

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Lord we thank you for the long days of summer, for brilliant sunshine, the morning air, the songbirds of the evening, and neighbourhood family walks.

You have blessed Canada with an abundance of the most precious resource, water!

Therefore the significance of John the Baptist's baptism of Jerusalem's people in the Jordan river over 2000 years ago is a natural connection to us and our region today.

Water is truly life's blood. We pray that we are proactive in preserving and enhancing our water resources in Canada. We pray that we are equally supportive of international efforts, including the work of Lifewater Canada, to bring water to people in challenging environments elsewhere on the globe.

Lord, we thank you for your gifts!

Amen.

Written by: John Mason

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Keeping Connected in Nepal

When Dr. Nicholaus and Becky Bauman left Canada in 2017 for two years in Nepal, they were reviving direct connections with people after 20 years. The partnership between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the United Mission to Nepal began in 1974, and the last mission internship was in 2000. God's mission in the world includes people who share their professional skills while learning about life and faith from co-workers and neighbours. The motto of Tansen Mission Hospital is "We Serve, God Heals." Nepal is very poor, and Becky soon became involved in Tansen's New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre, which cares for abandoned people with mental health issues. In January 2020, Becky and two of her children returned to Tansen to celebrate the Prayer Dedication of the new Centre, which receives support from Presbyterians Sharing. Although Becky lives in Canada, her deep commitment and partnership will continue. Praise God!

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

- 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

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.

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,.

From Joyce

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about my desire to learn more about the black and indigenous experience in Canada. To that end I have invited people to join me in reading one or both books that I will be reading over the summer. The first book was highlighted in the June 7th newsletter. So you can go there for more information, but to share just the basic information the first book for

July reading with a Zoom conversation on Wednesday July 22nd 7:30 pm *The Skin We're In: A Year Of Black Resistance And Power* by Desmond Cole

For August Reading with a Zoom conversation on Wednesday 26th 7:30 pm.

The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account Of Native People In North America
by Thomas King

The following is a synopsis as found on the Chapters. Indigo website.

“A National Bestseller: Rich with dark and light, pain and magic, *The Inconvenient Indian* distills the insights gleaned from Thomas King's critical and personal meditation on what it means to be "Indian" in North America, weaving the curiously circular tale of the relationship between non-Natives and Natives in the centuries since the two first encountered each other. In the process, King refashions old stories about historical events and figures, takes a sideways look at film and pop culture, relates his own complex experiences with activism, and articulates a deep and revolutionary understanding of the cumulative effects of ever-shifting laws and treaties on Native peoples and lands. This is a book both timeless and timely, burnished with anger but tempered by wit, and ultimately a hard-won offering of hope--a sometimes inconvenient but nonetheless indispensable account for all of us, Indian and non-Indian alike, seeking to understand how we might tell a new story for the future

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

A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give God the cash.

Seen on a billboard

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.

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.

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