

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!

Worship Services Suspended & Office Closed

ANNUAL REPORT

Please send all committee reports to the Office Administrator, Shaundra Benincasa, as soon as they are prepared so we can start work on the Annual Report. The annual meeting will be on **February 13, 2022.**

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY WEEKEND

We have hit the pause button, this is going to happen and new dates will be set.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In Haiti, Wilner used to harvest very little, no matter how hard he worked his field. **So, in 2017, Wilner joined an agroforestry program where he received training and learned sustainable agriculture techniques to conserve the soil in his fields and increase crop yields.** His crop yields have now increased, and he has a greater variety of food available for him and his family. Today, Wilner has a beautiful garden with diverse crops, such as corn, pigeon peas, yam, taro, squash, okra, spinach, and forest and fruit trees. This has helped Wilner afford to pay the school fees for his four children and support his family's other needs as well. This sustainable agriculture project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



OFFERING BOXES



Offering boxes are available for pick-up at the front office. Please note that your offering number may have changed from last year, please contact Rev. Joyce if you would like to setup a pick up time.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES

Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ



Sunday January 16

Variety of Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sunday January 23

You are the Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Sunday January 30

The Greatest of These

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sunday February 6

Hold Firmly

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sunday February 13

The First Fruits

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Sunday February 20

Raised in Glory

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

Sunday February 27

Seeing the Glory

Luke 9: 28-36





From Joyce

I have been pondering how much change I have seen in our congregation since I arrived in 2013. We talk about churches not being able to adapt and change and yet change has been a constant since my arrival. The first was when worship had to move from the sanctuary to Grant Hall within our own church building to allow for worship while the ceiling in the sanctuary was repaired after a major breach in its stability. I also remember in those first months that the women's groups were floundering to figure out how to manage the tea and bazaar as a long-time organizer of the event had to give up her role due to illness and age, yet they figured it out. Go forward another year and another and you find shifts, people coming, groups changing, someone picking up when another left off. Each person bringing their unique perspectives, experience, and knowledge. We have had this experience in our worship, staff, Session, volunteers, committees, and groups. And if nothing else the pandemic has shown us how we can adapt and change, try on new ideas and make mistakes as we revisit or revise ideas and decisions. We have entered into the New Beginnings program and have been accepted into it because we have shown that we are capable and willing to change. The Transformation weekend has been postponed, but we know that we can quickly make this happen once restrictions are lifted again as the Session is aware that this congregation comes together quickly, gets behind things, and is just, well, amazing and trustworthy!

I am sure, actually count on the fact, that we can change and adapt in this congregation. When I say congregation, I say this in an expansive way. Yes, our home base is this building on the corner of Donald and Brodie Streets, Thunder Bay, and there is a core groups of people here, but our community of faith lives throughout the city and beyond. Again, this congregation can and does change. We can adapt to and embrace change. The future is going to demand it, and our individual lives attest to the changes we regularly experience in relationships, body, mind, and spirit. I look forward to all that we become and do as a church, working together to bring God's mission of love, justice, and reconciliation to the world.

stay safe

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

The Way, The Truth, The Life



O Lord, you know my thoughts, my feelings, my heart and my truths. Prayer has many forms and you know them all. It doesn't matter the word, or sing song, hum, deep or high pitched because the prayer is very personal.

Thank you for the ability to hear and read words from social media, radio, TV, papers but always cautious than the words are true. It's hard to sort the mixed messages we get. Yesterday the paper's headline warned that the was 1 bed left...today, beds are available for all. We sort the truth but pray we don't get sick.

We believe Heavenly Father that Jesus is the Word made Flesh, the Way, The Truth in our time. We challenge our faith and love to follow and to listen to You.

Our living faith leaves us with the desire to imitate the One we love. We know that words are powerful and living.

Margaret Atwood, our Canadian author is celebrated by Canada Poste. The quote around her says a word follows a word and follows a word which is Powerful.

Praying as we've been taught; and sincerely confirm our faith brings us closer to You, feeds our hope and brings a smile of love to our faces, eyes and heart. These belong to You as we celebrate life, community and trust in the Living Word. Thank you Lord with the flowing love of the Spirit Who embraces us at St Andrews's and those in need everywhere.

Amen

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