



# St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Holy God,

It is another nameless day, another week where hugs are few, handshakes forbidden, and distance necessary. It has been a long time for us all Lord.

Each day seems to bring news of a world that bears little resemblance to life as we knew it. Some of the changes are necessary and needed to bring about hope for future generations when it comes to the value of life, both human and for the planet.

We remember those who are working, knowing that they are at a higher risk than others, and depending on where they work, they worry for the safety of their families. We pray for those whose jobs and/or businesses are lost. Families that are struggling under the pressure of conflict and others that have had to spend much time alone. We give thanks for families that have found joy in simple pleasures, and that the phone has allowed connection to friends and family in conversations that there seemed to be little time for before.

We pray for your presence in this time, that compassion and love would be abundant, and that you would grant hope and courage to any who suffer. This is the day that you have made, we come to it bringing all that we hold in our hearts and minds, leaving it at your feet, trusting that you hold us in the palm of your hands. We pray this and all that is on our hearts, in the precious and strong name of Jesus, Amen.

*Written by: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski*

## 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.

## MONTH OF JUNE 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

## 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](mailto: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.

## BOX OR BIN DONATIONS

St. Andrew's is in need of boxes or bins for storing the Bibles and hymnals from the pews. Bins no larger than 10" width x 16" length x 10" height. Examples are plastic milk crates, plastic storage bins, wooden crates or cardboard boxes. Please call Rev. Joyce to make arrangement for pick up or to drop them off at the church,.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHARITIES

The Underground Gym, or as those who belong to it say the UGG, is so much more than a place. It is a "family" that looks after each other and for that matter, anyone else they see that may need to be lifted up, have a warm meal and participate in an outing or activity. UGG and its founder, Peter Panetta, is dedicated to teaching and modeling self-confidence and self-respect through fitness, healthy lifestyles, and a feeling that everyone is important and belongs. Through my own eyes this past year I have been able to see the success of Peter's philosophy and his commitment to each and every person involved. Challenges such as a fire and losing the UGG facility, break-ins, and now COVID have brought UGG closer together in a different way. Peter and his dedicated young teens (who have grown up spending time at UGG) are delivering food around the city on the UGG bus. They also deliver smiles, a sense of hope, and truly understand what they are doing is needed and valued. Hopefully in the future UGG will see new opportunities and a home to continue to thrive and grow as a 'family'.

*Written by Jenn Wiseman*

The Underground Gym and Youth Centre is one of the community organizations that St. Andrew's supports every year with a donation through Mission and Outreach. We recognize the good and important work Peter is doing to support families. The UGG is in need of funding as they deliver food to over thirty families totalling more than two hundred people connected with UGG and finding themselves in very difficult circumstances in this time of COVID. They are also looking for a building to re-establish themselves. If you would like to support the UGG, please send your donations by way of an e-transfer to [undergroundgym@tbaytel.net](mailto:undergroundgym@tbaytel.net) or by cheque to 634 Simpson St. P7C-3J7. Tax receipts will be issued upon requested. You can also send donations to St. Andrew's ear marked for "The Underground Gym." We will forward the donation and be sure that the amount is included in your year end tax receipt.

## 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/>

## WORSHIP UPDATE

The Ontario Provincial Government announced on Monday June 8th that restrictions that had prevented people gathering for worship since March 22nd would be lifted as of Friday June 12th.

The Session of St. Andrew's has decided to take an approach to opening that would exercise an abundance of caution. At this point we do not plan to open for in person worship until a yet to be determined date in September. In the meantime (now) the Parish Health Ministry Team will take the lead in planning for our re-opening, making sure all the necessary and numerous COVID19 health and safety protocols are in place so that people can attend as safely as possible, if they so choose, given the circumstances. Online services will continue throughout the summer and even once the church is re-opened. It is because we care for the health and welfare of our congregation that we have chosen not to open at this time. We feel the risks are still just too high and there are many questions yet to be answered. If you have concerns or questions do not hesitate to connect with Rev. Joyce or an elder.

## CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

**These Days:** Daily Devotions for Living by Faith This devotional booklet for July, August, and September is now available. If you would like to have a copy, please contact Rev. Joyce by phone or email to arrange delivery.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The measure of a life is not its duration,  
but its donation.

Peter Marshall (1902-1949),  
Scots-American preacher

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**Sunday Worship - Online at**

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