

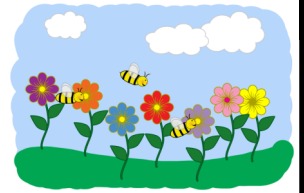


St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



NEW OFFICE HOURS

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

MULTI-CHURCH EASTER CELEBRATION

UCB Radio invites you to a multi-church Easter celebration! It will have scripture readings, songs, and prayers celebrating our risen Saviour. It will be outdoors at the Waverley Park on **Sunday April 17** from 2:00pm - 2:30pm. Bring a lawn chair and waterproof boots, and gather at the new pavilion in the park. He is risen!

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

Amerika Tharu is a 52-year-old carpenter from Nepal. In early 2020, he developed a fever, and his face began swelling. Amerika sought help at two different hospitals, where he was misdiagnosed and underwent expensive treatment that didn't address the problem. His poor health affected every area of his life, including his career. Eventually, his son brought him to see a doctor who suspected that Amerika might have leprosy and sent him to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. The hospital's medical staff confirmed the diagnosis, and Amerika received the treatment he needed, allowing him to return home and resume his livelihood.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

We have forgotten how to be good guests, how to walk lightly on the earth as its other creatures do.

Barbara Ward – economist, writer

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

April 3

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

April 10

Palm Sunday

April 14

Mauddy 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



HERITAGE WALL

There is a new collection on the Heritage Wall highlighting recent events here at St. Andrew's, along with a look back at "Easter Bonnet Sunday".

So Ladies, it's time to dust off your Easter bonnets for this year's Easter Sunday Service.

Also, see how some of the men got into the spirit many years ago.



From Joyce



There has been and continues to be a lot of exciting work being done at St. Andrew's. In terms of New Beginnings, the weekend with our coach was excellent. For those who were part of the leaders training for the small groups on Saturday, I believe they all went away feeling energized and excited, even if a little apprehensive about this new role they have taken on for the coming weeks; it is a big commitment they are making. I know that each of them will feel and be supported by those who participate in their small groups.

I am also really excited about the number of people who have signed up for the small groups. We set a pretty high goal of sixty participants and as of the time of writing, we have fifty-five people signed up. *There is time to sign up for a small group should you wish to be a part of this opportunity, just call, email or text me.*

The range of voices participating in this process is also incredible. I am thrilled that the small groups include people who have been worshipping at St. Andrew's for less than six months to those who were born into the congregation. There are parents of young children, many people who continue to be in the workforce in a whole host of professions, as well as retirees. The range of knowledge and expertise in numerous sectors and professions is incredible. The lived experience among the groups, expansive.

Thank you to all who are willingly and generously giving time and energy throughout the month of April to help St. Andrew's come to a place, where we may find the way God is calling us as a congregation into the future of our community. I trust that everyone, whether directly participating or not, will hold this process and people in prayer so that we may truly know the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. You are amazing people! I hope you will come to know, as I do, just how powerful that understanding of who you are is, as a congregation.

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Remembering Grace

Most gracious and ever present God, I bow my head and with softened heart in gratitude am attentive to the Holy Spirit.

As your Church we continue to seek your will, to listen, to examine our purpose in today's society, and respond. May we listen to each other's wisdom as we hear requests for help, recognizing our gifts and resources to serve and give back.

New Beginnings small groups have begun this week, a brave step and courageous, knowing the uncertainty of the journey for our church community. What we can wholeheartedly rely upon is the certainty of your guidance, your love and promises that you are with us always.

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