



# 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/fU0xvmqPsuE>

## ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

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

## 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!

## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Lord

These days our emotions are so very strong.

We mourn those people lost to the virus.

We worry about those with long-term effects of having had it.

We mourn permanent business closings and the end of dreams.

We are sorry for so much.

We have come far on this journey and we are weary.

Help us maintain vigilance and safe measures.

Help us support others especially those who put themselves at risk for our benefit.

Help us appreciate the good we have now.

Grant us the vision to see past these times to all we hope for.

The hugs and hugs and more hugs.

Meeting again to worship together.

The family celebrations and sharing meals in our homes and in restaurants.

And the travel.

So much to look forward to.

We need your help on this long journey, Lord.

Continue to lead us.

Amen.

*Written by: Geraldine White*

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Empowering Youth in Malawi

The people in Malawi's Mzimba District face many challenges. School dropout rates are high and teen pregnancy is on the rise. More women are experiencing gender-based violence, and there is a lack of knowledge about HIV transmission and prevention. To help address and educate the community about these issues, Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner, Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme, has trained 20 community facilitators to teach parents how to nurture adolescents. The facilitators help parents engage youth on issues such as sexual and reproductive health, teen pregnancy, early marriage and the transmission of HIV. The project has been successful in encouraging adolescents to return to school after dropping out.



## From Joyce

With the many downsides we are experiencing with Covid restrictions, what has become beneficial are the many times I can now tap into some online learning and participate in the work of the denomination without any difficulty. There is always something to be said for “in-person” learning and working opportunities – the abilities to have conversations over a meal, meeting new people and getting to know them, along with multiple other joys – that is not duplicated online. Still, never before have so many organizations, including learning institutions made professionals, academics, and practitioners, with knowledge and experience so accessible and affordable. I think of ministers, particularly in south and central Ontario (pre-Covid), that could drive to hear speakers, be on a committee/project and get back home for dinner. For myself it would have meant time off from the pulpit, travel, and expenses that my colleagues in those areas never have to consider. Now that engagement is online, I can and do take advantage of learning opportunities. For example, I attend monthly one-hour sessions with the Center for Missional Learning at Vancouver School of Theology, who have also taken advantage of the online opportunities and, on one occasion, had a speaker join us from Ireland to talk about ministry in his context.

I have participated in learning opportunities that the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) have afforded, and the Session of St. Andrew's was able to have Jen de Combe of Canadian Ministries (PCC) join us for a presentation as part of a Session meeting in March. As well I have easily been able to participate in a committee called the “Committee to Nominate Standing Committees of the PCC”. I have a three-year term on this committee (with a crazy long handle for a name). Normally that would have been three days away in Toronto and a hotel room, (also would have meant hugs from my granddaughter), but the work was done just as well online. With only a few days notice, I was also able to say yes to working on a General Assembly committee that needed to meet for a couple of hours to do some regular business of that committee. If it had meant a trip to Toronto on that short of notice, I could not have had the experience. My next big things are attending a major preaching festival for four days online and then attending the first virtual General Assembly of the PCC as a commissioner.

I still will prefer in-person experiences when they can happen again. I look forward to it, but I also hope and expect that many of these opportunities for continuing education and participation in the life and work of the denomination continue to be made available and accessible for those, like myself, for whom distance, cost, and time, make participating in numerous events, committees, and conversations challenging if we had to travel. Our world and our work are forever changed, but some of that change is welcomed and needed.

### JESUS PAID IT ALL

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SIN	PAID
SHAME	PAID
PAIN	PAID
PAST MISTAKES	PAID
REJECTION & LONELINESS	PAID
SLAVERY TO SIN	PAID
SPIRITUAL DEATH	PAID

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AMOUNT DUE	0.00
CHANGE	0.00

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Subtotal	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	0.00

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FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT  
THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN  
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.  
ROMANS 6.23

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