



# St. Andrew's News

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July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Thank you, Lord, for providing us with support and guidance through St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This has given us the strength and wisdom to endure the challenges of COVID-19. Please continue to encircle us with your love as we continue down the path the pandemic is leading us. Help us help others who are suffering financially or emotionally, ill, vulnerable, lonely, or frightened. You have taught us many lessons during these difficult times, especially about pride, in our belief that technology can solve all problems. Please give us the insight to implement the positive initiatives into our daily lives going forward. We ask you to be with our country's leaders as they charter the future, hopefully without falling into ideological traps. May they continue to work for all in our country. We pray we will once again be able to come together at our church, a place of valued fellowship and worship. We ask this is your Name. Amen.

*Written by: Pierre Nantais*

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Keeping Communities Hygienic

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) helps ensure that countries affected by natural disasters have access to proper sanitation.

In South Sudan, continuous rainfall that caused massive floods washed away homes and food supplies of hundreds of thousands of people. Waterways and latrines were also destroyed.

Without proper sanitation, the chance of contracting deadly diseases like cholera and typhoid are much higher. With PWS&D's support, 9,000 men and women are accessing clean water and adequate sanitation. Hygiene kits are distributed to families, along with training on improved hygiene practices. Ensuring cleanliness and sanitation is vital to keep communities as healthy as possible while allowing them to continue to thrive.



**PWS&D promotes sanitation programs for a healthy community**



## From Joyce

I This week, on Thursday July 30 at 8:00 pm, we will be having another Zoom Communion Worship service. We first did this on June 28<sup>th</sup>. With it being summer time and people away at camps on weekends I thought I would give a Thursday evening a try so that people who would like to participate, yet have plans on the weekend, could have the opportunity to take part. Communion by Zoom certainly seems strange, and it was different, but it held all kinds of blessing. First of all, I couldn't get over how much joy I felt at seeing us come together in this way. Originally we thought I would be the only face on the screen, but it ended up that as we joined the service it was really good to see each other's faces and so we chatted at the beginning as people joined and then had "coffee hour" after for a time so that we could chat further. Those who preferred to join by phone or not have their cameras on could and did do that. Though communion together, where we partake in the same bread and cup in the same physical space is preferred as this and all worship is about community, given the circumstances this is the closest we will be to community partaking in communion for some time. The feedback I received on the service was very positive. We laughed a lot, I cried a little (tears of joy), and we shared bread and cup from our own table. Moments like this lead us to remember that all of life is sacred. It was a time of blessing. This is an invitation to enjoy that time of communion and fellowship once again. Hope to "see" you then!

## COMMUNION SERVICE

Zoom Communion Service July 30 8:00 p.m.

Everyone on the St. Andrew's Thunder Bay email list will get an invite with a link to the service.

All you need to do is have something ready to drink (juice, wine, water) and something for bread (crackers, bread, etc.)

Rev. Joyce will lead participants through a short worship service with communion.



## BOOKS FOR CHANGE

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

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

## 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.

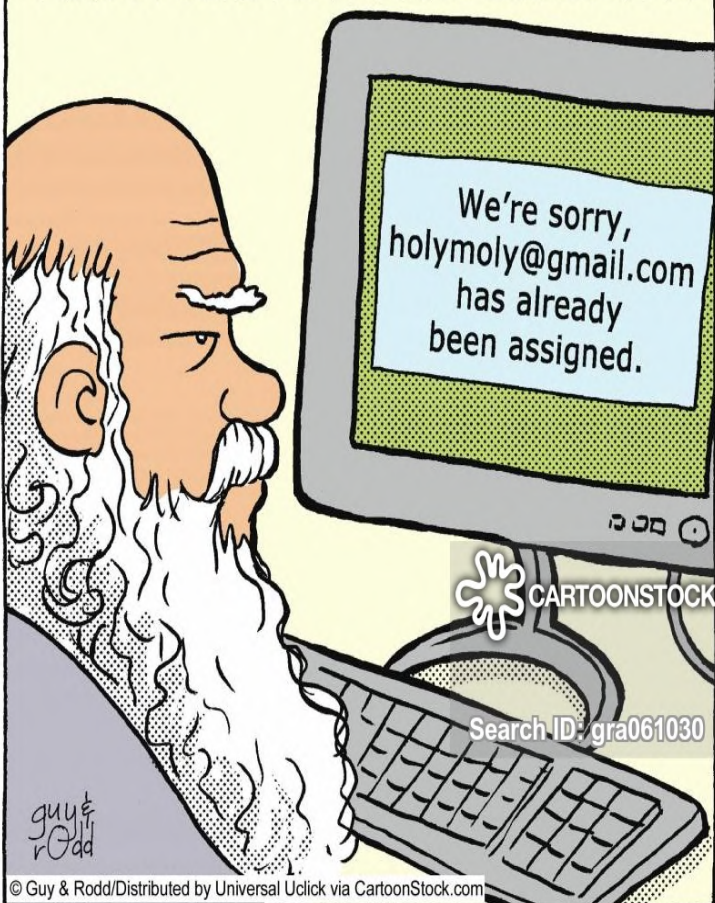
<http://standrewspres-tbay.ca/>

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

That's what I consider true generosity:  
You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it  
costs you nothing.

*Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1946),  
writer, intellectual, activist*

ALTHOUGH INITIALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE  
POSSIBILITIES OF E-MAIL, GOD LOST INTEREST  
WHEN HE DISCOVERED SOMEONE WAS  
ALREADY USING HIS FAVORITE SCREEN NAME.



## 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 mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Hand-crafted shawls are available for gifting to anyone you know that may be experiencing difficult times in their lives.

We encourage you to contact Terry (577-5567) or Rev. Joyce (632-8348) to arrange to pick up a shawl. There is no charge for the shawls.

## 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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**Sunday Worship - Online at**

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