



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



NEW OFFICE HOURS

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

EASTER MEMORIAL BULLETIN

Rev. Joyce apologizes for names missed of loved ones remembered and names of those remembering loved ones from our Easter Memorial Bulletin.

Kathryn Leslie Anderson

Myrna & Andy Anderson and Family

George Earl Cooper & Charlotte Ross

Hazel, Cheryl and Cedric

George & Bessie McCormack, and

George A. McCormack

The Family

Jim & Shirley Gerow

Mairi & Jamie Gerow,
Eilidh Childs, Seonaid Gerow

Catherine & Harry Stanley

Mairi & Jamie Gerow,
Eilidh Childs, Seonaid Gerow

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART



This prayer was written by Maryellen Fleming for Easter two years ago. Once again it is shared to honour her memory and witness to her faith..

God of life and love, we give you thanks for this day of resurrection.

Easter made a world of difference to the disciples and it makes a world of difference to us. We are an Easter people. We live with the hope and certainty of the resurrection even as we live with the uncertainties we face today. We give you thanks for your presence with us. In the midst of life with its worry and heartache, you are there. When we need you, you are there to strengthen our faith and resurrect our hope.

We give you thanks, for in the person of Christ, your son, you have walked among us. Through his presence in our midst we can glimpse the peace that passes all understanding that is your will for each of us. We so much need that peace and reassurance today.

You are the God of dreams – we pray for your vision for the future.

You are the God of hope –we pray for the healing of our planet and its people.

You are the God of life – we pray for your Spirit to gather us into your presence.

In the name of the risen Christ we pray,
Amen

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Looking for something good to do with that unexpected refund on your license plates? Should you not need the refund, consider donating all or a portion to the Ukrainian Crisis appeal, as an extra donation to Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), Presbyterian Sharing, or a charity of your choice.

As of today, we have donated \$534 to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

HONOURING JOHN MASON

St. Andrew's has donated \$2,035 to Lifewater Canada in honour of John Mason. Thank you to everyone who donated!





From Joyce

Today as part of our worship service we are honouring Maryellen Fleming and her life as a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Maryellen was introduced to St. Andrew's through her husband Bob Fleming when they were married in 1994 and she fully embraced this community of faith. In these few weeks since her passing I am constantly reminded of how many ways Maryellen served God and the people of this congregation. Maryellen was ordained as a ruling elder for St. Andrew's in 2003, serving in that capacity for nineteen years until her passing. She was a member of the choir, chaired the worship committee for a number of years, tirelessly served with the Lunch with a Difference crew, and led the singing at the St. Aidan's Christmas Tea in which those who normally could not get to church were invited for a special tea and worship service. She was the one who got the apple cider ready for the annual Wassail service and was part of the Prayer Chain Team. Maryellen was an organizer extraordinaire, but never looked to be in the spotlight. She was always present, available, and willing to do whatever needed doing. A warm, joy-filled presence in whatever she was a part of.

Her wisdom was a gift to the whole of Session. When I wrote congregational wide letters, she was my proof reader, not just for grammar but for content, and I always trusted her judgement and comments. When Covid changed the way we worshiped, Maryellen was always willing to record readings for the online services and wrote numerous prayers for the newsletter. Prior to that she often led worship in the absence of the minister and could be counted on to provide a beautiful, well thought out worship services. I was grateful for her willingness to be a part of any dramatic reading that I was doing in worship, and I remember still how, for the 2020 Remembrance service, she recited from memory In Flanders Field, with her beautiful tone and voice.

Maryellen was a rare gem of a person - precious, grace-filled, loving, with a willingness to serve others. Her life encompassed years of teaching, friendships, singing, and of course family and friends. As a congregation, we have been blessed by her presence among us and give thanks for her. And now Maryellen is with God, basking in the full glory, light, and love of the one who created her to be uniquely the person that she was in the lives of everyone who knew and loved her. Thanks be to God.

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

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- 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!

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we are expressing our faith. Through the words that we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take, we proclaim God's love, hope and grace in the world God loves. **Together, as The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we are participating in Christ's mission in Canada and around the world.** We share the good news of the gospel, strengthen congregations and equip



leaders. We journey toward healing and reconciliation, collaborate with ecumenical and interfaith partners, advocate for human rights, and work to restore hope. When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things!

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