



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

“Here I am, Lord,” rang out at the 88th Commencement Service of the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Lebanon, a seminary supported by Presbyterians Sharing.

NEST graduates, Jamil, Khalil, Shant and Asadour, will serve churches in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon—three of the most troubled countries in the Middle East that are rife with violence, oppression, occupation, and severe economic, social and political crises. The hymn was their bold response to God’s calling. NEST President, Dr. George Sabra, declared, “If our seminary is able to continue graduating students with such commitment, then we must go on with our mission no matter what befalls us and our countries.”



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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 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



Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth



From Joyce

I have been reminded again and again how many people are struggling with grief alone. In my own family I had an uncle die in the last two weeks and other extended family who have experienced loss, and as a family we can not be there for them. My family lives across the country, but even those in AB cannot go to BC to mourn. We will gather virtually for the funeral, we have made phone calls, but I would be so grateful if at least some could be present with those I love dearly.

Then there are many people who seem to be hit with one death after another, or multiple losses of many kinds in their lives, and we just don't have the same options to gather in order to show the care and compassion that is needed in times such as these. We are built for community, for rejoicing and grieving with others. We are geared for relationship in which tears and laughter are best shared with others. So much of that has been taken from us. And though the capability of meeting with others virtually has been such a wonderful tool, it does not replace handshakes, pats on the back, and hugs, along with wiping away someone's tears of sorrow or joy. Sadly, we are still a long way off from freely approaching one another in warm and grateful embrace, but it will come. In the meantime, know that whatever you face there are people in your life and people in this church who really care about you. If you need anyone, someone, to be there for you, let me know. You are not alone. You are part of a church, a family of faith, a community, and you matter.

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART



The Grail Prayer

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all,

I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all people.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

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- 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 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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go. Nigerian proverb

stay safe

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