

# St. Andrew's News



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July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Dear Lord,

We have taken so many things for granted! Then the pandemic came and changed our lives.

-No family gatherings

-No wedding celebrations

-No funeral attendance to show our respect to families who have lost a loved one

-isolation, masks and physical distancing

We pray for those struggling with an illness

We pray for the lonely who have no family

We pray for the homeless who have lost their way

Lord, we know you are with us in all that we do and, in time, we will come together with family, celebrate weddings and attend funerals.

With your love and guidance,  
we will get through this,

I'm looking forward to give my grandchildren a great big hug!

Amen.

*Written by: Mary Ann Auld*

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Sharing in Mission and Ministry Together

Presbyterians across Canada share in the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

These gifts equip congregations, ministries and presbyteries; create and support new faith communities; embrace local, national and international mission; engage in healing and reconciliation, live out God's call to justice; support biblical and theological reflection and dialogue; encourage and empower children and youth—and so much more! All of this is made possible by generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. When we work together, we can accomplish far more than we ever could individually. Together, we are making a difference.



## From Joyce



Welcome to July! Even with a pandemic time seems to pass quickly. That being the case I thought I would share with you some of what has been happening to prepare us for the date in September when we hope to be back for in person worship. The Session asked the Parish Health Ministry to take the lead on the planning for the re-opening of the building. That team has been augmented with four others with four different perspectives to help us anticipate concerns and ensure government regulation has been adhered to in order to make our transition back as comfortable and welcoming as possible. Things are still going to look different though. We know that everyone will be entering through the accessible entrance while being socially distanced for safety and wearing masks. We will have directional arrows for getting to pews so that the flow of traffic is only one way, similar to what you are seeing in grocery stores right now. Offerings will not be taken up in the regular manner, but will be dropped into a container on the communion table on your way to your seat. We are trusting that people will be wise in choosing where to sit so that we can maintain the six-foot distance between family groups. If that distance is maintained we will be able to remove our masks during the worship itself. The main hallway washrooms will be available if needed. When we leave, the majority of us will head out the Brodie Street sanctuary doors while those with mobility challenges will exit from the side door of the sanctuary and down the accessible ramp. There are other details, but I thought I would give you a glimpse into some of what you can expect when the time comes. Have a great week!

## MONTH OF JULY 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.

## BOOKS FOR CHANGE

July reading with a Zoom conversation on  
Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm.  
*The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account Of  
Native People In North America*  
by Thomas King

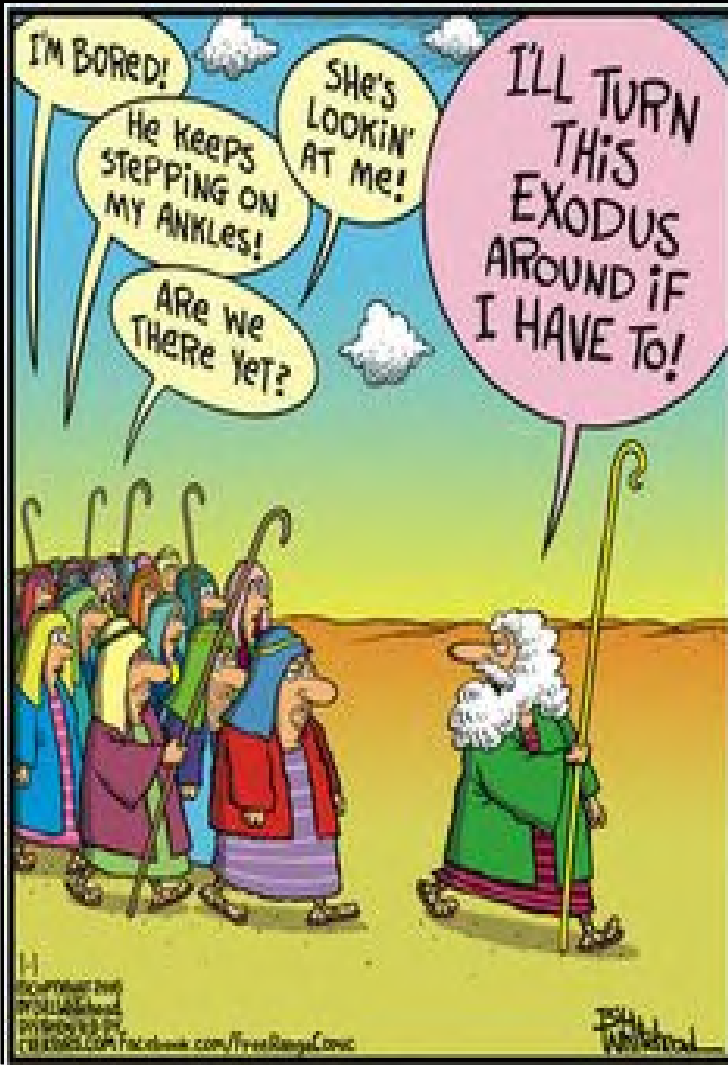
## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

For it is in giving that we receive.  
*St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226),  
founder of Franciscans*



## 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!

## CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

There are two copies left of These Days:  
Daily Devotions for Living by Faith  
This devotional booklet for July, August, and  
September. If you would like to have a copy,  
please contact Rev. Joyce by phone or 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.

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