



St. Andrew's News

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October 18th, 2020

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10



MISSION & OUTREACH FOOD BANK

Mission and Outreach is holding a Food Bank Drive 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!

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

To place a shortbread order please contact our Office Administrator, Shaundra.

Customers can e-transfer their shortbread payment to the church at

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 19th 5pm-8pm

Sat Nov 21st 10am-3pm

Sunday Nov 22nd noon-2pm

Cost \$5/dozen

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Investing in the Future of the Church

Presbyterians Sharing supports the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon. For over a century, NEST has been a powerful witness in the Middle East, training nearly 90% of the Protestant ministers in the region. Students come from some of the most difficult places in the world to be Christian: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. NEST's President, Dr. George Sabra, shared, "The main concern of the church in the Middle East is how to remain here... We are preparing people to minister in situations where it is becoming very difficult for Christians to live." In faithfully partnering with NEST, we are investing in leadership development for the future of the church in the Middle East.



From Joyce

Everyone needs time to grieve and if you don't take the time your body will make the time. It comes out one way or another. So, I have chosen to make time and take a week off to grieve and rest. It has been a tough few months for all of us. I have written about grief and loss a few times since Covid became our reality and affected everything from job security, to wedding plans and graduations, as well as significant other mile stones moments for so many. For me the last few weeks have been filled with the feelings of loss and grief. I have grieved not seeing my sons. It is nearly two years since I was physically present with my boys and daughters in law, over a year since I have been with my dad, and longer than that since I have been with siblings and their families. This summer was to be an Alberta summer where I would have time to be with all of them. Those plans had to be scrapped. Then just over two weeks ago two of my friends died within three days of each other, both far too young, still working, and with many plans for the future.

Finally, out of the last ten weeks I have done nine funerals, which means that I also met with families every week to plan and share. I had connections with all of the families and grieve with them. Most had connections to this church in one way or another. Which brings me to another loss. Those who attend worship know how much hugging is a part of how I share joy, sorrow, comfort, and a greeting. It has been difficult enough to not be able to do that for the last few months, but when that can no longer be a part of my ministry to those who are grieving, then that impacts me. I share this because I want you to know I understand and have empathy for what you may be going through if you are grieving. I also want to let you know it is okay to grieve and to take time to sit with that. Which is why I will be taking the week off. I know it takes more than a week to grieve, but it is still important to take the time away from the regular and get some respite. For me the process includes reading and journaling and being outside, even if it is just to sit on a park bench. I also want you to know that I am okay. I still have much joy and continue to find fulfillment in my work among you. It is just time for a rest. May this coming week be one of rest and blessing for all of us.

stay safe

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!

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