

# St. Andrew's News



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February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY WEEKEND

It's back on!

We officially have dates pick for the Transformational Weekend.

**March 25, 26 & 27, 2022**

We are so excited to get back on track for the workshop, small group training and for Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford to lead us in worship that Sunday.

## EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES



Love Never Ends:  
Being the Body of Christ

**Sunday February 20**  
*Raised in Glory*  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38

**Sunday February 27**  
Luke 9: 28-36  
Worship Leader:  
Pastor Kerry McLaughlin

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

**ARISE Ministry** is a Toronto-based ministry that offers outreach, case management and spiritual care to individuals involved in the sex trade. In response to the explosion of the online sex trade in recent years, the staff and volunteers at ARISE have expanded their outreach ministry online through an app called "Freedom Signal," which has allowed them to communicate and establish relationships with victims of online sex trafficking and exploitation. This type of virtual outreach has meant that staff and volunteers have been able to connect people to resources and support in a way that is not always possible in street-level outreach. ARISE Ministry receives support from Presbyterians Sharing.

## VOLUNTEER VISITORS NEEDED

Hogarth Riverview Manor is looking for friendly visitor volunteers. They currently have a list of 8 residents who are looking for socialization and companionship.

Visits could include talking about hobbies or current events, going for a walk throughout the building, playing a game of cards, listening to music, etc.

Visits ideally would be at minimum, once a week for 30 minutes.

If you'd like to make a difference in a residents' life, contact Ashley Bosnick-Kokocinski to find out more about their friendly visitor program.

*Ashley Bosnick-Kokocinski*  
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Hogarth Riverview Manor  
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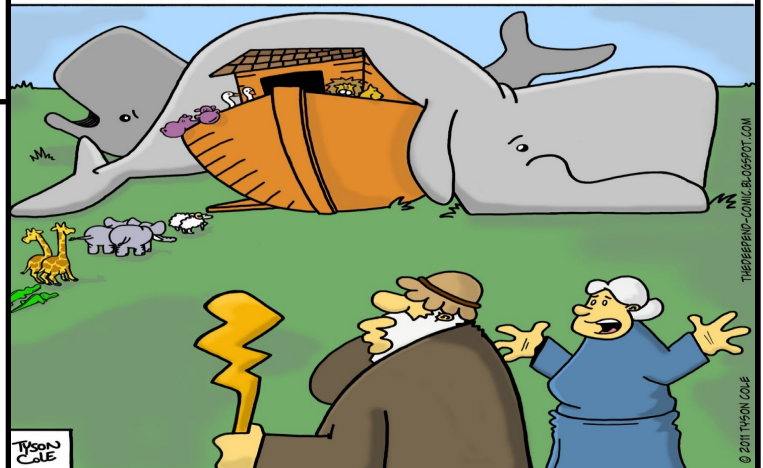
## OFFERING BOXES



Offering boxes are available for pick-up at the front office. Please note that your offering number may have changed from last year, they are available for pickup in the church front office.

THE DEEP END

TYSON COLE



"MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER."



### From Joyce

I want to tell you a story about a woman named Stephanie Patterson. To do it I am going to share excerpts from her funeral service I officiated at back in the fall of 2020, along with a few other anecdotes. An intelligent well-spoken woman with a loving and kind heart, Stephanie was a delight. I first met her in person in October of 2015 as she prepared for her sister Mary Balanchuk's funeral service. We had spoken by phone a number of times in the years prior to that as I was curious who this person was that each year donated to the work of the church though she lived near Kingston. Stephanie made an impression. Her conversations about family and life were like a story carefully woven. Love and admiration for all members of her family flowed from her words.

Stephanie was born in Port Arthur, her parents both immigrants from the Ukraine. She had three siblings but her and Mary's lives were intertwined from work as teachers, to travel, to friends, and activities. They lived together in Amerherstville for nearly forty years. Stephanie's family had attended St. Andrew's when she was a younger and she always felt a strong attachment to the church which is why each year we would see a donation from her, but her final and most substantial gift to the church came after her passing. Stephanie remembered the church in her will and this year we received a gift of \$50,000.00. She had left it to the Session to decide how best to use the bequest. As the congregation and the world has been dealing with Covid, this gift has made all the difference to the financial health of the congregation this past year.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held last Sunday, I shared about the importance of the gift as it took our proposed deficit budget for 2021 of just over 23,000 and allowed us to come out with a surplus at the end of the year while also paying off the 12,000.00-shortfall covered by the endowment fund when heating system was installed in 2017. Stephanie's foresight in putting the church in her will has given the future of our church a good footing to begin a new year – a New Beginning! This may be a way that you would consider supporting the church in a future time. This simple gift can bring hope and ability for the next generation of our church to be able to vision and then implement its own mission and ministry as the congregation changes to be the church in its own time. If you have any questions about a legacy gift to the church, talk to a financial advisor or even begin with me.

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

**e-transfer:** [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto: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](mailto: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!

*Thank you*  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

*Augustine of Hippo*  
– theologian, philosopher

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