



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!

SHORTBREAD IS BACK

While Covid is still too prevalent to hold the Tea and Bazaar as we know it, shortbread will be available again this year. Last year's shortbread fundraiser was a resounding success, raising in the range of \$7000 in a difficult financial year. We are counting on this very important source of revenue again this year to meet our budget. We have purchased butter and it is available to volunteer bakers. Baking has begun and will continue throughout November. All bakers are asked to pick up an instruction sheet from the office. This includes the recipe and important details so we can provide the consistent product our buyers have come to expect. We can also loan you cookie cutters if you need them. Please call Sue Heald at 621-2226 or Kathie Pawlik at 344-4635 to volunteer to bake. We are also very short of cookie tins as we used everything we had last year. Please ask family and friends for unused tins and keep an eye out at second hand places for tins in good condition with no rust inside.



PRAYING

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

Mary Oliver

SHORTBREAD BAKERS

Many bakers make light work. For 200 lbs of butter, 10 bakers means 20 lbs of butter each. If we can get 20 bakers, that's only 10 lbs each.

Some will make more and some less. We appreciate whatever amount of baking you can do. All baked shortbread should be packed in plastic bags in boxes or in cookie tins or airtight containers of some sort. If you want your container back, please label it. It will be kept frozen until it is packed by a separate group. All shortbread can be dropped off at the church during office hours or by arrangement.

BUTTER

Shortbread bakers can pick up butter as needed from the church. All butter taken from the freezer downstairs needs to be recorded on the sheet on top of the freezer. All butter can be picked up at the church during office hours or by arrangement.

SHORTBREAD SALES

Customers can e-transfer the amount to the church at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net before pick-up or can pay cash upon pick-up. E-transfers must include "Shortbread" in the notes.

Curbside pickup will be available at the church
Sat Nov 27th 10am-2pm
Sunday Nov 28th noon-2pm
Cost \$6/dozen

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

Customers need to know,
a) total cost of their order
b) pick-up arrangements.





From Joyce

The other night I described to the Session that I felt like I was on constantly shifting sand. Now I have never been to a desert to see how sand shifts there, but I have stood on a sandy beach as the waves rolled over my feet and have experienced the way the sand moves and shifts as waves come in and then recede. At some point I usually need to replant myself in the sand to keep my center of balance and keep from sinking. It is fun to do on a beach, but in real life it feels like one needs to be constantly ready to shift as waves of responsibility, news about friends and family, or another unpredicted event takes place. Sometimes one feels like a spectator in their own lives as an event or decision creates a host of other movement and shifts. This does not necessarily mean harmful results but it does mean that one has to be aware and mindful of the people around them and the consequences of actions and decisions.

I know I am not alone in these challenges. The pandemic has and continues to have repercussions in every life. Depending on where you live, someone you don't even have a name for may be making the rules about how you can interact with others. Some have family in other locales and there is no way to know exactly how they are doing as they face challenges of illness. When young adults leave home and venture into their own experiences of life, families are left with a major shift in their homes and with concern for the well-being of the one who has gone. It can be really hard to find your center of gravity as the world shifts around you; however, as Christians we do have a rock upon which we can stand even when all else is shifting around us. Our hope is in Christ who is a solid rock. There is an old hymn whose refrain is "On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand." Regardless of what you are facing, may you know Christ as the rock upon which you stand whatever you experience, particularly as things shift and change around you. You will not lose your balance or sink. God has got you.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



It's better to tell your money where to go than to ask where it went.
Farmer's Gazette

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

As the Covid -19 pandemic evolves into a fourth wave, St Andrew's will continue as much as possible to provide a safe space for all who enter by following the recommendations and guidelines of the Health Unit.

Public Health Measures such as: Masking, hand sanitizing, social distancing and vaccinations are ongoing effective strategies in reducing and preventing the spread of Covid -19.

Covid -19 vaccinations are an evidence base Public Health intervention that helps to keep citizens safe. By receiving the Covid -19 vaccine you are protecting yourself and others.

St Andrews Presbyterian Church is encouraging all persons entering the church to follow ALL the Public Health Measures including vaccinations so that the church remains a safe space.

MISSION & OUTREACH FOOD BANK

Mission and Outreach is holding a Food Bank Drive with the goal of helping to restock the food bank shelves. All donations of non-perishables gladly received at the church. Baby food, pasta, sauce, canned tuna/salmon, pork and beans, Kraft Dinner, along with vegan and vegetarian products... are some of the well received items. Monetary donations are also accepted and all cheques need to be earmarked to the Food Bank



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Keeping Hope Alive

For Palestinians, the olive tree is a symbol of their nationality and connection to the land. Cultivated for thousands of years, it is a major source of income for many Palestinian households. Between 1967 and 2009, over 830,000 olive trees were uprooted by Israeli settlers and military to build settlements and roads. In 2002, the Joint Advocacy Initiative launched the Olive Tree Campaign (OTC), inviting partners to sponsor olive trees as a sign of solidarity with Palestinian farmers. The OTC has supported 15,000 households with 200,000 olive trees, allowing them to maintain their lands, earn an income and keep their hope alive. The PCC has been supporting this life-giving project since 2018. In celebration of the campaign's 20th anniversary, organizers hope to plant 40,000 olive trees in 2022, and they still need sponsors for 15,000 trees to reach the goal.

