



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## ST. ANDREWS HISTORY

The design of the building is 14th century Gothic, square in shape, with a gabled roof and a 95-foot tower at the north-east corner. The church was built at a cost of about \$72,000.00 and was designed by architects J.C. Stinson and W. Hood. M.H. Braden was the contractor.



## MONTH OF MARCH 2020

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be suspending all church programs and closing the office until further notice. If you have any questions or concerns you can still contact the church by email.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.

*Matthew 6:21*

## PRAYER INVITATION



As Christians, we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with this, we simply move through the church membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers: Sandra & Tony DePerry; Fred & Sandra Dewsberry; Don & Penny Donovan; Rhoda Douglas; Eileen Duguid; Ruth Dundas; Janis Dykes; John Dykes; Susan & Bill Dynes; Keith & Heather, Keira, Sydney Edgson; Margaret Elliot; Larry & Kelli Eyres; Anne Farrington, Chris, David, Eric, Graham Robertshaw; Michael & Kyla, Julia, Kaelyn, Alexandra Fenton

## A PCC MISSION MOMENT

### Saturday helpers

In Toronto's downtown inner city, as many as 150 people enter the doors of Evangel Hall Mission every day for meals, showers, toiletries and clothing. The desire to help people in need draws hundreds of volunteers from the Presbyterian Church community every year. A new program called Saturday Helpers will provide volunteer opportunities that are accessible to families with young children, seniors and people with mobility issues. It allows for small groups to come onsite and support ministry work outside the busyness of the Drop-In Centre. Activities include preparing sandwiches and meal items, assembling toiletry kits, knitting and crocheting cold weather items, and making special-occasion crafts. Please pray that this ministry will bless everyone who enters Evangel Hall's doors—both those in need and those with a heart to serve.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports inner-city missions*

## From Joyce



What does one write when the congregation they have been called to lead and shepherd no longer meets weekly, when all activity in the church building has ceased? What do you do when the things that have been important to the life and work of the church are no longer? How do you care for people when you cannot be physically present with them? My mind has been filled with these questions. I have been reminded over and over again, that the church is not the building, the church is the people. The church is closed but we are still the people of God. Part of my answer to these questions is to understand this time as sabbath rest. I am taking my cue from creation. You may have heard and seen stories of dolphins playing in the canals of Italy, people crying in certain cities because for the first time ever they are seeing blue sky as the pollution is cleared. It is as if people

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**Sunday Worship - Cancelled**

have stopped consuming, creation has been healing. We are giving our planet a rest. Maybe God's directive for Sabbath rest in Genesis was the wisdom we have needed all along. I pray that as you spend days in quiet you take time for Sabbath rest for your own body, mind, and spirit. Get the spring cleaning done if you choose, but also take time to connect with God, to witness nature healing, and reach out with a phone call to those you love. You may even choose to call people from the congregation who just might enjoy hearing another voice and having a conversation with somebody besides themselves or the few other people in their household. Connect with me if you are looking for a phone number. This is a time to care for creation, ourselves, and others. Embrace the peace, allow there to be moments when the radio, tv, computer, or whatever is turned off and tune into the Spirit always and still at work in the world. Peace be with you.