



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Lord Jesus Christ,

You taught us to love our neighbour and care for those in need as if we were caring for you in this time of anxiety.



Give us strength to comfort the fearful, tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love and your love.

Amen.

Written by: Marlene Lesovich

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

World Humanitarian Day (August 19)

Ravaged by almost three decades of conflict as well as recurrent droughts, Somalia's population suffers from chronic food insecurity. Lacking access to basic necessities, many are vulnerable to disease and malnutrition. In response, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are providing vital humanitarian assistance to those in need. Pregnant and lactating women, as well as children under five, are being screened for malnutrition and receiving supplementary feeding. Additionally, the project is empowering vulnerable women with lessons about how to prevent further malnutrition, eat a balanced diet and maintain nutrition, providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to live a life full of nourishment.

PWS&D supports food security and nutrition



From Joyce

I feel like I keep writing about the same things these past few months, only using a slightly different angle to describe the varying tangle of emotions I am experiencing. I share these things

in hopes that it will normalize some of what you may be experiencing. There is much to be thankful for in my life and family. So far, my family has been very fortunate in terms of employment and health, so it always seems a little odd that there is also a tinge of sadness in so many moments. No matter the external influences of living in a time of social distancing and a pandemic, we still have to go through the emotions that we might normally be experiencing and add the layers that have robbed us of the normal supports we have come to rely on.

Today would have been my mom's birthday, so there is sadness in my mourning and gratitude for her life. As well, Ken and I were supposed to be with my dad in Alberta and visiting our sons, daughters in law, siblings and extended family. It has been some time since I have seen any of them. I am thankful for video calls that help me feel like I am seeing them, but nothing replaces their hugs.

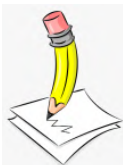
All of this has left me with a few tears to shed. I don't know when I will be able to see them again.

We have our fingers crossed for time after Christmas in AB but no one is booking flights at this time.

And yet...we are grateful and there is joy, and there is laughter, there are backyard visits with friends, phone calls, and there is hope. I don't hold all of this too tightly; I give it to God. I give the challenging moments over to God knowing that I still have to live through them, but I don't have to do it alone. I give the joy and gratitude to God, knowing that God is also with me when I am rejoicing and thankful. It helps to balance out the emotions and lessen any burden knowing that God's got me. In tears and laughter, sorrow and joy, and all the in-between – God's got me, God's got this. It is a promise for me and it is a promise for you.

SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN WORK

If you would like to have your own poetry, stories or anecdotes featured in the newsletter please send your submissions to Rev. Joyce at, minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



BOOKS FOR CHANGE

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

Please RSVP to Rev. Joyce so that she can
send you a link to the Zoom meeting Tuesday
in preparation for the Wednesday event.

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

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they
share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9, NIV

COMMUNION SERVICE

Zoom Communion Service August 30 8:00 p.m.
Everyone connected with St. Andrew's Thunder
Bay and on the 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, bun, etc.)
Rev. Joyce will lead participants
through a short worship service
with communion.

RETURNING TO ST. ANDREW'S

Return of in person Sunday Worship!
September 13 at 11:00 a.m.

More information regarding safe re-opening will
follow in next week's newsletter.



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SIRI ... SAY GRACE

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 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.

The soft, warm wrap is a comforting reminder that others care about them.

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.



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