



St. Andrew's News

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November 7th, 2021

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.

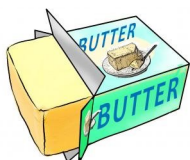


SHORTBREAD BAKERS

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.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Susan Dynes for leading us in worship today, as Rev. Joyce is away on study leave.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven.

Henry Ward Beecher (1813 – 1837), minister, social reformer

UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

Nov, 14 - Rev. Bert Vancook

OPERATION UNDERCOVER

St Andrew's will once again be supporting the Operation Undercover Project, which provides new socks and underwear to children aged 4 to 14 years whose families are in need. Community Clothing Assistance (May St.) is our community partner in this endeavour. We ask that you donate children's socks and underwear to this very worthwhile cause, and bring those items to the church, anytime until December 5th. Thank you for your support!



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

Well, it wasn't my plan, but as it turns out I am out of the pulpit at St. Andrew's for three weeks running. Last week I was at Bethlehem CRC as Pastor Marg Rekman and I exchanged pulpits. I had already planned to be away on Nov. 14th as I tend to my responsibilities as interim-moderator at St. Andrew's Presbyterian & St. James' Anglican Shared Ministry in Geraldton, so I arranged for Rev. Bert Vancook to come and lead worship. It also gives the people of St. Andrew's a chance to welcome their former minister again. But I had not planned to be away today. In fact, I really didn't want to be away this Sunday as I really appreciate when we take time to remember those who served our country for Remembrance Sunday and recognize those who have passed in the last year as part of All Saints Sunday. This particularly hits home for me as there were many times I couldn't be with people in their final days and funerals were delayed or just didn't happen because of Covid.

As it turns out, I needed to be renewed and refreshed. I knew after the Oct. 24th Sunday service that it was time for some rest and study leave. Nothing in particular, just a general lack of energy and a sense of heaviness. There is work to be done in the presbytery, and with First Presbyterian becoming vacant I have more responsibilities than I have had in ministry before. Plus, I have done six funerals/internments in five weeks, and a number this past summer. Services such as this take a special kind of care. It is very rewarding and blessed work, but it each time it reminds me of the losses in my own life and in the life of this congregation, as well as the health struggles of those closest to me. So, I am grieving as well.

I love my work, which is why I recognize that it is time to be filled up again; to take the time to pray, walk in nature, do some study, and recharge. I have spent the last week at Creiff Hills Retreat Centre of the PCC in order to do that work and have a rest.

I cannot imagine being anywhere else in ministry but here at St. Andrew's and in this Presbytery working with everyone and everything I am called to at this moment. Each person in the presbytery and in the congregations, I serve are a gift and I enjoy them so much. I return tomorrow Nov. 8th ready to continue to work and worship with joy, energy, and gratitude. Thank you for your love and especially to the Session for their care and support.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

As the Covid -19 pandemic continues, 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 based 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.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Life-Saving Treatment in Haiti

Haiti is experiencing a food shortage crisis. As a result, many children, like Elisemene Joachim, suffer from malnutrition. At four years old, Elisemene weighed a mere 8.5 kg (around 19 pounds) when she was diagnosed with acute malnutrition at a mobile clinic. She was immediately enrolled in a program where she received life-saving treatment and was regularly monitored for several months. After 10 months, Elisemene's health and nutrition status improved, and she was healthy enough to be discharged from the program. Today, Elisemene is thriving and enjoying a healthy childhood. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

ST. ANDREW'S MARKETPLACE



There will be knitting sales up in the nursery after worship on Nov. 14, 21 & 28.

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