

# St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



## From Joyce



Every night this week a candle has stood shining in our living room window. It was one small way to participate in the grief of our country and show hope for healing for the people of Nova Scotia reeling from unimaginable tragedy. Still, each day the candle has become something more for me. It is a reminder of so many deaths occurring in Ontario and Quebec, throughout Canada, and the world, that are ravaging senior populations and care centers. The candle reminds me of the people who are working so that the rest of us can be as safe as possible. It is also a focal point for holding people in thought and prayer, from the homeless and impoverished, to the people unable to buy groceries or open their businesses, to those living alone with absolutely no one to touch them, and others unable to hold a loved one who is not long for this world.

And why a candle? The candle is the most concrete and symbolic way we have to see and hold the promise that there can be light in the darkness. That even a dimly lit candle holds hope that the darkness cannot overtake us, that light, a way through, is possible. For Christians a candle also symbolizes Christ's light. In John 8:12 we hear Jesus say, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (NRSV) So we stay the course, hold on to the promises, and trust that light will lead us out of darkness.



## 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!



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Dear Father, most compassionate God. Be with us all at this time of crisis in our world.

Take from us all, the stresses of living in isolation to protect ourselves and those we love. Give strength to all those working to protect us and all the front line workers serving us. Lay Thy healing hands upon those who are fighting any illness. We ask too dear Lord, that You be with all the families in Nova Scotia who have suffered such senseless loss. Embrace them with your loving arms and give them strength for the days and months ahead. Help us all to show kindness and compassion to one another. We offer up this prayer as You watch over us all. Amen

*Written by: Susan Dynes*

## ST. ANDREW'S HISTORY

The windows of St. Andrew's are one of its outstanding features. Nineteen stained glass windows grace the sanctuary at both the main level and the gallery level

The Good Shepherd window above and behind the pulpit and the choir loft was installed when the church was built in 1909. It depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd tending his flock. and was presented by the sisters, Mary and Margaret McKellar, members of the McKellar family who were very active in the church. It is attributed to the Luxfer Studios of Toronto.

Another window displays the Cross of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland, and the burning bush; the emblem of Presbyterianism throughout the world.

The large window on the east wall of the gallery continues the representation of Jesus' life by focusing on the resurrection of Jesus. The design, created by Russell Goodman, uses three post-resurrection scenes from the gospels and fills them with the light that radiates from Christ. This window was presented by Christine Macdonald, in memory of William, Margaret, and William Douglas Macdonald.

Installation of memorial windows has continued over the ensuing years. Two prominent Canadian stained-glass artists were instrumental in the design and installation of the stained-glass windows. Russell Goodman, originally of Fort William, designed and installed most of the windows at St. Andrew's. Yvonne Williams has worked right across Canada as an artist and glazier. With the assistance of Gustav Weisman, Williams created the Holy Family window, in the north wall of the gallery.

St. Andrew's windows are unique in their great range of styles - traditional, abstract, and contemporary. In all their different styles they represent the Medieval practice of teaching with symbols. The windows tell the stories of the Bible and Christian faith - the Good Shepherd, the loaves and fishes, Christ as the Light of the World, the Nativity, and other Christian beliefs and concepts. A booklet with pictures and detailed information about the individual windows is available.



## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Spanish Outreach Ministry

In summer of 2019, University Presbyterian Church in North York, Ont., launched a new worshipping community for Spanish-speakers. The ministry's leader, Julio, started by connecting with members of his own Hispanic community who are not attending church. With a team from his church, Julio has begun establishing small discipleship groups and outreach initiatives, including taco nights and a soccer league for children. Please pray for University Presbyterian Church, Julio, and leaders who are stepping out in faith to plant new ministries.

*Presbyterians Sharing is planting new ministries*

## 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.



## 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

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

*1 Timothy 6:18*

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**Sunday Worship - Cancelled**