



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain.

Anonymous

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.

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

Heavenly Father,

We are so very thankful for our vaccinations against COVID-19. We realize these vaccines were developed very much faster than it normally takes.

And we give thanks for the many people getting the vaccines into our arms.

We recognize that booster vaccinations may be needed in the future. We will welcome those too.

We hope for a summer without a resurgence of infections and a fall that includes the return of students and teachers to the traditional classroom.

And we are looking forward to returning in September to worship in the pews of St. Andrews. That will feel so very good.

Amen.

Written by: Geraldine White

HONOURING THE CHILDREN: RECONCILIATION AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FUND ESTABLISHED

In response to the devastating confirmation of unmarked graves on the grounds of former residential schools, and in honour of the children who were lost and all people living with the consequences of that legacy, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has established the *Honouring the Children: Reconciliation and Residential Schools Fund*. This fund will support initiatives associated with searches for unmarked burial sites in communities where schools were operated by The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

All work will complement efforts to address systemic racism against Indigenous people, both in the church and Canadian society, and the ongoing healing and reconciliation work being done in the ministries of the National Indigenous Ministry Council.

To begin, the church has committed \$1 million from national funds, and invites congregations and individuals to make additional contributions to this important work.

Here is the link to donate

<https://presbyterian.ca/2021/07/02/honouring-the-children-fund/>

Donations by cheque can also be made directly through St. Andrews's. Earmark the cheque for "Honouring the Children Fund"



From Joyce

Many people enjoy sitting back with a good book for learning, self-improvement, or for some intriguing fictional reading to spark the mind and imagination. This summer I am going to sit back and savour the Book of Ephesians from the New Testament in a sermon series entitled, *Glory, Grace, and Grit*, and I invite you to join me. Each Sunday I will be looking at a different passage from this letter to the church. Ephesians is one of those wonderfully pastoral and encouraging books in the Bible that teaches about the grand scheme of the gospel in only six chapters. It is a book to ponder and feel that you can ask questions of the text. The words are comforting, but can also challenge you, and there are verses of wonderful prayers. Following is my plan for July and August, but I encourage you to read all of the book so you don't miss anything and get the whole context to aid in your understanding. "Ephesians divides neatly into two halves. The first half, chapters 1-3, provides a theological foundation for the faith in some of the most beautiful language in the Epistles. The second half, chapters 4-6, focuses on the ethical dimensions of the faith: How do we live it out? This second half reminds us that faith isn't simply about believing, but about living." I look forward to spending this time with you in worship and welcome your comments and questions as we consider and study these words of scripture together.

July 11 **Ephesians 1:1-14**
Spiritual Blessing in Christ

July 18 **Ephesians 1:15-23**
Paul's Prayer

July 25 **Ephesians 2:11-22**
One in Christ

August 1 **Ephesians 3:14-21**
Prayer for the Readers

August 8 **Ephesians 4:1-16**
Unity in the Body of Christ

August 15 **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**
Rules for the New Life

August 22 **Ephesians 5:3-20**
Renounce Pagan Ways

August 29 **Ephesians 6:10-20**
The Wole Armor of God

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/geared-up-for-life/seventh-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes>

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

From Outcast to Owner in Ghana

Aruk Atampure spends each day earning an income as the proprietor of a store in a community in Ghana. When Aruk was a small child, he contracted polio and lost partial use of his legs, causing him to be stigmatized by his family and others in the community. One day, a staff member from the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation program encouraged Aruk to enrol in the program, where he received entrepreneurial training. Reflecting on the help he received at every stage of this journey, Aruk commented, "I am so grateful."



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