



# St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Heavenly Father thank you for loving me today,  
thank you for your faithfulness,  
thank you for being closer to me than  
the air I breathe.

I receive your promises today  
in faith and confidence.

I cast all my cares on you  
and set my heart on you today  
in Jesus name, Amen

*Written by: Marlene Lesovich*

## ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

St. Andrew's remains closed until further notice,  
due to government regulations.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Stewardship . . . describes the vocation that God  
intended and intends for the human creature in the  
midst of God's good creation.

Douglas John Hall (1928 – ), Professor of  
Theology, author



## WHAT'S NEW

For the Season of Lent we are sharing a link to a  
wonderful Garden - this is for Lent 2  
Click on the link to be taken to the  
garden <https://bit.ly/36Cv0PZ>



St. Andrew's now has a family time video series  
with our Choir Director, Jamie Gerow. Jamie will  
be making these every other week or so, and they  
can be found on our Youtube channel, so please  
be sure to subscribe.

Here is a link to this weeks video.

<https://youtu.be/Fmy9GNQ2gY4>

Services are available online and can be  
accessed on the church Facebook page,  
or on the website at

[https://standrewspres-tbay.ca/  
worship-services-by-video/](https://standrewspres-tbay.ca/worship-services-by-video/)

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

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Hygiene Kits Protect Families in Nicaragua

“As a family, we try to take all the necessary  
measures, like covering our nose when sneezing,  
avoiding shaking hands or going places where there  
might be large crowds. For many of the families in  
our community, it's not possible to acquire protection  
materials like face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer or  
cleaning materials due to rising prices in the market.  
We are so thankful for all of you and the help you  
bring to our community.” Like many in Nicaragua,  
María struggles to access proper protection materials  
and cleaning products due to the COVID-19  
pandemic. Presbyterian World Service &  
Development, through local partners, is helping  
people like María and her whole community, receive  
hygiene and sanitation items, ensuring they are  
prepared to safely face the pandemic.



## From Joyce

It dawned on me as I prepared to write this email that it would be important to share news with you of our sister church First Presbyterian, Thunder Bay. First Presbyterian is facing severe financial challenges exacerbated by Covid. First Pres., St. Andrew's, and churches across the country, are faced with the realities that have come with months of closures as well as limited capacities at worship when we were allowed to be open for worship. There is also the fact that many people are staying home even when they can worship in person because they are protecting themselves. This is an important and reasonable choice for anyone in these times and especially when people are into their senior years or are vulnerable due to other health concerns.

Media has covered the challenges of businesses and individuals, even some organizations in the last year, but the fact is the pandemic has made staying viable difficult for worshipping communities as well. At St. Andrew's we are deeply thankful that offerings (donations, financial gifts) to the church actually exceeded our budgeted expectations last year. Still, the lack of fundraising left us in a deficit position at the end of 2020. Thankfully we have a bit of a buffer in order to manage that deficit. Our community of faith has been amazing in their support of the ministry, staff, and work of the church. To get through 2021 we will continue to be relying on the abundant generosity of the congregation and others to help us continue to do the work we are doing and maybe even make plans for what can yet be done to bring the love, joy, hope, and grace that is the gospel to people in new and dynamic ways.

As for First Presbyterian, today they are saying goodbye to their minister Rev. Susan Mattinson as they can no longer afford to support full time ordained ministry. Because of the pandemic they cannot even say goodbye to her in person. They are heart-broken. Susan will be posting her final Sunday devotional service on their church website and Facebook page February 28 should you like to check out her message. First Pres. will continue to discern a way forward to see what God is calling them to do and how to do it. We hold Rev. Susan, her husband Colin, and the entire congregation of First Presbyterian in our prayers extending our love and concern. May God bless their future.

## 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!

## RELIGIOUS INSIGHT

### Unanswered Prayer

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon.

One day, she asked him why.

'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.'

'How come He doesn't answer it?' she asked

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