



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!

From Joyce



Today I should be celebrating my husband's birthday, and I am, but we are far apart. Ken has gone to help with seeding at his brother's family's farm in Northern Alberta. Well, first they have to finish harvesting last fall's crop due to poor weather, but that is another story. Farmers are part of the food supply chain and as such are essential workers during this time of pandemic. Farmers of all varieties are feeling the pinch of not having enough workers to help with what needs to be done to get the crop into the fields so that there will be a harvest when that time comes. Many farmers rely on workers from other countries and other parts of Canada to do what needs doing and that is just not happening in the usual manner. I have heard that potato farmers are struggling because the restaurant business, as we all are aware, is suffering, and many restaurants closed. All those potatoes not needed when restaurants are not serving up everything from baked potatoes to French fries. Beef farmers and now poultry farmers are wondering what is going to be the long-term challenges with meat packing plants being affected and, in some cases, shut down. Some dairy farmers have had to dump perfectly good milk because the demand is so down and there is no way, in any of that supply chain, to hold the thousands of litres that would need to be stored. These are just some of the many stories about our country's farmers that are out there. So along with all the others that we are holding in prayer, please hold our farmers and farm workers in prayer.

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

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

Lord God Almighty,

We join in that eternal song, giving you thanks from the very core of our being. You were and you are. In the past, you acted mightily to create, to call, to redeem, and to win victory over death. In the present, you reign, you listen, and you love. We give you thanks today for all that you are, all that you have been, and for all the wonders of the future that we have yet to see. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Written by: Margo Rahmer



ST. ANDREW'S HISTORY

Carillonic Bells

The original carillon was installed in memory of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. This Carillon operated with rolls, like a player piano. When repair parts were no longer available for the original carillon system, a second Carillonic Bell system was installed.

In the summer of 1996, again in memory of those who fell during the First and Second World Wars. The funding for this installation was raised by a special appeal to the members of St. Andrew's congregation and the members of the several Royal Canadian Legions in the south ward of the city together with the Army and Navy Veteran's Association. This second bell system utilized small diskettes for the various chimes. When this system was dedicated representatives from the organizations who participated in the fundraising were also present for the formal Dedication Service.

In 2017 this second carillon became antiquated, but with the advances in technology an inexpensive laptop computer program was put into place. Just as has always been the case, the bells ring out for Sunday morning call to worship; sound the Westminster Chimes on the hour, quarter hours, and half hour. Public musical chimes ring out during the noon hour, at 5:00 o'clock and early evening and can be heard across the central business district.

Sanctuary

The sanctuary is entered through two heavy oak doors.

The interior features hand carved, weathered oak furnishings, with carving on the ends of the pews, the front of the raised pulpit and choir loft. The U-shaped gallery has matching quarter-cut oak tracery panelling. The interior furnishings were supplied by the Valley City Seating Co., of Dundas, Ontario. Including the gallery, the church can seat about 600 people.

The lighting fixtures are of brushed brass. Three large chandeliers hang from the lofty ceiling. The centre bulb of each is 1500 watts. Each centre bulb is lighting surrounded by eight LED bulbs. To change the light bulbs, these chandeliers were originally lowered by hand from above. Now there is a winch to do it.

On the walls are brackets with mainly two lights each. Under the gallery, there are ceiling lights. Lanterns of Gothic design light the vestibules.

Two items of interest are the Book of Remembrance with the names of those associated with the congregation who gave their lives for our country in the First and Second World Wars. This can be found in a glass-topped carved case on the South wall of the sanctuary. Also to be noted is a handcrafted cabinet carved by George Murie. He presented it to the church in the early 1950's.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Making a new home after fleeing Syria

When the war in Syria intensified in 2012, many families were driven from their homes. The bombing of Garib's family apartment left him clutching his two-day old son as they ran "a race for their lives." In his family's new home in Lebanon, employers are hesitant to hire refugees, so every day is a struggle. Garib's family misses the things that made Syria home: "My four-year-old remembers that he used to have a bicycle back in Syria. That's not an option for him here." Through a PWS&D-supported program, Garib, his wife and children, and his extended family are able to access food vouchers, milk and diapers, as well as psychosocial care. Grateful for the support they receive, Garib said, "I think the church does this because Christianity is love."

PWS&D shares the love of Christ through food



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 services we have up so far.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Expressing our gratitude is a gift to the giver.

Sue Bender (1932 -), author

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Sunday Worship - Cancelled