



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



WHAT'S NEW

For the Season of Lent we are sharing a link to a wonderful Garden - this is for Lent 5
Click on the link to be taken to the garden
<https://bit.ly/3t4bxku>



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/>

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

St. Andrew's 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 the latest video.

<https://youtu.be/7Jor11BnTvg>

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the love and support you are surrounding us with. We appreciate the joy of more sunlight and the decrease in the darkness that we lived with during the winter. We are grateful for birds that sing around us, the sun that shines on our faces and the realization that spring is arriving.

We know that you are watching over us during these challenging times. Please help us to be patient with the unusual isolation we have been enduring over the last year. Lord, this has been a challenge for so many people because of their limited contact with their families, their friends, their co-workers and their church. Surround us with your love and strive to be optimistic about our future.

We ask you to keep safe all the people who are bravely working to protect us. We pray for those who are not well, that they will heal in body and spirit. We ask this in your name.

Written by: Joanne Kembel

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Summer Student's Virtual Ministry

Presbyterians Sharing provides financial assistance for seminary students to gain ministry experience by serving in rural and remote congregations across the country. Last summer, Samuel Andri, a student from the Vancouver School of Theology, served in the Synod of Saskatchewan. Due to COVID-19, Samuel led online worship and helped deliver a Vacation Bible School program virtually. Though his responsibilities were fulfilled online instead of in person, it did not make his experience any less meaningful. When asked about his summer

experience, Samuel said, "I am forever grateful for the opportunity to reflect on what it means to serve God in more rural areas of Canada and to reflect on the beauty of serving God in a more close-knit community even through online platforms."





From Joyce

Another card arrived in the mail this week that speaks to ways in which St. Andrew's works to bring love, joy, and hope to people in our community. Each November St. Andrew's has traditionally held its Christmas Tea and Bazaar. Throughout the year, in preparation for that sale, people knit mittens and other items for sale. This past year the knitting was prepared, but the sale did not happen in the same way due to Covid. When St. Andrew's Presbyterian heard that children at St. James Public school would be able to benefit from the mittens, some people from St. Andrew's donated the purchase price of the mittens. All the children's mittens, and a few larger sizes as well, were then given to teacher Seonaid Gerow. Here is an excerpt from the thank you card sent by Seonaid (and all the St. James kids!) in response to the gift.

"I wanted to drop you a note thanking you SO much for the gift of the mittens to our St. James kids in December. We were able to send home a pair with all of our primary students and my class as well (the 7/8's). All of the kids were so thrilled and thankful for the gift. My kids said they were the nicest mitts they had ever had! Thank you for thinking of us."

St. Andrew's is thankful for the knitters who faithfully give of their time and energy each year in creating these items. We are wonderfully happy about the response of the children. A seemingly small gesture that made a difference. Thanks be to God.



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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

We are God's smorgasboard of talents and gifts waiting to be served up on behalf of God's world. David N. Mosser, minister, professor and author of *The Stewardship Companion*, 62

ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

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

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Sunday Worship - Online

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