



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



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

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

CHURCH TO GO

Did you know, we have church to go?
No curbside service for us!
No "pick up please", or left at the door.
It comes into your house on any floor!
You can hear His word so well delivered,
You can hear the hymns and sing along.
You can see the church in all its splendour,
but in your heart there's something wrong.
Where are the people, their smiles and greetings?
Where are the people who shake your hand?
Where are the hugs and coffee gatherings?
It seems like a dream from a far away land.
Lord, please keep us very close to you
And bless all the people who bring you on-line.
For one day soon, our "church to go"
will just be a memory in time.

Written by: Emily June Martinsen

ANNUAL CHURCH MARKETPLACE & BAZAAR 2020

The following amounts were raised by various groups and individuals that were a part of St. Andrew's Marketplace and Bazaar during the months of November and December.

Shortbread.....	\$7,205.20
St. Aiden's Donations.....	\$495.00
Knitting/Crafts Table.....	\$751.30
Judy Persian Art.....	\$578.00
Santa Claus/Jamie Gerow.....	\$130.00
Headbands.....	\$50.00
Seekers' Donation	\$330.00
Total.....	\$9,539.50

These numbers only reflect the amounts raised, it is hard to see all the hard work, organization, and energy that were a part of what went into the fundraising effort. Thank you to everyone for prayers, support, both financial and by the work of your hands. As you can see, we have much to be thankful for. Amazing team work!

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

A Meaningful Message

St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Creston, B.C., is a small, remote church tucked away in the Kootenay Valley. With a grant from Presbyterians Sharing to support ministry in remote communities, they called the Rev. Stephen Vangroonen to their congregation in the hope that he would help strengthen and grow their ministry. But shortly after he and his family arrived, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and the congregation found itself adapting quickly to move their services online. Then, when churches were permitted to reopen, they had to adapt to the new health and safety protocols. Throughout it all, the Rev. Vangroonen has blessed St. Stephen's with a positive outlook, continually encouraging the new community he serves to trust God and share the love of Christ with others—a meaningful message during this turbulent time.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13





From Joyce

Happy Valentine's Day! I remember being in elementary school and the time and effort classmates put into printing out each other's names on Valentine's. Even more so, I remember watching my children prepare Valentines for each of their classmates, and the special in-class parties to celebrate the day. I really couldn't tell you how that works any more, and Covid has completely changed anything that was anyway. As I have aged though I recognize that this day can be a harsh one for many as it may bring the ache of a love lost, the remembrance of a special partner or spouse. Also, it is not a day of love for those in abusive and difficult relationships. So, we celebrate what we can and hopefully we don't let another day that has been monopolized by companies that want to sell you things to celebrate love become the focus.

Regardless of the frailty and complexity of human love there is the steadfast presence and love of God. It may be a good day to remember that regardless of the joy or sorrow of human relationships, God is with us. John 3:16 has come up in a number of my conversations this week. You may recall it, or it may be new to you. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life:"¹ God's eternal life starts today, not at sometime in the future. God's love is here and now, made known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Today and in the days to come, may you remember that God gives us more than a Valentine, God give us God's very self so that we can all know love and experience hope, grace, peace, and forgiveness. God *is* love.

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Sunday Worship - Online

at standrewspres-tbay.ca

ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

Under the Red Zone regulations, St. Andrew's remains closed. Services are available online and can be accessed on the church Facebook page, or on the website at standrewspres-tbay.ca

Arrangements can also be made for a print version of the worship service to be provided. Connect with Rev. Joyce for more information

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!

