



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

As we approach a new school year, we ask as our Creator and Spiritual Presence, that you keep our children in your tender loving care. Help us keep them safe in these uncharted waters from an unseen and unpredictable journey through this next school year.

Keep us mindful of the educators and all school staff who are now the front line workers and give them the courage, patience and understanding to guide them through these challenging times. Children are our most precious gift. Jesus said, "suffer the little children to come into me." We ask Him, the Teacher and Physician, to watch over them as they start the next chapter of a year full of uncertainty.

May we all work together as a community of learners to support our schools as they move forward carefully, honouring the guidelines that have been set out for us.

In Jesus name we pray.
Amen

Written by: Myrna Anderson

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

New Beginnings and Evangelism Coaches

The Apostle Paul, in his pursuit of sharing the gospel message, says that in doing so he is "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13). Looking ahead is not always an easy thing to do, especially in the rapidly changing environment that we live in today. For congregations, it can be a struggle to know how to continue to reach out to their communities and share the gospel in meaningful ways. The PCC has developed a network of coaches to help congregations and ministries to discover where God is calling them. Through programs like New Beginnings and the Evangelism Network, congregations can be connected with a coach to guide them into an exciting new era of ministry. Contact Canadian Ministries canadianministries@presbyterian.ca to learn more about the New Beginnings program and the Evangelism Network.

***Presbyterians Sharing
shares the gospel message***

MISSION & OUTREACH FOOD BANK

Mission and Outreach will be holding a Food Bank Drive over the next 6 weeks, with the goal of helping to restock the Miles St Food bank shelves. All donations of non-perishables gladly received at the church until October 31st! Baby food, pasta, sauce, canned tuna/salmon, pork and beans, Kraft Dinner.... are some of the well received items!

Thank you.

DONATIONS

Christmas may seem like a long way off but not really! We want you to consider, as in past years, generously supporting: Elizabeth Fry Society, the two women's shelters, Faye Peterson and Beendigen, and the Children's Aid Society. It is very simple this year; if you could please write a cheque to St Andrew's (memo Mission and Outreach; this will be added to your year end tax receipt), or provide a food gift card, or cash (please give directly to Jan Sewell). No items or merchandise can be collected/donated this year due to COVID. Thank you!

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

The latest edition of *These Days Oct - Dec 2020* are in. Please contact Rev. Joyce for a copy.

SUNDAY REMIX

To stay connected to the congregation, we will upload a Sunday Remix online. These videos will be available Monday. Please visit our Facebook page or our website to find a link to the Sunday Remix. <http://standrewspres-tbay.ca/>

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.

Proverbs 23:5

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





From Joyce

My mind is all over the place! What are the possibilities? How can we be innovative? How can we take the ideas that are being presented, from the possibility of a modified Tea and Bazaar to new ways of reaching out, sharing our love and being of service to others? Right now, I don't have any answers but I am thankful for the many people who are talking, thinking, pondering about these things along with me, and I invite you to do the same. Not every idea from any of us will fly, still some will find traction and may be adapted and molded, but without the ideas in the first place we will lack in imagination and innovation that can lead to transformation.

I am writing this on Wednesday after a Session meeting last evening with the Elders of the church. I want to let you know that the leadership team that is in place at this time is truly an amazing group of people. They bring their individual gifts and experience to the table, but work as one body. I wish you could see them at work as they consider possibilities and challenges. I value their wisdom and guidance. With them I never feel like I work alone. They lead with me, support me and one another, and have so much love, concern, and hope for the congregation, with a view on how what we do can and does impact the community. We are the church together. All of us have a place and a part. Sept 24th marks the day of my induction service at St. Andrew's, meaning I have been here seven years. I can hardly believe that I still wake up ready to take on the tasks of the day and excited for the future of this congregation. Thanks be to God.



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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