



St. Andrew's News

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February 27th, 2022

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY WEEKEND

It's back on!

We officially have dates pick for the
Transformational Weekend.

March 25, 26 & 27, 2022

We are so excited to get back on track for the
workshop, small group training and for
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford to lead us in
worship that Sunday.

From Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford

Greetings friends! My name is Jeffrey Crawford and I am your New Beginnings Program Coach. I call Waterloo Ontario home with my partner Courtney, one of the ministers at Knox Waterloo, and Nathan (grade 4) and Hannah (grade 1). I have been privileged to serve the Presbyterian Church in Canada in various ways over the last 20 years, as a congregational minister, regional synod staff, national staff and as a leadership coach. I look forward to getting to know YOU more in a few weeks. I have been communicating with Joyce and have already heard many stories about how God is at work among you and in Thunder Bay. I feel honoured to be journeying with St. Andrew's in this season of discernment, possibilities and transformation.

I know the delays around our Transformational Weekend and beginning Small Groups have been challenging. They have been necessary to keep everyone safe and to live our calling to love God and love our neighbours. It has been a hard few months with Omicron. The spring is coming and this is an exciting moment for St. Andrew's as we are now confirmed for March 25-27.

Each one of you have an important role to play in helping shape the future to which God is calling St. Andrew's. Your participation in the Congregational Workshop on Friday March 25, the small groups in April, and upholding this process in prayer, will allow your voice to be heard and the Spirit to move through you, as together we discover the future. Please know that I am praying for you as we prepare to gather in March. I look forward to coming alongside St. Andrew's as you discover your future story of ministry and mission.

FARWELL & BLESSINGS FOR JOHN MASON

On **Sunday March 6**, St. Andrew's will be sharing our best wishes for John as he and his wife Barbara move to Bracebridge to be closer to family.

In honour of John, donations made to the church in support of Lifewater Canada will be received throughout the month of March.

Please join us in a time of fellowship, cider and cookies, following the service.

VOLUNTEER VISITORS NEEDED

Hogarth Riverview Manor is looking for friendly visitor volunteers. They currently have a list of 8 residents who are looking for socialization and companionship.

Visits could include talking about hobbies or current events, going for a walk throughout the building, playing a game of cards, listening to music, etc.

Visits ideally would be at minimum,
once a week for 30 minutes.

If you'd like to make a difference in a residents' life, contact Ashley Bosnick-Kokocinski to find out more about their friendly visitor program.

Ashley Bosnick-Kokocinski
Coordinator, Volunteer Services
Hogarth Riverview Manor
625-1117

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Binda Devi lives in Karbola, India, with her husband and four kids. A year ago, the family was living a comfortable life, relying on the income from her husband's job as a labourer in a cement factory. However, one day, there was an accident that left him unable to work. With no income, the family was very worried. **Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partner staff met with the family and, together, they came up with a plan for Binda to start a small cosmetics business.** With support from the program, she is now selling cosmetic items from village to village. The business is going well, and Binda provides for her family. This livelihood initiative is supported by PWS&D.



From Joyce

A note to let you say thank you to Pastor Kerry for leading worship while I head over to our sister church, First Presbyterian, for worship and their annual meeting today.

And all of a sudden it is Lent! Ash Wednesday is this week and next Sunday is Lent 1. You will see from the newsletter that March has many opportunities to gather in person and online in worship, online Tuesday conversations, The Transitional Weekend, and more.

One of the important things on the mind of our Session and congregation is that John Mason and wife Barbara are moving to Bracebridge, ON mid March. I don't have to tell you just how much of the fabric of St. Andrew's John is, but as you will note from the title of the next sermon series, transitions are a part of life. To that end, on March 6th during the worship service we will be honouring and celebrating John. Knowing that Lifewater Canada is an organization that John values highly, Session is asking that people might consider helping us honour John with a special offering to the church ear-marked for Lifewater. We will gather those gifts and send a donation from our congregation to Lifewater. John will be notified of the special gift from individuals unless you choose to give anonymously. As we move into March, I look forward to times of worship and gathering in the coming weeks, online by Zoom and YouTube, and in person.

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!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 2

Ash Wednesday

Online worship by Zoom 7:30pm

March 6

Lent 1 – Transitions in Life: Seasons of Transitions in Our Lives *Genesis 8*

March 13

Lent 2 – Transitions in Life: Positioned for Transition *Isaiah 43:1-19*

Blessing of Prayer Shawls
(Time Change! – Spring Forward an Hour)

March 20

Lent 3 – Transitions in Life: Managing Transition *Deuteronomy 4:1-24*

March 27

Lent 4 – Transformation Weekend! Rev. Jeffrey Crawford preaching and leading worship with Joyce

April 3

Lent 5 – Transitions in Life: A Healthy Transition *Deuteronomy 31:1-13*

April 10

Palm Sunday

April 14

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm With Communion

April 15

Good Friday 11:00 am

Becoming the Way: A Good Friday Service
Based on Jesus' "I Am" Statements

April 17

Easter Sunday

Thoughtful Tuesdays for Today and Tomorrow 1:00 pm on Tuesdays March 8th – April 12th

A midweek Zoom coffee and conversation time for Lent using the daily devotional from the Presbyterian Church in Canada's St. Andrew's Hall, part of Vancouver School of Theology.

The booklet and Zoom link will be sent via email.

A print version can also be requested through the church office.

Should you wish to join the conversation and you don't have a computer contact Rev. Joyce.

