



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

In these strange times, Lord, we are grateful for your presence. Thank you for the moments of connection when we sometimes feel so apart. Thank you for the moments of light amidst the darkness. Help us to spread that light.

We pray for educators and students as they return to learning. May they have a safe return and know your gentleness.

We pray for the lonely, ill, and grieving. May they feel comforted and know your love.

We pray for those who may be struggling. May they find what they seek and know your peace.

We pray for those who speak out against injustice. May they be supported in their fight and know your strength.

With gratitude for all you provide, Lord, may we spread your light and know your kindness, your generosity, and your joy. Amen.

Written by: Eilidh Childs

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

World Literacy Day (September 8)

In Afghanistan, cultural norms dictate that men often play a more central role in public life, while women and girls have more significant roles in the home. Because of this, many girls do not have equal access to education. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), with the support of local partners, has been working to provide girls with access to high quality education. Through summer camps, girls are informed about human rights, gender, sex, and leadership and democracy. Sadaf and Nargi participated in this summer camp, where they were inspired and excited about the great things they could achieve in the future. For the two girls, access to fair and equal education is vital for their goals and dreams; it is also essential to allow their communities to flourish.

PWS&D supports equal education



RETURNING TO CHURCH (PART 2 of 2)

From the communion table you can head up an aisle, finding a place for yourself or the "bubble" cohort that you have come with. The first pews in each section have been closed to allow for proper distancing from anyone who may be participating in worship at the front. We have not marked any of the pews. Instead we are trusting that anyone or group coming to worship will be socially responsible and keep a 2-meter/6ft distance from people who have already chosen a place in the pews. We are well aware that some that have had a favorite spot in the sanctuary will not necessarily be able to sit in their familiar place. There are also a couple of designated people who will be observing to help us keep the social distancing requirements as we are seated. We ask your patience and grace in all this, knowing that the joy will come in being together in community even if not all things are as we wish they could be.

At the end of the worship service please exit directly out the large doors at the back of the sanctuary on Brodie St. We ask that anyone who needs to use the ramp entry remain seated until others have left so that you can safely approach the accessible entry of the sanctuary and then leave by the ramp without have to cross paths with others. Please continue to practice social distancing as you exit.

The balcony, elevator, front office and other areas of the building will not be open. Bathrooms in the main hallway will be available. We ask that only one person use the washrooms at a time.

Seat cushions may be loaned out or you can bring your own. If you borrow a cushion you will become responsible for it, bringing it to and from church each Sunday. What you bring into the church stays with you and must go home with you.

For those who choose to return to in-person worship, we hope that this overview will help to ease your mind as we gather together. Regardless, an online worship service will continue to be provided.

The online service will be uploaded on Mondays.
With hope and anticipation, I look forward to seeing you!

Rev. Joyce Yanishewski
On behalf of the Session of
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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 riches of life are to be shared. Life at its best is lived through giving, not getting; helping not hoarding.
Kennon Callahan (1936 -), pastor, author

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

RETURNING TO ST. ANDREW'S

Return of in person Sunday Worship!
September 13 at 11:00 a.m.
Please refer to the article, *Returning to Church*, on the front of the newsletter for part two of the safe re-opening guidelines.

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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