



# St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



## From Joyce

As the days and weeks past by, many of the people I am speaking with by phone or video chat are busy cleaning the rooms, cupboards, and corners of their homes that have not had much attention as of late. Even with that, there is still plenty of time for endless hours of TV watching, checking out Facebook, Instagram, and Tik Tok, or finding oneself down a wormhole distracted by articles and news items on the web. I am doing a little of all that, but also managing along with our admin, bookkeeping, and custodial staff, Ken (my husband), and some help from our Elders, to get a few things done on the church "to-do" list. There have been a couple of changes made in the sanctuary. At our Annual meeting in February we shared a plan to create a family space to help children and care-givers feel more welcomed. That project has been completed. We also ended up creating one more half row of accessible seating. Our custodian is spending time making sure the building is cared for in our absence, as well as doing a good cleaning so that when we do come back into the sanctuary, even the books in the pews will all have been wiped down, and all things sanitized. One of my other goals was to find a way to enable people to give electronically for offerings on a Sunday morning. Our church's bookkeeper has made that happen and so now people can give right from their bank account by e-transfer and the offering goes directly to the church. The other ongoing piece compiling an up to date email list to get information out to members of the congregation, with of course the exceptions of those who do not have computers. As the majority of our congregation does have email it has been an excellent way to stay connected with our church family. Lastly, I knew that at some point it would be wise for us to figure out how to record our worship in order to introduce people to our church and how we worship. This experience has given us a small push in that direction as we record an abbreviated Sunday morning worship experience. Shaundra, our office admin, has played a large role in making that work so well. So though we may not be physically together things are still happening for the present and to prepare for the future. In the meantime, may you be able to make time to deepen your relationship with God, get some of that cleaning done, and enjoy whatever else you are able to do to pass the time.

## MONTH OF APRIL 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](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!



## PRAYER INVITATION WRITTEN BY NONIE MARSH

Eternal Love and Friendship  
 God is the centre of all life,  
 He helps us grow to meet each strife.  
 Friends He created for us to share,  
 He sent His Son to show His care.  
 His life He gave that we might live,  
 To fill our hearts that we might give.  
 Our many friends are far and near,  
 But in our hearts we hold them dear.  
 They give to us the best they know,  
 We give our love which is to show,  
 That friends are treasured to the end,  
 Thank you Lord for giving me friends.

Nonie Marsh - 1984

## ST. ANDREW'S HISTORY

St. Andrew's sits on the corner of Brodie and Donald Streets in the downtown south core of Thunder Bay, opposite City Hall.

Built in 1908-09 it is constructed of white sandstone quarried on Simpson Islet, near Nipigon, on Lake Superior. The local newspaper at the time reported that the foundation stone came from nearby Mount McKay. The land was donated by Peter and Donald McKellar. The dedicatory opening services were held on June 13, 1909. It was declared a City of Thunder Bay Heritage Property in 1974.

The design of the building is 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

The white stone trim came from Bedford, Indiana. George Dodd of Toronto, whose specialty was Gothic sculpture was hired to carve the details of the building. The iron work and roofing were supplied by J&T. M. Piper of Fort William. Windows were supplied by Luxfer Prism Co. of Toronto. The organ was made by the Casavant Bros. of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

The building was originally heated with a steam boiler system. It was fuelled by coal, then oil, and more recently gas. The original boiler was replaced in 2004 with another boiler but in the fall of 2018 a new high efficiency hot water on demand system was installed by Thermal Mechanical Ltd. of Thunder Bay at a cost of \$130,000.00.

Peter McKellar, who was active in the early development of St. Andrew's and its Sunday School, laid the cornerstone on September 1, 1908 and it is reported that the trowels he used that day were among his most prized possessions.

When the opening services were held on June 13, 1909, it was a great day not only for the congregation but also the City of Fort William.

Newspaper accounts of the opening declared it "the most imposing edifice of the city", and reported that other churches cancelled services so that their members could attend the opening of "the magnificent new structure".



## PCC MISSION MOMENTS Earth Day (April 22)

Lucsius knows that when he cares for the earth he can take better care of his family. Having discovered conservation agriculture, soil care management and crop diversification through a PWS&D-supported program, this Haitian farmer now grows a diverse range of food. The legumes, cassava, cabbage, peppers, carrots, beans, potatoes and bananas help make his family's meals both colourful and nutritious. Excited for his increased ability to provide for his family, Lucsius saved the profits from selling his vegetables to buy a pig, further improving his family's food security. Reflecting on the support he received from PWS&D and other farmers in his community, Lucsius said, "It is possible to produce better food to be able to feed our families."

*PWS&D supports  
small-scale farmers*



## 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 two services we have up so far.

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

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Money is like manure – it should be spread around.  
*Brooke Astor (1902-2007), philanthropist, socialite, writer*

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**Sunday Worship - Cancelled**