



St. Andrew's News

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December 13th, 2020

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



All Occasion & Seasonal Cards
by
Judy Persian

Cards will be available in the front office to view and purchase.

1 card - \$5.00
4 cards - \$19.00

If you have any questions please call either Judy at 624-8926 or the church office at 622-4273



~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series: Be Not Afraid

Sunday December 13 (Advent III)

Sunday December 20 (Advent IV)

Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Eve
One service only at 7:00 P.M.

Sunday December 27 (Wassail Service)



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Thank you Lord for the beauty of our surroundings. Help us to appreciate our sparkling lakes, rolling hills, lush forests, and golden fields. We are in awe of your goodness. Help us to take care of all that you have so generously given to us.

Thank you for the approaching of our Christmas season. May we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, of long ago. Help us God, to worship you today, with joyful hearts and to be grateful for your amazing love.

May we trust in your care, so that we are able to give assistance to those who are in need. Even a smile may be helpful to someone.

Give us your peace, love, and courage as we face the pandemic, in the months ahead. We pray with thanksgiving and hope, in Jesus name.

Amen

Written by: Nonie Marsh

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

As with everything in 2020, Christmas Eve will be different for us. In order to get the word out in plenty of time, here is some important things to note. We will have only one service on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm. There will be no service of communion and our candlelight service will be modified to include our large candelabras rather than each person receiving a candle to light. As difficult as it is, we are finding ourselves in a position of asking that if you have guests from out of the region that you would refrain from attending the Christmas Eve service. Our concern is for the health and well-being of all and we are proceeding with utmost caution. An online service will be available on Christmas Eve for those who are unable to attend worship. Advent and Christmas are important and remarkable times in the Christian calendar, it is my hope that our worship, in whatever way you get to participate, will bring blessing to your heart and your home.

SHORTBREAD SALES

Please contact our Office Administrator, Shaundra, to place your order and schedule a pick-up time.
Cost \$5/dozen

Customers can e-transfer their shortbread payment to the church at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net or pay at pick-up with exact change.

GOOD JOB ST. ANDREW'S

The Mission and Outreach Committee is active in the community, nationally and internationally, with financial support to: Lakehead Social Planning Council, Our Kids Count, Underground Gym, Children's Aid Society, Christmas Cheer, Faye Peterson Transition House, Beendigen Crisis Home, Elizabeth Fry Society, Lifewater Canada, Shelter House and the Montreal Refugee Centre. Our base budget, and your generous support, funds these initiatives.

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/>



From Joyce

I don't know what to write or what to say. I certainly have nothing witty, imaginative, or exciting to write. When people ask me how I am doing I say, "I'm living the Covid life." Now I realize that can mean different things to different people, but most who hear that statement understand that it means life is very different. For me it is quieter in many ways, certainly less meetings, no travel outside the region, and only contact with family by phone call or video. Lately, at least in ministry, it does not mean less interaction, but that almost every interaction is impacted by the Covid circumstances. A visit with a grieving family happens with masks on and me distanced, longing to reach out and embrace those I am with. I officiated at a wedding here a week ago that had the bride holding her father in her hand in a video chat as she walked down the aisle while a Zoom meeting with an invited guest list of people from around the globe comprising most of the attendees with only fifteen people physically present. Planning for Christmas has a different feel, subdued and peaceful. I find myself having short moments of grief as I consider, not just what needs to be done, that is not the issue, it is how it needs to be done. I am not alone in this. I have spoken to colleagues and others in various professions and the story is similar. The world has changed. So, the message continues to be, if you are struggling through this pandemic, please reach out, you are not alone. I will gladly take your call. Good chance you will be ministering to me in that moment as well.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Halidu's Shop Equips Others

In Ghana, Halidu manages a prosperous and bustling training centre where he teaches kente weaving and dressmaking. When Halidu was young, he developed a sore that led to his leg being amputated. During his recovery, Halidu enrolled in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported program that equips people with disabilities with skills to obtain a livelihood. During workshops, he learned vocational skills that included weaving, tailoring and dressmaking. Today, Halidu is using what he learned during his recovery to lead a healthy, productive life and run a successful business.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

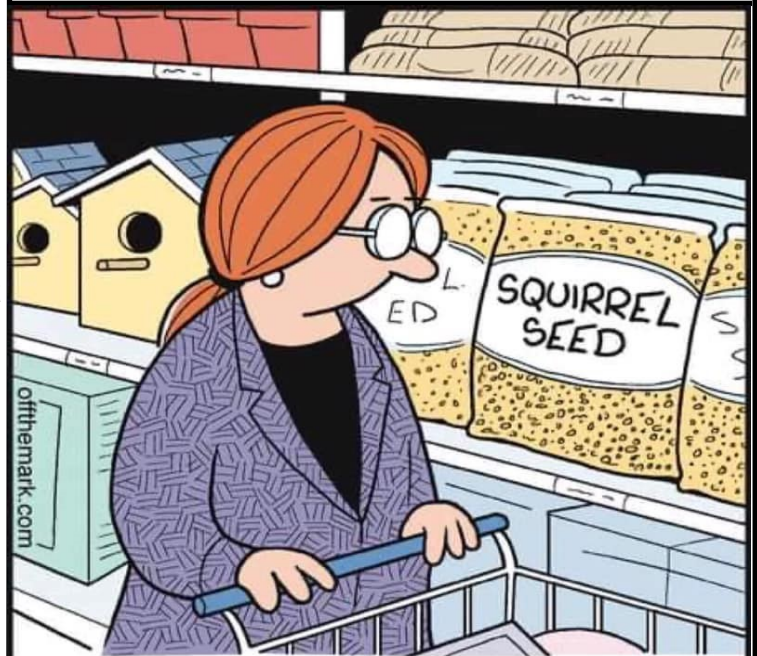
If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.



*Mother Theresa (1910-1997),
nun, missionary*

ANNUAL REPORT

The deadline for committee reports is **January 5, 2021**. Please send them to the Office Administrator, Shaundra Benincasa, as soon as they are prepared so we can start work on the Annual Report. Thank you to all that have already submitted your reports. The annual meeting will be on February 7, 2021.



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Sunday Worship - 11:00am