

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!

From Joyce

The last few weeks have given me time for pondering questions I have had for some time. They are questions that our Session (the church's leadership team) wrestle with consistently, but they are questions for each of us with any sort of claim on the life and ministry of St. Andrew's. Each question seems to have the big picture in mind, but will take incremental steps to realize, questions like, what is God calling St. Andrew's to be and do in and from our corner of Donald and Brodie Streets, as well as online? How can we best utilize our building to honour God? How can we best honour and create a place of belonging, hope, and welcome for the people who call St. Andrew's home and those who find a place of refuge inside and outside of our church? How do we best use the time, talent and resources of those who participate in the life and mission of the church?

There is more that could and should be asked. I am asking each of you to consider the questions around ministry for St. Andrew's, if you see or have some vision, ministry, or opportunity that you feel God may be calling us to, let's explore that together. Some ideas will work as presented, others could just need some trial-and-error experimentation, and other may not come to fruition, but it will be through courage and creativity, imagination and work, that St. Andrew's can fully become the place of work and worship that God intends for us to be. Please don't think your idea is either not grand enough or too big, or somehow not important. God works in and through all of us, you may be just who we need for a time such as this. May God add a blessing to all that we strive to be and become in Christ's name.

A PCC MISSION MOMENT

Knowledge Nourishes Babies and Families

When Cristina Flete gave birth to her first baby, she wasn't aware of how crucial exclusive breastfeeding and developmental activities could be to her child's long-term health. When her second child was born, Cristina attended a workshop facilitated by Presbyterian World Service & Development's (PWS&D) local partner in Nicaragua. With other mothers, Cristina learned the importance of breastmilk for a child's developing brain and how to create materials to stimulate her child's mind. Additionally, culinary classes empower parents with tools to help with their families' overall health. With PWS&D support, families are combating malnutrition and chronic illness, giving their babies the best chance for a future of good health.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Generosity is contagious.
Anonymous

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!

stay safe

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

GRATITUDE

Thank you Lord for all the goodness and wonder you bring to our lives. You flood our hearts with sunshine and continue to watch over us in these trying times. Our belief in you and the wonder of your love for us will keep us strong and unafraid. As we follow our path in life, we trust you will be our guide. Walk with us Lord and forgive our doubting ways. Help us to be positive, patient, trusting and hopeful. How blessed we are to have a friend like you. You shower us with love, beauty, joy and peace. You give us hope for a better tomorrow. We are truly grateful. Amen.

Written by: June Martisen

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Your prayers are needed for the police service of Thunder Bay! These dedicated men and women face stress and danger in their daily work and need our prayers. An individual will be assigned to you by name. Contact them to let them know you're praying for them. You can mail them a card or note:

% Darren Kondreska, Peer Support Coordinator
Thunder Bay Police Service 1200 Balmoral St.
Thunder Bay ON P7B 5Z5 Include as much or as little personal information as you want. Someone is waiting to hear from you and have you pray for them!

To find out more contact Maureen at 475-0459 or maureenbev@yahoo.ca

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