

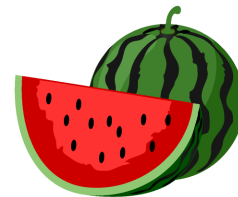
# St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



## CHURCH FALL RE-OPENING SCHEDULE

### Sept. 12—Re-Opening for in-person worship

It will be the first time since December 20<sup>th</sup> of last year that we are in the physical presence of one another to worship and we can hardly wait.

### Sept. 19—Blessing of Backpacks

Each student, it doesn't matter what age, receives a backpack tag to help them remember how special they are in God's eyes and to the congregation. We welcome all students and teachers to attend worship and receive this blessing.

### Oct. 3—World Communion Sunday

Communion is only one of the two sacraments that the Presbyterian Church observes and it is an important part of our understanding of Christ's work in and for us so please plan to attend.



## 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

Dear Lord



As we begin the journey back into the ways of our usual lifestyle before Covid, it is with the realization of all the help we have received. Our health care workers, essential service workers, the love and support of family members, and our greatest help has come from you. We have been blessed with courage, strength, and the understanding of what we all had to do, to finally reach this point of new beginning. We thank you for being with us throughout this Pandemic. May we now find ourselves being more caring, more patient and giving, able to show empathy to all people everywhere. May we all be forever kept in your ever loving care. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen

*Written by: Betty Murphy*

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Teamwork Guarantees Thriving Farm

In Guatemala, Celedonia Félix was in charge of her family's farm, performing most of the agricultural and livestock work. But Celedonia was feeling overwhelmed, and the family's farm was starting to suffer. One day she attended an agriculture training workshop provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner. At the workshop, the mother of seven learned the importance of working as a team. Sharing what she learned with her husband, the two started to work together on their land. Eventually, the couple's children also started to help out. Today, the family jointly carries out activities such as planting, separating husks and harvesting. For Celedonia, "teamwork is the key to success, and preserving family harmony and happiness."



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## From Joyce

*Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers: Exploring the Christian Faith*  
by Donald K. McKim.

### Are there errors in the Bible?

This question usually assumes that what we mean by “errors” are such things as the mistakes we might find today in reading a book on history or science. “Error” is that which is not consistent with what we know by different means of verification—or established laws of science. This definition of error is very clear-cut.

Some Christians believe the Bible cannot properly be called the “Word of God” if it could be proved that even one historical or scientific error is found within its pages. If God is perfect, they argue, then God’s “word” must also be perfect—a single error casts doubt on the truth of God. A refinement is to say that there can be no such “errors” in the original biblical writings (*autographa*). This qualification is necessary because the Bible as we have it now is a synthesis of a number of manuscripts or copies of texts. So it is possible that some scribe could have made an error in copying a word, and an “error” could creep into a biblical text. Some Presbyterians have held to this theory, called “biblical inerrancy.”

Yet this is not the only way to view this question. Other Presbyterians, who are equally committed to affirming the Bible’s authority, believe that this understanding of “error” is not an appropriate way to approach the Bible. The Scriptures are ancient documents, written by people who were not concerned with the same kinds of issues of “science: or “history” that we are today. We should not expect the same standards for “accuracy” from them if this was not their goal. Biblically, one is in “error” when one deviates or goes “astray” from God’s truth as an expression of God’s will (1 Cor. 12:2; Titus 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:25). This is “error” of the most serious kind. No Presbyterian believes this kind of “error” is in the Bible. The Bible is trustworthy and reliable as the source for our knowledge of God and how God wants us to live—in this sense the Bible is “infallible.” Even if there were historical or scientific errors in the Bible, this would not diminish what the Bible is: God’s divinely revealed source for knowing who God is and what God has done, especially in giving us salvation in Jesus Christ.

So the answer to our question relates to how we

define “error.” It also relates to our view of the nature of Scripture and how God works through the Bible to be revealed to us.

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## NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Andrew’s has been accepted into the New Beginnings program of the PCC. This is the breakdown of program that the church will be participating in. We ask that you hold our ministry, leadership, and congregation in prayer as we prepare for this time of discernment, hope, and 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.
4. **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.

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