



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is **National Indigenous Peoples Day**. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges the responsibility that our church, governments and all Canadians have to continue working for healing and justice with Indigenous people. Presbyterians Sharing supports nine ministries that operate in and with Indigenous communities in Canada. These ministries meet physical and spiritual needs by providing meals, counselling, temporary housing and employment assistance. They also strive to heal hearts through art and music therapy, worship services that incorporate Indigenous beliefs, and more.



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!



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

A Father's Day Prayer

God and Father of us all,
We ask this day for your blessing
on our fathers. Be strength and
wisdom for them.

For fathers who are raising families we ask for patience, self-control and abundant love that they may raise and guide children to know and understand their unique gifts and intrinsic worth and value as human beings.

May fathers with grown children be wonderful examples of acceptance, generosity and faithfulness.

For fathers who longed to have children and could not, we pray for gentleness and that you would bring people into their lives who need a father figure to love and nurture them on their paths.

For fathers that have chosen to be a step-dad, foster father, or adopted dad, we give thanks and ask that you grant them wisdom and courage.

For those fathers who have lost a child through death or a break in their relationship with a child or children, we ask for healing and wholeness.

Holy One, may every child know they are a child of God because of the example of their father and may fathers of every faith, culture, and nation know your presence as they live each day with courage, faith, hope, and love.

We ask it in the name of Jesus,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Written by: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

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.



From Joyce

First, a thank you to those who took time to participate in the Annual Meeting last Sunday by Zoom. It is with much joy that we can look at the work of our congregation and celebrate what has been, how this past year we were able to stay connected, and experience the wonderful support of people through time, phone calls, emails, and online services; while knowing that when we couldn't be present in the building, things were still happening.

There was also a big announcement. St. Andrew's Session applied to the **New Beginnings Program** of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and our congregation was accepted into the program! Here is an excerpt from a letter sent by Jen de Combe of the PCC outlining what this means for us.

"Congratulations on embarking on the journey towards a new beginning! I pray that this journey is one filled with much joy as you open yourselves to hearing again where God is calling you in ministry.

The New Beginnings process involves several phases of discovery:

1. **Assessment** of the current ministry of the church, celebration of the way God has been present and is present with the congregation and a realistic identification of potential future steps.
2. **Workshops** to help the congregation understand the changes in spiritual practices in this new era and why many elements of current ministry structures no longer work.
3. **House Meetings** to open yourselves to new ways of thinking about mission and to make a bold decision for the future.

Coaching to help implement your future story."

We will be assigned a specially trained assessor and coach to guide us through the process. All those trained to be assessors and coaches are ministers of the PCC.

The cost of the program is \$5,000.00. Acceptance into the program also meant we received a grant that covered \$4,500.00 to participate. Even with the pandemic the Session identified reasons for hope and a future for our church. Much of that was due to the fact that so many people made a point of continuing to support St. Andrew's ministry both financially and through their presence even when we could not worship in person. The commitment to online worship and all the pieces it took for that to happen, along with those who watch the service, to the commitment of the shortbread fundraiser in challenging times, plus so much more, has convinced us that God has plans for St. Andrew's! We ask that you hold our ministry, leadership, and congregation in prayer as we prepare for this time of discernment, hope, and discovery.

WORKING TOWARDS SEPTEMBER REOPENING WITH ONTARIO STEP 3

The government is implementing their 3 – stage reopening plans for the province and with the proposed framework, St. Andrew's Session has chosen to continue providing online worship for the summer.

There are no plans to reopen the building this summer. Good news is that if all goes according to plan, we will reopen Sunday September 12th for worship in the sanctuary!

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

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Sunday Worship - Online

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