



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday Service  
February 22 at 7pm  
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Lenten Services will be held on  
Wednesdays 12:05—12:30 pm  
March 1 - March 29

5th Floor Chapel of  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

If you so choose, bring a lunch,  
and after worship those gathered can  
share fellowship with one another.



## WEEK OF FEB 5 - 12, 2023

Sun Feb 5 - Implementation Meeting @ 12:30pm  
Tues Feb 7 - Seekers @ 11:00am  
Wed Feb 8 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am  
Wed Feb 8 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm  
Thurs Feb 9 - Music Pups @ 11:00am  
Sun Feb 12 - Lunch/Coffee Hour &  
Annual Meeting following Worship

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

**For over 75 years, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully responded to serve those in need around the world.**

Together with our partners, we are making a positive difference. We are working together to care for the poor, sick and vulnerable, helping restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all. As people of faith, we are responding to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, and work towards equality, human dignity, peace and care for God's creation. United, we are working towards a world that is sustainable, compassionate and just.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Hand-crafted shawls are available for gifting to anyone you know that may be experiencing difficult times in their lives.

The soft, warm wrap is a comforting reminder that others care about them.



We encourage you to contact Terry (577-5567), Rev. Joyce (632-8348) or the Church Office (622-4273) to arrange to pick up a shawl. There is no charge for the shawls.

## PWS&D SUNDAY

**On PWS&D (Presbyterian World Service & Development) Sunday, we celebrate the work our church is doing to serve vulnerable communities around the world.** Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, we are building a more sustainable, compassionate and just world!

February 5 is a day designated by the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) to reflect on those facing poverty, hunger and injustice and inspire action here in Canada to make change happen around the world. Each week in our newsletter we highlight one of the many ways that the PCC is making a difference in the lives of people. If you would like to donate to the work of PWS&D through our congregation, thus supporting the work of the PCC globally, you can do so through your offering whether by envelope, cheque, or e-transfer ([offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)).

Please note somewhere with the donation that it is for PWS&D and know that you are making a difference in the life of another.

To learn more visit <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd>

## HERITAGE WALL

Check out our Heritage Wall that showcases all the newest members in the last five years.

## DONATIONS

The Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre, which is the National Museum for the Presbyterian Church of Canada, is looking for donations for renovations .

If you would like to donate please submit your donation and label it for the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre. St. Andrew's will collect donations until **February 28** and then send the full amount to the Heritage Centre on behalf of the congregation.

Please visit [pcheritagecentre.ca](http://pcheritagecentre.ca) for more info.

## From Joyce



The Presbytery of Superior met at St. Andrew's this past Friday, so I thought it might be interesting for you to know a little about this presbytery and its function. A presbytery is most often the grouping of churches in a particular region. There are forty-five presbyteries in Canada. Our particular presbytery is very small at only four congregations represented, St. Andrew's, First Presbyterian, Lakeview, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. James Anglican Shared Ministry in Geraldton.

The PCC website provides the following information, "The constituent roll of each presbytery is made up of ministers and elders from each congregation within its bounds—one elder for each minister on the constituent roll. Retired ministers and ministers without a pastoral charge are placed on the appendix to the constituent roll. Presbyteries support and oversee their congregations and ministers. While scheduling varies according to geography and need, presbyteries normally meet several times each year. The moderator may be a minister or an elder."

Though ideally, there would be one minister representative and one elder representative from each church, in our presbytery's case there are only two ministers in congregational ministry, myself and Rev. Markus Arseneault, and so that balance is not there. But having the balance weigh more heavily with ruling elders is preferable. Ministers are referred to as teaching elders, and people elected by their congregation and approved by a session to be admitted to the session are called ruling elders.

When a congregation does not have a minister, the presbytery appoints an interim moderator, who must be an ordained minister. This person can be in active ministry whether congregational or otherwise, or a retired minister. I have been the interim moderator for the congregation in Geraldton basically since my arrival in Thunder Bay being appointed there in January 2014. In March 2021, I was appointed interim moderator at First Presbyterian as well. Of course, this work takes some time away from the ministry at St. Andrew's. As we are the church, are called to care for one another, through my work with these congregations and the presbytery, we are able to show compassion, care, and support for our sister congregations in the Presbytery.

As part of the ministry of a presbytery in caring for congregations, there are times when presbytery representatives visit congregations to see if there are any concerns or ways that support might be given. There are plans for congregational visits to happen over the next year or so as this is a piece of the Presbytery's work that needs attention. It can be a wonderful opportunity to share our congregation's work and worship as well as bring to the attention of the presbytery ways that it may be able to support congregations. The Presbytery does much administrative work, but its function is to provide care and provision for congregations and support to ministers who are called to serve.

### ANNUAL REPORT

A few copies of the annual report will be available in the office this week. If you would like a copy emailed/printed for you please contact the Office Administrator.

The annual meeting will be on  
**February 12, 2023.**

### NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to help look after our youngest members in the Nursery on Sundays. A sign up sheet has been placed outside the office. If there are any questions or comments please feel free to connect with Sandra Dewsberry, Faith Education Chair 475-7239

### FIRST WESLEY ROAST BEEF DINNER

First-Wesley United Church is happy to announce the return of their Annual Roast Beef Dinner.

First-Wesley United Church  
130 Brodie St. N

**February 17th, 2023;** Dinner at 6:30pm

Tickets: \$30 each; Call Church Office for Tickets:  
623-7001 (Ticket sales end Feb 13)

Theme: The Roaring 20's  
Entertainment by: 'Kenny Konnection'

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