



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



From Joyce

When you think of moms what comes to your mind? My first thought of course goes to my own mom. She was a kind and determined woman. Someone ahead of her time. She owned businesses in a time when women had to fight hard to get a loan that wasn't co-signed by a man. She also did not appreciate it when someone referred to her as Mrs. John van Polen by mail or in an introduction. She had her own first name thank you very much. Though I am talking about my mom, I have come to realize that my father was extraordinary for his generation in that he was just fine with a very independent woman as his wife. He trusted her completely. There was never "wait until your dad gets home" talk. My mom dealt with whatever was in front of her. She was a good mom and a wonderful example of a woman in leadership, in business, and in faith. Don't get me wrong she had her moments, and there are things that I do differently than she did, in part because I didn't think she got it all right. I also know that my kids are doing things differently than I for the same reason. Regardless her love for her children never wavered and she would defend us against any attack.

It is my hope that most people grew up with a mom who loved them dearly, but I know that on a day like Mother's Day many emotions can well up for people. Some did/do not have a loving relationship with a mother. In some cases, even if there is love, there is still many challenges in the relationship. Some women did not get to fulfill their dream of becoming a mother, others had no need to ever be a mom. There are moms trying to keep their sanity while children are at home during the pandemic. For too many moms there is grief over the loss of children through death or broken relationships and so Mother's Day brings the pain of that loss sharply into focus. For others of us, we grieve that our mothers are gone and it seems, regardless of how long it has been or what age we are, we miss having them around to just call up when things are tough or we have amazing news to share. Regardless of your particular situation and experiences I wish all a blessed Mother's Day. You are loved and may you know the love of God embracing you like the hug of a caring mom whose love never waivers.

MONTH OF MAY 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.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

e-transfer: offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

Website: You can donate by credit card using the "Donate Now" link on the website.

Preauthorized Remittance: This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account that can be set up with the bookkeeper. Email Barb at accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net to have a form sent to you.

Mail: You can mail in a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 S. Brodie St. Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5X8. Or just drop it off in the mailbox at the church.

Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Dear Lord:

We know you love us and we trust in you to help us in these trying times. As you guided so many through past trials, we have faith that you will guide us to find the opportunities in this crisis. On this day when we celebrate family, we are thankful for every little chance we have to connect with family, friends and the world. Guide us through the valley. We find your presence everywhere and we are so grateful for your consolation and comfort. Amen

Written by: Jamie Gerow



ST. ANDREW'S HISTORY

The main floor hallway features portraits of all the ministers who have served St. Andrew's and a "Heritage Wall" where changing displays of an historical nature are mounted.

A dumb waiter; raised and lowered by ropes used to carry tea and coffee and refreshments from the kitchen to upper levels of the church, in particular to Grant Hall for teas and other events. It has since been closed off to meet fire safety requirements. The ladies of the church often had to retrieve cutlery from the bottom, of the shaft.

A feature of Grant and upper halls are the glass block windows. The Chapel has its own style of beautiful windows. An upper meeting room, decorated and used by youth groups features frosted glass sliding windows that at one time moved up and down and provide a view down into the chapel. These too have needed to be nailed in place for safety.

The present church is the second one to stand on this site. The original brick church was built in 1889. When the congregation outgrew it, and the new church planned, the original building was moved over to the south of the lot where the hall now stands. At the time it was used for the Sunday School and other church purposes. When the new hall was built, the original structure was moved again, this time on rollers all the way to Pruden Street, where it was known as Knox Presbyterian. That building has served as a place of worship for few different denominations and still stands on Pruden St.



MASKS AVAILABLE

A local person is making masks for people who do not have them. If you would like a donated mask please contact Sheila at 807-631-2192.

One per person.

stay safe

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Mission partnerships

Globally, human trafficking is the third largest organized crime after drugs and the arms trade. Fighting human trafficking is one of the mission priorities of the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM). A fellowship of 14 denominations, CANACOM fosters partnership in mission among churches in the Caribbean and North America through sharing of resources, accompaniment and empowerment. In 2016, ARISE Ministry received a grant from CANACOM for its work in empowering women to break free from human trafficking. ARISE's Executive Director, the Rev. Deb Stanbury, currently serves as the PCC's representative on the council. By participating in the meetings, Deb is our living link with our partner churches and organizations in the Caribbean. Both ARISE and CANACOM receive support from Presbyterians Sharing.

Presbyterians Sharing fights human trafficking assistance

WORSHIP SERVICES

To continue to stay connected to the congregation, during this time, we have been uploading church services online. Please visit our Facebook page or our website to find a link to the Sunday Worship services.

<http://standrewspres-tbay.ca/>

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The Bible uses the word *believe* 273 times. It uses the word *pray* 371 times. *Love* appears 714 times.

Give appears 2,172 times.

Herb Miller (1936-2018), minister, author, editor

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Sunday Worship - Cancelled