



St. Andrew's News

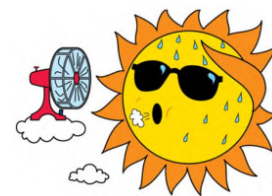
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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Protecting Frontline Health-Care Workers in Malawi

COVID-19 cases were increasing rapidly in Malawi in January 2021. Mphatso Nguluwe, Director at the Synod of Livingstonia Health Department, asked the PCC for help. There was an acute shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health-care workers at the David Gordon Memorial Hospital, which serves a population of 80,000 people. With funds from Presbyterians Sharing, the hospital purchased waterproof hazmat suits, heavy-duty gloves, gowns, face shields and essential drugs. Nurse Sella shared:

“The availability of PPE enabled me to work wholeheartedly. After seeing so many of my fellow staff being infected with COVID-19 while on duty, it gave me chills to do my work. Now that we have the PPE, I am ready to work and save lives.”



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, as we reach a better understanding of the Covid pandemic, we thank you for the gift of knowledge and resource to develop a means of relief for all your peoples in the form of a vaccine. For those who have lost loved ones, those experiencing financial difficulties and those whose lives have been affected give them the strength to know your care, understanding and love. Please continue to bless and keep us safe. Amen.

Written by: Ed and Jean Rawana

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Gratitude may move us to give, but giving may also lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude.

Mary Jo Leddy (1946 –), theologian, social activist

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.

FAMILY TIME WITH JAMIE GEROW

St. Andrew's family time video series with our Choir Director, Jamie Gerow will be coming to an end for now.

Here is a link to the last video.

<https://youtu.be/rbraQOB5SEY>

From Joyce



It's summer time! In Canada that often means a break in routine, being able to enjoy going out in shorts and sandals, spending time just relaxing outside, and more, depending on where you are at in life. I suspect for all of us summer, with its lush colours, growing season, and warm air, just means a change. This summer in particular, with restrictions loosening for gathering with others, it will be a very welcome and needed opportunity to be with those we love and enjoy. As I write this, I am well aware of the heat wave in Western Canada which isn't all that comfortable, it is also dangerous, so hopefully that subsides and doesn't hit the rest of us.

Summer is also a time when people tend to step away intentionally for a break or to just get caught up in other activities. For the church, this summer may not seem much different from the last sixteen months as the church will not open for services and online worship services will continue. I know last summer we actually had more people attending online than who usually show up for worship in the summer because it was easy to worship and still take some time off. The one thing that doesn't change is the need to have the funding to do our ministry and care for this building that we call our church home and, in the summer, when people are involved in different activities, the church and the work we do can get forgotten.

We give thanks for those families and individuals who give their offering every month through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), in other words, they give through their banking institution and it comes out automatically. Those offerings mean so much to the congregation as it is money that we know is available for outreach, planning for fall activities, worship, staffing, and paying the bills. There are also faithful givers who make sure their offering lands up in the mailbox or they give through e-transfer. Again, we are so thankful for your steadfastness. It makes a huge difference. If a regular offering has not been part of your response to the gifts and blessings you have experienced as part of your faith and love for God then this may be a wonderful time to consider PAR or other options. Some people just give one cheque a month or an e-transfer a month to cover the whole month and they put a reminder in their phone to do that.

St. Andrew's is present, here for you, as we look to September 12th when we come back together for in-person worship! We are looking forward to the next year and working as part of the New Beginnings Program of the PCC. We have more to anticipate, to do, and to celebrate. Remembering St. Andrew's this summer with a donation or regular offering will continue to put us in a good place to do what God is calling us to do and be who God is calling us to be from our home on the corner of Donald and Brodie while reaching out with love and grace, help and hope to the community and beyond. God's blessing as you head into your summer experience ☐

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