



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Dear Lord,

I want to thank you Lord for our friends and family. I am thankful that I have food on my table and I am praying that everyone will be able to have a plentiful Thanksgiving.

Lord I love how you created fall and the beauty and colour of all the leaves. I miss going to church Lord but I am happy that others are able to attend and see one another. Thank you Lord

*Written by: Roberta Haywood*

## SHORTBREAD BAKERS

Many bakers make light work. For 200 lbs of butter, 10 baker means 20 lbs of butter each. If we can get 20 bakers, that's only 10 lbs each. Some will make more and some less. We appreciate whatever amount of baking you can do. Please contact our Office Admin Shaundra and let her know if you are able to bake. All baked shortbread should be packed in plastic bags in boxes or in cookie tins or airtight containers of some sort. If you want your container back, please label it. It will be kept frozen until it is packed by a separate group. All shortbread can be dropped off at the church during office hours or by arrangement.

## BUTTER

Shortbread bakers can pick up butter as needed from the church. All butter taken from the freezer downstairs needs to be recorded on the sheet on top of the freezer. Butter can be picked up at the church during office hours or by arrangement.

## SUKKOT AND THE SUKKAH

Sukkot is a Biblical holiday during which people made pilgrimages to designated sites for worship and fellowship. The Hebrew word sukkah refers to the leaf covered structures symbolic of the fragile dwellings built by the ancient Israelites after the Exodus from Egypt.

The turbulent and uncertain days of 2020 have made this symbolic event more relevant to us at St. Andrew's. Our sukkah reminds us of all for which we are thankful and the urgent need to share God's gifts to us with others.

## 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!

## 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/>

## SHORTBREAD SALES

Customers can e-transfer their shortbread payment to the church at [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net) before pick-up or can pay cash upon pick-up. E-transfers must include "Shortbread" in the notes.

Curbside pickup will be available at the church  
Thurs Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm  
Sat Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 10am-3pm  
Sunday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> noon-2pm  
Cost \$5/dozen

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;  
*Proverbs 3:9*

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

**Equipping Families to Fight Food Insecurity**  
In South Sudan, years of civil conflict have left much of the population without access to the food they need to live healthy lives. Rising food prices and loss of income due to COVID-19 are only increasing this deficit. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide 1,150 families with food assistance that will meet their nutritional needs. Additionally, families will receive farming inputs and fishing equipment so that, when the season is right for growing and fishing, they will have access to alternative sources of nutrition.



### **From Joyce**

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

These last few months have posed challenges for all of us. With some being isolated from loved ones, changes in employment for others, fear for all kinds of reasons, and now a tightening of restrictions once again, as well as a myriad of other reasons why things have been difficult, one of the ways we can get through this is by paying attention to what we can be grateful for. I say this knowing that it is not easy. I had a practice in a difficult time of my life of writing down three things each evening that I was grateful for that day. I wrote them down so that I could look back at them if I needed a reminder that not all was bleak everyday, it is easy to forget the little blessings. In the last year as I struggled with walking, I found and find myself giving thanks for every little stride forward as healing has been incremental. I still give thanks each time I walk up or down a set of stairs normally. For a few months I had not been able to do that. Being grateful does not just happen, it takes time to think about it, one must be intentional. This Thanksgiving I found myself grateful for many things including the health and vitality of this congregation and your expressions of love and support for me and each other. Many people will be spending Thanksgiving on their own this year because of Covid and government restrictions, I pray a blessing for you this day and in the days to come. Though it is a long road, it will pass. In the meantime, may we reach out to one another as we can, with love and hope, giving thanks for God ever present.

Jesus drove a Honda but didn't talk about it, "For I did not speak of my own accord" -John 12:49



### **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!

### **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!

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**Sunday Worship - 11:00am**