



St. Andrew's News

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March 20th, 2022

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mon - 8:30am - 12:30pm
Tues-Fri - 9:00am - 1:00pm

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY WEEKEND!

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 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.

IN HONOUR OF JOHN MASON

Donations made to the church in support of Lifewater Canada will be received throughout the month of March.

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](https://www.werrespond.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.



LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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
With Communion

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. Should you wish to participate the booklet and zoom link are available by contacting Rev. Joyce by phone or email.

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New Beginnings and Small Groups

The moment has arrived! With this Friday's open workshop, St. Andrew's starts on the next phase of the New Beginnings Program with Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford as our coach. Then throughout the month of April, people will be gathering in small groups to discuss the report written by Rev. Ken MacQuarrie based on last fall's extensive assessment and Appreciative Inquiry Night coupled with the information and work done at the Transformational Ministry Weekend.

Session has identified people from within our congregation who are both able to commit the time to training and to facilitate the small groups. We are excited about these 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 when people choose their group based on who the leader is.

Now to the small groups themselves. You will sign up with one group that meets at the time and day of the week which is best for you. A group is no more than ten people. After the Transformational Ministry Weekend small group meetings will begin.

You can sign up to be in a group after worship today, by email, or with a phone call to the office. The longer you wait the fewer options may be available to you in terms of time and dates of meetings. Should you not be able to make one of the meetings you can still sign up and participate.

Each group meets four times. The first meeting will be about 1hr 20min. The second and third meetings an 1hr and the last evening an 1hr 30min. All but the Zoom group will meet at the church in Grant Hall.

Group A - Tuesdays 1:30 March 29-April 19

Group B - Wednesdays 10:00 April 6-27

Group C - Wednesdays 1:30 March 30 – April 20

Group D - Wednesday 7:00 pm by Zoom March 30 – April 20

Group E - Thursdays 1:00 April 7-28

Group F – Thursdays 7:00pm March 31, April 7, 21, 28

Remember, should you have questions regarding any of this process or content do not hesitate to connect with me. The Session and I are 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. 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.

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.