



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Dear Lord

As we enter another week, please guide us and help us to adapt to a continually changing world. For those of us who long to hug our grandchildren, please help us to be patient and lead us in showing our affection in other ways. For our grandchildren, please surround them with Your love as they struggle with not being able to see their extended families and friends. For young people graduating please be with them, help them accept that the celebrations they have planned will not be a reality this year and their achievements are very noteworthy.

Many Moms and Dads have experienced unprecedented stress in their home and work life. Please give them the courage and determination to endure the changes they are experiencing.

Our community will be entering new phases that will open doors in a world where we have all remained isolated. Please guide us to remain safe, healthy and sensitive to the impact our actions will have on others.

For people who are finding the isolation required right now, lonely and frightening, please giving them hope.

For our Minister. Reverend Joyce Yanishewski, please continue to radiate your love on her as she works diligently to be there for all of our congregation.

We ask this in your name. Amen

Written by: Joanne Kembel

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

- 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

With all the conversations that are happening in the news, social media, and even in our everyday interactions, I decided there are a couple of books that I would like to read to inform and educate myself. So this is an invitation to join me. If you too would like to learn something about black and indigenous experience in Canada then get these two books. Though I am planning to use Zoom for our conversation, which is an online video platform, people can also call in and participate. Purchase the books yourself or contact me to purchase one or both for you and I will also deliver them to you. This is open to anyone who is interested, they do not need to be attending St. Andrew's.

This week I will highlight the book for July. But in case you want to purchase both at the same time I will also provide the name and author for the book that will be read in August.

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

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

“NATIONAL BESTSELLER: A bracing, provocative, and perspective-shifting book from one of Canada's most celebrated and uncompromising writers, Desmond Cole. *The Skin We're In* will spark a national conversation, influence policy, and inspire activists.

In his 2015 cover story for *Toronto Life* magazine, Desmond Cole exposed the racist actions of the Toronto police force, detailing the dozens of times he had been stopped and interrogated under the controversial practice of carding. The story quickly came to national prominence, shaking the country to its core and catapulting its author into the public sphere. Cole used his newfound profile to draw insistent, unyielding attention to the injustices faced by Black Canadians on a daily basis.

Both Cole's activism and journalism find vibrant expression in his first book, *The Skin We're In*. Puncturing the bubble of Canadian smugness and naive assumptions of a post-racial nation, Cole chronicles just one year—2017—in the struggle against racism in this country. It was a year that saw calls for tighter borders when Black refugees braved frigid temperatures to cross into Manitoba from the States, Indigenous land and water protectors resisting the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday, police across the country rallying around an officer accused of murder, and more... Month-by-month, Cole creates a comprehensive picture of entrenched, systemic inequality. Urgent, controversial, and unsparingly honest, *The Skin We're In* is destined to become a vital text for anti-racist and social justice movements in Canada, as well as a potent antidote to the all-too-present complacency of many white Canadians.”

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

The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account Of Native People In North America by Thomas King. More information to come in a couple of weeks about this book.

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

We read the gospel as if we had no money and we spend our money as if we know nothing of the gospel.

John C. Haughey, Jesuit theologian, professor

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