



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



GRADUATION TIME

Caring & Contact would like to recognize graduates by sending congratulatory notes to them on their academic achievements. If you are aware of anyone who is graduating or has graduated from high school, college, or university this year, please connect with Donalda Galloway at 577-2686 or email at penelope361@gmail.com.

Information she will need is...

Name and address of the graduate, where they have graduated from, diploma or degree obtained, Honours received, and future plans.

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/3AKWIR-w8ow>

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.

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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

Heavenly Father, your continuous presence in our lives is like a radiant light at the end of a tunnel. Although that light may flicker and fade at times, we know that it will always be there to shine and guide us even in times of darkness.

Your light is deep within our souls and helps to make us one with you and our Lord Jesus Christ. We are humbled by your unconditional love for us and by the warmth of your shining light in our lives. Amen.

Written by: Ed & Jean Rawana



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

I don't care too much for money,
money can't buy me love.

The Beatles

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Meeting the Needs of Families in Beirut

The massive explosion that struck the city of Beirut in August 2020 left many people injured and many homes damaged. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) responded to the devastating effects by meeting the needs of vulnerable people in Lebanon. Families received essential supplies, such as food and hygiene items, to sustain them as they started to rebuild. Additionally, PWS&D assisted in restoring homes and schools and provided water and sanitation kits to families, as well as school kits to children.



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



From Joyce

Rather than a note from me, I am going to share with you a few highlights from the Presbyterian Church in Canada's General Assembly June 6-9th that went virtual for 2021. This is a meeting of representative elders and ministers from across Canada and had to accommodate time zones from B.C. to Newfoundland. Myself and Elder Susan Dynes represented the Presbytery of Superior. Here are some decisions and actions of note.

Opening

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott, Moderator of General Assembly, opened the second sederunt by reflecting on the harm caused by Indian Residential Schools. He acknowledged the devastating discovery of the bodies of 215 children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School and asked for forgiveness, wisdom and healing to end the ongoing harm before leading the Assembly through a time of confession, lament and moment of silence, observing 215 seconds in memory of the children.

Following this, Assembly directed the Moderator and immediate past-Moderator to write a statement and pastoral letter, in consultation with the National Indigenous Ministries Council, responding to the discovery of the remains. The unusual action of two moderators writing a letter underscored the importance of continuing to speak up and act for healing and reconciliation. The Rev. Amanda Currie noted that there will be more moments like this, so we need to continue to journey with Indigenous people on healing and reconciliation efforts. "Difficult but important work is needed...Our speech needs to follow with action."

Committee on Remits

Lengthy discussion dominated the meetings on Tuesday regarding Remit B and C on the Committee on Remits report. After years of prayerful debate and study, and much passionate and heartfelt discussion, The Presbyterian Church in Canada agreed to make changes to its theology and practice regarding marriage, permitting people to choose to define marriage as either as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman or a covenant relationship between two adult people. These decisions provide Presbyterian ministers with liberty of conscience and the freedom to choose to officiate or not officiate at the marriages of same-sex couples. Additionally, the church agreed that LGBTQI

people (whether married or single) can be ordained and are welcome to serve as ministers and ruling elders.

These decisions accompany other resolutions about policies and programs that will help the church include LGBTQI people more fully in all aspects of ministry. The church will also prepare a confession to all individuals and congregations that have been harmed by the church's exclusion of LGBTQI.

Letter of Condolence

In light of the recent directed attack against a Muslim family in London, Ont., killing four family members and critically injuring a fifth, and understanding it to be a visible sign of underlying evil, the Moderator will write to the National Muslim-Christian Liaison Committee offering condolence and encouraging the committee's ongoing dialogue and work. Recognizing that we have not spoken up against all acts of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gender-based violence, homophobia, and transphobia within and outside of our own church, all levels of the church are encouraged to actively and deliberately reach out to build communities that are life-giving and liberating for all through dialogue and community work.

ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

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

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