



St. Andrew's News

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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 1:00m.

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!

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.



Volunteers Needed!

If you are able to volunteer for the flea market please contact Rev. Joyce or the Office Administrator.

PRAYER FROM THE HEART



Most gracious loving God,
we come before you this day with grateful thanks for all that you have provided.

Thank you for the wonderful signs of spring and all the signs of renewed growth coming to life.

We are thankful for our families that love and support us.

Give us strength Lord as we continue on with our New Beginnings program.
Help us to discern the path that you would have us follow all the while strengthening our faith and sharing it with others as well.

Let your Love and Grace shine through us so that others may see it.

Let us turn to You for our strength knowing that you are holding us in the warmth and protection of your loving arms.

Amen.

Written by: Susan Dynes

ST. ANDREW'S 113TH ANNIVERSARY

Taken from:

History of Presbyterianism in
Thunder Bay and District (1869-1980)
Harcourt T. Johnston

The congregation grew apace under Mr. Rowand's leadership and so by 1908 it had become necessary to consider the erection of a new and larger church building. A committee of six was appointed to take charge of the work with Mr. Peter McKellar as chairman.

The old site was chosen, and so to make room for the new church the first church was moved south to where the present Sunday School addition now stands. It was to be used in the meantime for Sunday School and other church purposes until a Sunday School addition could be erected on the site some time later. The building of the new church began during the summer of 1908, and on September 1st of that year, the corner stone was laid by Mr. Peter McKellar, on which occasion the address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. A. MacDonald then editor of the Toronto Globe.

Work continued throughout the fall, winter and spring of 1908-09, and on June 13th, 1909, the new church was officially dedicated by the Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D. of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

HERITAGE WALL



Check out the Heritage Wall.
In recognition of Anniversary Sunday the Heritage Committee has arranged a collection which tells the story of St. Andrew's through the years.
We hope you enjoy it!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21



From Joyce

Today should be a time of celebrating, and it is. St. Andrew's has made it to the 113th anniversary of this church building. The past is filled with colourful characters, dedicated ministers and elders, volunteers, teas, picnics, mission work, and so much more. Still, our work is not yet done. With the care and consideration of many, conversations, and work being done to help this congregation come to a new place of understanding of how we are to be a part of the community of Thunder Bay and live out our calling as people of God in ways that impact lives, we have much to hope for and look forward to. Once the report of the small group leaders has been received this fall, the congregation has some difficult realities to face and decisions to make, but I believe it truly will take us into a new beginning that we could not have foreseen without the work that has been done and the ability to find a way forward.

Today we also celebrate the sacrament of communion. It is a tangible reminder of the presence of God with us, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the love of Jesus. It is important as we go into whatever our future will be to know that we are grounded in these things. Yet today as we take communion, we also recognize that all is not well in the world. The war in Ukraine continues, there is still conflict in many parts of the world with refugees and displaced persons needing to be welcomed to new homes and countries. We also recognize that in places where we think peace reigns, children and other innocents are dying at the hands of gunmen in mass shootings in the US. Israel continues to take lands of Palestinians literally uprooting olive trees and blocking access to water so that livelihoods and families are at risk. In Canada we have the legacy of residential schools reeking havoc in families through the generations and people still living without access to clean drinking water. Today as we take communion may we be given the courage and resolve to take the love of Jesus into the rest of our sphere of influence so that all may know peace, hope, love, and joy.

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

e-transfer: offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

- 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!

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

From **Sunday June 19 to Sunday Sept 4**,
Worship will be starting at 10am.

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

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Looking to donate to an important cause, consider donating to the Ukrainian Crisis appeal. As of today, we have donated \$1,149 to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.