



St. Andrew's News

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May 15th, 2022

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

This year's picnic will be held on **June 12** at the South Neebing Community Centre on Mountain Road at 1:00pm.

This is a potluck event; please bring your own plates, cups, utensils, etc.

There will be races and prizes so please bring a chair to sit and watch the races.
Hope to see you there!

CPR & AED INFORMATION AND TRAINING

The *Superior North Association of Professional Paramedics* will be offering a free CPR and AED information and training event for seniors.

This workshop will help you to learn strategies when you find someone in distress. It will also help to take the fear out of stepping in to help someone.

Date: June 7

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Location: Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre

Call 684-3276 to register

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In Malawi, unreliable rainfall patterns are a significant issue affecting farmers. As a result of climate change, these unpredictable rains greatly impact food security and limit what farmers can and cannot plant. To assist farmers in Malawi's Karonga District, workshops that teach conservation agriculture techniques are held.

Farmers learn how to use mulch and make compost to nourish the soil and grow better crops.

Farmers also learn other essential techniques, including weed and pest management, to address the ongoing challenges of climate change. **Since**

implementing a conservation agriculture approach, many farmers have significantly increased their crop yields. This agricultural

project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

ST. ANDREW'S FLEA MARKET

The Spring Flea Market will be held on **June 11** from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

To keep the Church tidy, donations should be brought starting May 30.

PRAYER FROM THE HEART

Dear Lord

Thank you for all our blessings. As we look around the struggling world and see the devastation, the hunger and loss of lives, we recognize how fortunate we are.

Our congregation is undertaking an assessment about the future of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church. We pray we will sustain the needed patience and support to complete the entire experience. We thank you for the people who have already given generously of their time, working diligently on the process.

Please guide us as we move forward based on thorough analysis of all the information we have gathered. We pray for the courage to accept change and the willingness to jointly develop recommendations that we can all endorse for the betterment of our church and our congregation.

We ask this in your name

Amen

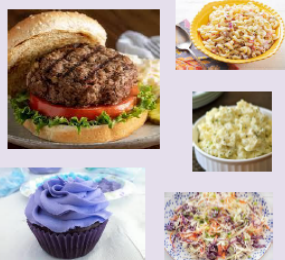
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The Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre presents.....

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day BBQ ~June 15, 2022~

My World... Your World... Our World - Free of Elder Abuse

To raise awareness about elder abuse, we are showing our support for older adults by hosting a free BBQ takeout lunch that has been funded by IG Wealth Management. Your meal will include a hamburger, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, and a cupcake!



Pick up will be curbside at the Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre. You must register for your take out meal by calling 684-3276 and you will be given a pick up time.

Hope to see you in the drive thru!





From Joyce

Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) are granted two weeks study leave per year. This time can also be banked for up to 10 weeks. It is an important time for ministers to be able to devote time to learning about many topics that will build upon their current knowledge of preaching, leading, teaching, pastoral care, and more. This past week I took a week of study leave to participate in a course being taught by St. Andrew's Hall, one of the three places in Canada where one can go to get their Masters of Divinity degree to preach in the PCC. The course was called *The Art of Transitional Ministry* and dovetailed in wonderful ways the work we have been doing with the *New Beginnings* program. The course was a hybrid of people physically at St. Andrew's Hall and people like myself who were attending online. Even online for six to seven hours a day, save Friday which was only three hours, I was fully engaged in the conversation, topics, presentations, and small group work. It was interesting and energizing. As usual, I learned things about myself or was reminded of ways in which I need to grow, but also of the things I am doing well. It was a lot about leadership, and a lot about the fact that we cannot be the church of years gone by. We need to adapt, and be ready to try new ways of being in the world, and if some plans fail, to be willing to reflect, prayer, and adapt again. This is what our work with *New Beginnings* has been about and will continue to be about. I am so grateful to know that St. Andrew's, here in Thunder Bay, the people of this congregation, are willing to go on an adventure of seeking where God is leading us. I am always so proud to say that I minister here. I said it to those in my course, "I have the best Session and the best congregation in all of Canada!" You are such an amazing group of people. We have a lot of decisions and work to do if we will be a church that can find our way in a world that no longer sees value in the Christian faith or for many do not know what the church is. Still, God is present. There is much we can offer through our love and care for others. I look forward to the months to come, because God is working through each of you. May God add a blessing to our hopes, work, worship, and the adventure to come.

stay safe

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 \$1,074 to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.



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