

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



From Joyce



Today would have been a day of celebration at the church. I even had a phrase that someone else shared that I thought would be fun to incorporate into the service somehow – Triple 1! Today we would have been celebrating the 111th anniversary of St. Andrew's. The Heritage Committee would have hung up a special display and coffee hour with cake would have been part of the joy after worship. Still I realize we are not alone in losing out on times of celebration. There have been so many people whose celebrations have been upended. I think first of the many graduates from high school, colleges, and universities who are quietly moving on from this moment into the next phase of life. I have known people who have hit milestone birthdays, including turning 100, who have not been able to celebrate with the planned fanfare that was hoped for. People retiring after years of service who will not be showered with the love and adoration on that last day that one overtly or secretly hopes will be part of the day. And of course, weddings, and though you may wonder

course, weddings, and though you may wonder about the next as celebration, funerals and gatherings that celebrate a life lived and loved. Still I think it is important to celebrate, even if quietly, the moments in life that one will not see again. For our church it means celebrating that we are still the church regardless of what is going on in the world. We are still a community of people who believe in Jesus and care deeply for one another. We continue to minister through phone calls, text messages, video chats, and online Sunday worship. The fact that we are not in the church today does not negate the celebration of years of ministry, of being the church that has been a witness to the work of God in the world for the last 111 years from our corner at Donald and Brodie Street. In fact, the ministry and witness of this church goes beyond the 111 years that this building has been here. As much as we love the majesty and heritage of the building, what we really celebrate are the people, or at least that should be what we are celebrating. 111 years of people loving and serving the Lord, each other, and the community. 111 years of joy, hard work, and reaching out in whatever way God called the congregation and the many individuals within it to minister. As we look to the future may God grant that we will continue being a church that values people – all people. And so take a moment today or in the days to give thanks for our church, for the people, for God's faithfulness. Ask God's blessing upon us that we may go into the next year with hope, joy, and courage. As the hymn says, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!" Happy Anniversary!

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!

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.

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.

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Spirit of the Living God Fall Afresh on me

God we come to you today in gratitude for your dear son Jesus and for the gift of his Spirit to his disciples; a life changing experience at Pentecost.

As we continue to become aware of Your Presence, Holy Spirit we know that with covid-19 surrounding us we are all taking part in a life changing experience.

Spirit, we pray that like the first disciples we may experience life changing moments and with your help respond in gratitude to Your invitations. Amen

Written by: Jude Atherton



GRADUATION TIME

Caring & Contact would like to recognize graduates by sending congratulatory notes to them on their academic achievements. If you are aware of anyone who is graduating or has graduated from high school, college or university this year, please connect with Donalda Galloway at 577-2686 or email at penelope361@gmail.com. Information she will need is...

Name and address of the graduate
Where they have graduated from and diploma or degree obtained
Honours received and future plans.

MILK CRATE DONATIONS

St. Andrew's is in need of milk crates for storing the Bibles and hymn books from the pews. If you have any to donate please contact Rev. Joyce Yanishewski at (807) 632-8348.
Thank you!



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

A long journey for a Rohingya family

Polio left 20-year-old Kafietula and his 10-year-old sister Shohita unable to walk. One day, arson and killings in their neighbourhood forced these Rohingya children to flee their home. For a week, Kafietula's family members carried him and his sister until they reached safety in Bangladesh. There are many families like Kafietula's who, after brutal journeys, are far away from home and without food or proper shelter. Working with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D is providing food vouchers so that families can shop at local markets. With diversified foods to help them stay healthy, many Rohingya people can begin to dream again. "Shohita is able to go to school and is learning English.

She has a dream of being a teacher and wants to help others."

PWS&D helps people who have been forced from their homes



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 Sunday Worship services.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

When one tugs at a single thing in nature, one finds it attached to the rest of the world.

John Muir (1838 –1914), Scottish-American naturalist, author, environmental philosopher

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