

St. Andrew's News



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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



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

FAMILY TIME WITH JAMIE GEROW

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/OiumRSpcyJw>



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

God of rebirth and resurrection, our broken world needs your healing power. In this season of new life and new beginnings, grant us the wisdom to know the difference between what we want and what we really need. Forgive us for being so preoccupied with the minor inconveniences and restrictions of this pandemic lockdown that we forget the Easter promise that Jesus lives and walks with us every day along this road of life.

Gracious God, we pray for the presence of your Holy Spirit in our lives to empower us to carry your message of love and hope to those who are discouraged, confused, lonely or grieving. Uphold us in faith and courage, with compassionate caring and genuine concern for each other. Thanks and praise be to Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Saviour, in whose name we pray.

Amen

Written by: Maryellen Fleming

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Equipping Farmers to Thrive

Andrew and Flora successfully grow rice, cassava, maize and groundnuts on their two acres of farmland in Malawi as a result of adopting conservation agriculture practices to help their farm flourish and better cope with droughts. Last year, Andrew and Flora attended Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported training to learn how to rotate crops and protect the soil. In

addition to conservation agriculture workshops, they also attended gender training where they learned the importance of working together. With these tools, Andrew and Flora now enjoy the rewards of conservation agriculture.



stay safe





From Joyce

Some of you may be able to relate. When I was in my twenties, I thought that I had the answers for all kinds of things...if people would just listen. Now, a few decades later I find myself wishing I knew and understood so much more about all kinds of things. What used to appear simple to "fix" I now know has complexities and layers. I have also found that though I have considerable life experience, the lived experience of people is so broad that I cannot begin to grasp the fullness of its variety and depth. I say this because of late I have been drawn into conversations around racism, privilege, gender and other inequities that exist even within the Presbyterian Church in Canada. These, and other conversations, are not easy and, more often than I care to admit, I just don't know what to say. Yet, I also know that to say nothing does nothing to address the needs of those who have and are experiencing hurt and injustice, particularly from other Christians. Sadly, this is not just an issue for the PCC, one need only go online or watch the news and you can see the polarity between people. I am also trying to be aware of my own biases, prejudices, and lack of understanding. I grew up in a very welcoming home where we spoke openly about many things, but I still know that the very culture I grew up in is one that did not see where it was blind to suffering and perpetuated myths, untruths, and held a position of "knowing better". Just today I was introduced to the phrase, about "power that sneaks into our assumptions." Going to be sitting with that for a while.

I share these thoughts, not as judgement on others...I am busy enough judging myself...but maybe as a way to begin conversations in which judgement is set aside for learning, for questions, for opening up to new understanding. I pray for a time when God's kingdom of love truly is on earth as it is in heaven. In the meantime, I have some work to do to learn more, love more, move past my fear of unknowns, and find my voice.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Psalms 24:1

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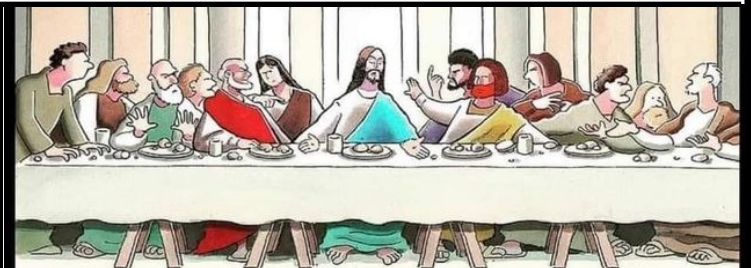
- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

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Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!



"One of you shall betray me.
Four of you shall get book deals."

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ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

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

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