

St. Andrew's News

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March 27th, 2022

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



NEW OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In Nepal, Pallu Oli knew something wasn't right when he felt a burning sensation on his leg. After seeing the doctor, Pallu was prescribed medicine but did not feel better after taking it. As his health worsened, Pallu wondered why he hadn't healed yet. **His son suggested that he visit the Shining Hospital. At the hospital, Pallu was diagnosed with leprosy and entered a treatment program** (which he has since completed). Sharing his experience, Pallu expressed, "I am very happy that my disease is diagnosed and is treated accordingly." The Shining Hospital is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

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 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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From Joyce

As I write this, I am still anticipating the weekend with Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford, by the time you read it much or all of that will have passed. I am both fearful and hopeful. I feel the weight of whether or not I am enough to lead this congregation in times that feel so uncertain. At times I am discouraged and stressed, then as I speak to people I become encouraged again. One encouragement is that the New Beginnings Program people and the Presbyterian Church in Canada thought we are stable enough, with enough energy and desire for ministry, to pour a \$5000.00 grant into our congregation and give us the resources we would need to embark on this journey.

I am also invigorated by the courage and vision of our Session and the number of strong leaders who said yes to our invitation to lead small groups. I am also heartened by the people who have signed up to participate in the small groups, even going so far as to encourage others to join in. Their energy and enthusiasm, their care and concern fill me with hope. I share this while also being well aware that there are those who might have participated but life and often health has made participating difficult even if they wanted to.

Like for so many, the pandemic and the never-ending winter have taken a toll on me, and yet, I trust. I trust that God's got this. I trust I am not alone; this congregation continues to love and hope for the best. I continue to believe that even when I feel that I am not enough God surrounds me and this congregations with blessings, miracles, strength, courage, and hope. I think of the banner that hangs in the sanctuary "Responding, Restoring, Rejoicing." This is St. Andrew's, the congregation and church that does all of this. Has from the moment I arrived and continues. May God abundantly bless each small group, what comes out of this process, and this congregation. With much love for you, Joyce

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New Beginnings – Small Group Meetings

Still time for you to sign up!

New Beginnings is an exciting and interesting time for our congregation, and the small group process is an important part of this work.

Small Group meetings include

an opportunity for every member of the congregation to participate in a relaxed environment. Members will be able to absorb each portion of the Assessment Report—its implications and opportunities. an opportunity for facilitators to lead our congregation through honest and exciting conversations about what God is calling us to do next in ministry.

An opportunity to “pause” in the New Beginnings program, where members and facilitators can exchange thoughts and ideas before rushing to solution. Studies have shown that people who are most successful in allowing God to transform their lives spend time in thoughtful reflection.

Even if you were not able to participate in the Transformational Ministry Weekend be encouraged to join a small group. In person groups will meet at the church.

To sign up please respond by email at office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net or call the office at 622-4273.

Group A Tues April 5-26 - 1:30 pm

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

Group C Wed March 30 - April 20 - 1:30 pm

Group D Wed March 30 - April 20 - 7:00 pm
Zoom Group

Group E Thurs March 31 - April 21 - 7:30 pm
Zoom Group

Group F Thurs March 31, April 7, 21, 28 - 7:00pm

