



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

ST. ANDREW'S LIFEWATER CANADA FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to all who recently contributed to Lifewater Canada. It is amazing that over \$2000 was raised to literally save lives with clean water for villages in Africa and Haiti. You are remarkable!
John and Barbara Mason

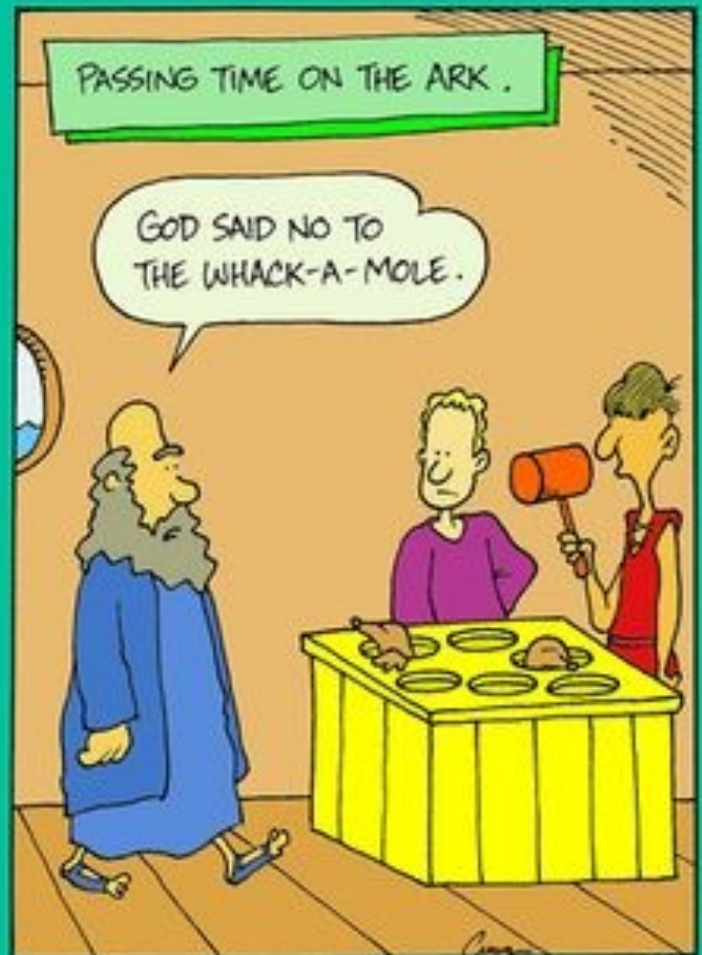


The Presbyterian Church in Canada joins in prayer for the people in Ukraine as they face war, danger and uncertainty.

God of the Powers, and
Maker of all creation;
God of justice, and
Lover and Maker of peace,
we are distressed by the violence and the threats of violence and destruction in the world,
and especially by acts of war and brutality that people experience in Ukraine. In solidarity with them, we pray for those
who are suffering and in danger,
who live in fear and anxiety,
who fear what tomorrow will bring,
who are anxious for their lives and the lives of those they love and care for, and
who mourn the dead.
We pray that
those with power over war
will lay down weapons, and that
those who have power to accomplish peace
will have wisdom and compassion.
God of Grace, the
Giver of Life, send your
Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
who is everywhere present and fills all things,
to sustain the hope of all those who seek justice and peace and
to inspire the leaders of nations to do what is right.
Glory to you, O God,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
now and forever;
in the strong name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray.
Amen.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty has prevailed in the country. Large numbers of people fled to urban centres in hopes of escaping the country, leaving their homes and livelihoods behind. As a result, many are struggling to make ends meet and many more are facing severe hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding by providing emergency food assistance. Through an ecumenical collaboration with members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, monthly cash distributions will be supplied to some of the families experiencing the greatest need. As a result, around 2,550 families will be able to purchase food and pay for necessary items. This emergency food assistance is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



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From Joyce

As of this past Thursday, all of the New Beginnings small group meetings have concluded. As a Session we are so grateful for the leadership that has been provided by Jean Rawana, Joanne Kembel, Darlene Lehto, Kelli Eyres, Craig Sandberg, and Sandra Dewsberry. They made a big commitment in time and energy as they prepared for each meeting and then took the time after to capture the discussion for future reference. Each of them was aided in their work by people within their groups who took notes or may have been time keepers. Once again, Fred Dewsberry was available to all the leaders when it came to any technical and online needs and he is commended and thanked for the extra time and energy he gave to that work. Shaundra Benincasa also assisted as needed for handouts or other matters that could be done through the administrative office.

The Session and I are also very grateful for each person who participated in the small groups. This process only works when the congregation is involved and you came on board as you were able with courage, willingness to share in the conversation, and an openness to where God is leading us. Leaders came together to support one another in a quick online meeting each Saturday morning and their enthusiasm and hope was evident because of how their groups came together to do the work before them.

You may be wondering, so now what? Well, the leaders will be meeting early in May to look at how the groups dealt with the material and the conclusions each group came to. From there they will work toward a consensus for a report based in the work of the small groups. The report will be written and presented to the congregation. The timing of this will be determined and communicated to you once the leaders have met.

So that is where we are at in this New Beginnings process. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to connect with me. I write the above with much gratitude and hope.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward.

Carol Ryrie Brink – author

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!

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 \$674 to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.



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