and have a sing-a-long which added much excitement to the afternoon



CONGRATULATIONS  
SHARON  
For a job well done. We will remember  
your message for some time.

*The Rev. Dr.  
Andrew  
Human*

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in Ministry