

St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY WEEKEND! MARCH 25-27, 2022

During this weekend the congregation will be engaging in the exciting and essential next steps of the New Beginnings Program. Committed participation in the Friday event and Sunday worship is crucial to helping the congregation in this process so that we get the full benefit of being a part of the program. This weekend sets the stage for the small groups.

Friday March 25 - Open Workshop

This evening is an inspiring, motivational, and eye-opening event. This time together with our coach will help our congregation to understand how ministry has radically changed and bring excitement about the new possibilities in ministry that have never been open before.

Saturday March 26 - Small Group Facilitators Training

During this time, facilitators will be trained on how to lead small groups effectively. They will be introduced to the content of the small group meetings. The facilitators are in place, are members of our church, and play a vital role in the process.

Sunday March 27 - Sunday Service

At the Sunday morning service, our coach, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford, will preach during worship and will take part in a covenanting service with the congregation. This act of public worship consecrates the process and asks for God's blessing upon the unfolding journey.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

The current conflict in Ukraine has created massive displacement resulting in an urgent need for food and non-food support.

Presbyterian World Service and Development will be responding through networks in the region.

To learn more or to support the response, visit WeRespond.ca/Ukraine-Crisis

You can also give directly to St. Andrew's with a donation earmarked, "Ukraine Crisis" and your donation will be sent to PWS&D through our church.

EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET

It's time to be thinking about Easter, and the annual Memorial Booklet. If you would like your loved ones remembered in the booklet, please contact the office to give their name(s) and proper spelling. Also, please consider donating to the flower fund. Names must be submitted by **April 11** to be included.



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THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank all of you for the phone calls, the baking, and the cards. All of your prayers for Ron meant so much to us and helped me get through some hard times.

Special thanks to Rev. Joyce for all your support, Fred and Sandra for my family in Calgary who were so happy to feel like they were there for their grampa, and also Sean Kim for the music, and Shaundra and Sheila.

From: Marlene Lesovich



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In Afghanistan, Fatima had always dreamed of attending school. However, most schools were far from her home and, as a girl, it was unsafe for her to travel to them. At the age of 10, Fatima's dreams finally came true. She learned about a school near her village and persuaded her father to enroll her. "After completing my studies, I will become a teacher and become a role model for other girls and women in our village," Fatima shared. Though the current political situation in Afghanistan has left many children uncertain about their futures, Fatima prays that she will be able to continue her education beyond primary school.

This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



New Beginnings and Small Groups

It is getting closer! And now is the time to start thinking about the steps after the Transformational Ministry Weekend. So, a little background. Session has been working behind the scenes on finding the best people from within our congregation who were both able to commit the time to training and to facilitate the groups in the weeks to follow. We are excited about those leaders and grateful for their willingness to serve the congregation in this process. For now, the names of the leaders are being withheld as experience from the program developers has seen that the process works most effectively when diverse voices come together in the small groups rather than having like minded individuals plan to gather together or if people choose their group based on who the leader is. In this we are trusting the wisdom and experience of those who have developed the New Beginnings program over the last number of years.

Now to the small groups themselves. Leaders have given us their availability regarding days and times they can lead groups. You will sign up with one group that meets at the time and day of the week which is best for you. Directly after the Transformational Ministry Weekend small group meetings will begin and continue through the month of April. You will be committing to four meetings with your group. Please note that should you not be able to make one of the meetings with your group you can still sign up and participate.

There will be multiple ways to sign up starting with actual sign-up sheets in the sanctuary this Sunday. An email will also be going out with the information so that you can just email to sign up with a group. Remember, should you have any questions about any of this process or content do not hesitate to connect with me. The Session and I are committed and excited about engaging in the New Beginnings Program with the congregation and want you to be able to be engaged and excited too. So don't let questions or concerns get in your way.

Here are the days and times for the groups – you will choose and sign up with one group.

Group A - Tues 1:30pm Mar 29 - Apr 19

Group B - Wed 10:00am April 6 - 27

Group C - Wed 1:30pm Mar 30 - Apr 20

Group D - Wed 7:00pm by Zoom Mar 30 - Apr 20

Group E - Thurs 1:00pm April 7 - 28

Group F - Thurs 7:00pm Mar 31 - Apr 7, 21, 28

May God bless this work we are doing as we seek to be part of God's transforming love, grace, and hope in the world.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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.

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