



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



Worship Services Suspended & Office Closed

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report will be emailed out this week and physical copies will be available for those that need it. 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 October 2019, a devastating fire destroyed much of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland. But, even with this loss and devastation weighing heavy on the hearts of the congregation, they still continued their outreach ministry to support the local community. During the pandemic, congregation members produced hats, mittens and incubator blankets for the local hospital, and also supported the local Food Bank and Salvation Army. Now that the church building has been fully restored and the congregation is able to gather again, they continue to show love to their neighbours by exploring new opportunities for using and sharing their restored space. St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



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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 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

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

e-transfer: offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

- 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!



From Joyce

This week I stepped out of my comfort zone just a wee little bit, but first some back story. I hold an individual membership with Diversity Thunder Bay. This is the organization who has in previous years hosted the Diversity Thunder Bay Breakfast in which they would bring in a speaker who had insight into some of the major topics in our public spaces with a particular focus on diversity in our community and country. I don't serve on any working committee of the organization but have been attending meetings virtually for about a year. I am amazed at the scope of their work. Some of it is with the City of Thunder Bay, some is generated by their own initiative, some work is done jointly with other working groups. This past week I chaired a meeting of Diversity Thunder Bay. That was me stepping out of my comfort zone a little. I know I chair meetings all the time, still, it is always a learning curve when serving outside of the church. I believe it went well enough that I will be doing it again.

With all this there are a few things I have been thinking about. One pondering came in a conversation with another person who this week was also asked to do something they felt was not their strength. I know from experience it takes a little courage to say yes to these things. Going forward in the church, I know we are going to experience many moments of needing courage as we try some different ways of being the church. Those things are yet to be determined as we move on with New Beginnings in the coming months.

I also want to highlight the good work that Diversity Thunder Bay is doing as they work on everything from Climate Change actions to a working group with the City on a Community Safety and Well Being plan, to being instrumental in advocating for the Racism Incident Reporting. All of that barely scratches the surface of individuals tied to organizations and working on various committees. I still have much to learn about their work, but it certainly has my attention. If you are interested in knowing more, please connect with me. I think it is worth noting that they are engaging Jody Wilson-Raybould for an online presentation on March 23, 2022. Details are still forth coming.

So, a few tidbits and a few thoughts as we continue to engage our world, such as it is.



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

We give you thanks, Gracious God, for those special moments when we somehow feel a connection with all that is.

We pray for the courage to proclaim, in deed and in word, the love of God in our world that seems more torn apart every day.

We look forward to the time when we are comfortable coming together as one family, united in worship.

As your Spirit worked through the early church to expand the community of faith, may we be open to that same Spirit working through us.

Keep our minds open to listen to the stories and experiences of others as we work to address racism and the oppression connected with it.

As we journey with those who are victimized by racism in so many ways, help us to engage in open, courageous dialogue on the path to reconciliation.

May we truly listen and respond to the opportunities that are presented to work together toward restorative justice within our community.

We pray in the name of the one who calls us to live, to love and to serve faithfully now and forever more.

Amen

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.

Mahatma Gandhi – lawyer, politician, activist

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