



# St. Andrew's News

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September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Let's Pay Attention

Oh God! May we remember that we are praying for endurance, confidence and resilience in these disturbing months. We face changes in our lives every day.

We plead for and are grateful for your life giving Grace. We include those who are lonely and ill; those Facing wild fires; all making decisions about daily life to keep others safe.

It's okay to pay attention to our own and those we serve.

We ask for your Grace to sustain , strengthen, and restore your Presence in our lives.  
Amen

*Written by: Judy Persian*

## CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

The church office is open again at its regular hours from 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. Shaundra, our office admin, is back to work!

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>! Baby food, pasta, sauce, canned tuna/salmon, pork and beans, Kraft Dinner.... are some of the well received items! Thank you.

## CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

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

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### International Day of Prayer for Peace (September 21)

Today, there are millions of people around the world living in conflict-affected countries. Many have been displaced from their homes and have limited access to basic needs. Children are unable to go to school. Families do not have enough food to eat. There is no telling when home might be safe again. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) continuously provides emergency relief in conflict-affected areas. By reaching out to the most vulnerable to address immediate needs such as food, shelter, and water and sanitation, as well as long-term needs, such as livelihood recovery, education and psychosocial support, we help to restore strength and hope for the future for the world's most vulnerable.



**PWS&D responds to conflict**

## 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!

## 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/>

## 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

As you may have anticipated, there will be no St. Andrew's Tea and Bazaar in November. Our long-standing tradition, like so many other things, has lost its place in this time of pandemic. The Session along with others have pondered how we might save the bazaar, but we simply do not have adequate ability to control traffic safely in and out of the building in order to accommodate even that type of activity. Still, we know that a major fundraiser is needed for the church to meet its budget for ministry, mission, and outreach, so a modified event is being undertaken. To that end we are going to host a St. Andrew's Bazaar and Market place using social media to do sales of items. Local artist and member of St. Andrew's, Judy Persian will be offering a variety of greeting cards and some water colour art work for sale. Jamie Gerow, also a member and our choir director, additionally holds a membership with the International Brotherhood of Real Beard Santas. Jamie is going to offer virtual visits with Santa. This Santa plays guitar and sings children songs and is happy to have conversations with children. Shaundra, our office admin, is going to sell headbands inspired by Disney Characters. There are more ideas and more details to come, but I wanted to inspire you.

We are also looking to do shortbread baking and sales. The logistics of that are being worked out, but there are already ways that you can help.

- 1) We are going to need an abundance of cookies tins, so if you have one, a few, or many and are willing to part with them, either drop them off at the office or arrange a pick up through the office and
- 2) we are going to need as many shortbread cookie bakers as we can get. If you are interested you can request the St. Andrew's recipe from the church office. With hints from experienced shortbread cookie bakers you may be on your way to making the best shortbread cookies around and aiding St. Andrew's in our work and in our joy. By next Sunday we plan to have more of the details ready to share. Pretty exciting! It will take many people doing what they can to help make this happen, but I know we have the heart and the ability to do just that!

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



With Christ, it is not how much we give, but what we do not give that is the real test.

*Oswald Chambers (1874-1917),  
teacher, evangelist*

### 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!



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**Sunday Worship - 11:00am**