



# 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 looking to start packing shortbread at the church on Nov. 4 at 9:30am. If you are able to volunteer your time to help pack please contact Sue Heald to let her know. Many hands make light work.**



## FOR THE ARTIST AT THE START OF THE DAY

May this be a morning of innocent beginning,  
When the gift within you slips clear  
Of the sticky web of the personal  
With its hurt and hauntings,  
And fixed fortress corners,

A morning when you become a pure vessel  
For what wants to ascend from silence,



May your imagination know  
The grace of perfect danger,  
To reach beyond imitation,  
And the wheel of repetition,

Deep into the call of all  
The unfinished and unsolved

Until the veil of the unknown yields  
And something original begins  
To stir toward your senses  
And grow stronger in your heart...

*John O'Donohue  
Excerpt from the blessing, 'For the Artist at the Start of Day'  
in the books, Benedictus (Europe) /  
To Bless the Space Between Us (US)*

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



When wealth is centralized, the people are dispersed. When wealth is distributed, the people are brought together.

*Confucius*

## SHORTBREAD SALES

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

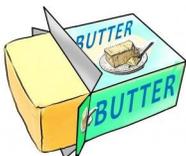
Curbside pickup will be available at the church  
Sat Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm  
Sunday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> noon-2pm  
Cost \$6/dozen

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

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

## 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.





### **From Joyce**

I am staring at my computer screen wondering what the heck do I write about today. It is not like I don't have enough going on to write several pages, yet much of that information is not of interest to others, it is just part of my work. I am still at a loss, and yet my mind wanders to how I am coping with all that is around me, the deadlines, the expectations, the needs. Hopefully it is not surprising to you that my thoughts go to God. The only way I seem to get through anything is when I let go and let God. I am sure that is a phrase you are familiar with. It is not about shirking responsibilities. It is not about forgetting that there is struggle, grief, illness, too much or too little to do. It is about trusting that God is with us. And how is God with us? Well, that is where it can get trickier for one to explain and another to grasp. Jesus promised that when he ascended that he would send an advocate, one who would be our counselor, wisdom to us, living within us. It takes some paying attention and practice to really begin to trust that spirit within us that can guide and counsel, the spirit that is the Holy Spirit. It takes discernment as well. When one is just starting out in wanting to understand the Holy Spirit at work within us it can be more than helpful, actually invaluable, to have someone with which to share your thoughts and experiences. With time and attention one can begin to trust that what they are experiencing, thinking, and feeling in their being, is truly God at work, and not just one's own thoughts and emotions. Ways to know that how you are being led is from God is to have other Christians with which to share your thoughts, using the Bible as a guide, and knowing that God works together for good and not for harm. If you are doing harm, then you are not likely living your life in the Spirit of Jesus. What has all this to do with letting go and letting God? Well, once you know the Spirit working in you, then you can trust the above, that there are other Christians with which to grow and learn and you call on them. You can find guidance through reading scripture. You trust that God is working all things together for good and, you move in the world with love, compassion, grace, and forgiveness, knowing that every day is a day God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS**

Oct. 31 - Pastor Marg Rekman of Bethlehem CRC  
 Nov, 14 - Rev. Bert Vancook

### **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.

