



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## 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*

## 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

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!*



## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

**Presbyterians Sharing is transforming lives in Central America and Mexico.** Based in Guatemala, General Coordinator Judith Castañeda and the staff of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) are empowering women and girls through their ministry of accompaniment. Women learn how to take on leadership roles in churches and their communities through faith-based activities about their personal and legal rights, and the importance of formal education. After completing CEDEPCA's Healthy Relationships course, one woman said, "I feel like a different woman. Before, I used to live locked in my home with a domestic routine, but now I have new friends, we do creative things."

## A PRAYER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

May 2-8 is Canadian Mental Health Week with the theme of Empathy.

With that in mind, the following prayer is offered by Rev. Joyce.

Creator and creating God,  
You have made us each uniquely  
to be the person we are,  
with gifts, strength, beauty,  
imagination, and creativity.  
Yet so often what you intended for  
our lives and that of those we love,  
as well as those whose lives  
are never known to us,  
has been marred by brokenness  
of a world that brings pain, sorrow,  
struggle, and challenges.

In these times give us eyes to see,  
and ears to hear another's story of struggle.  
May we not feel the need to save the day  
by offering solutions and advice,  
but rather be a supportive presence,  
where we truly listen.

May we listen without judgement,  
and with the ability to see the world  
through the eyes of those who are  
different from us.

Give us the courage to be still,  
and the gift of love to offer others.  
Through Christ, in the power of  
the Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.





## From Joyce

Happy Mother's Day! Or in the church, Happy Christian Family Sunday! This is a day to celebrate family. We give thanks for mothers who love and care for their families. For some the day will include calls to moms, sending cards of flowers, or spending time together. For others the day is bitter sweet as they recall their moms or the mother of their children knowing they are now in the loving presence of God.

There are also the moms who will not be getting a call, card, or other recognition as they are estranged from their children or have had to endure the death of a child, possibly more than one child; their pain is deep. Some moms have not been able to complete a pregnancy or, even doing all that they can, have not been able to conceive. This day can be difficult.

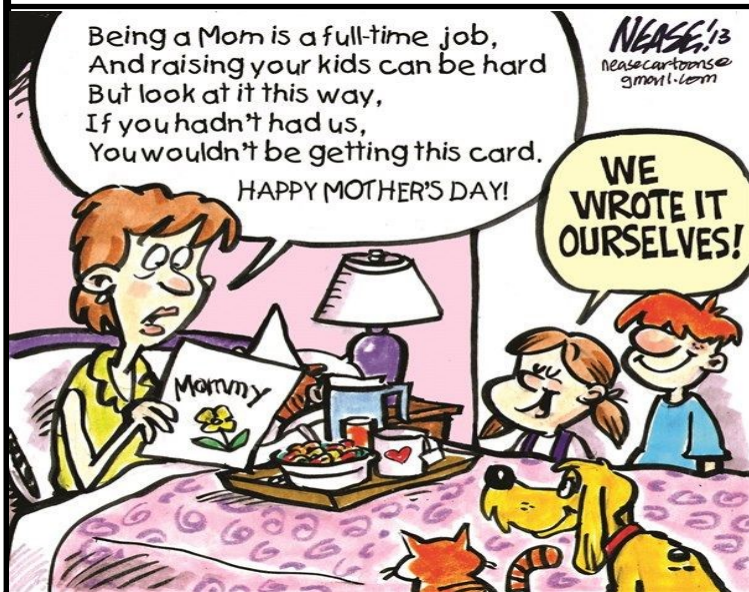
As the community of faith, today can be a day where we recognize the challenges of family and reach out to one who has suffered whether a mother, father, or child. A phone call, a visit, a card, might be ways that we can be the church family that rejoices together but also supports each other in our, less than ideal, circumstances. Consider today how you can be family for someone who needs a family even for a moment. May the love of this congregation extend beyond us to those who this day need to know they are remembered and valued.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.

A. A. Milne, author, Winnie the Pooh



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

**e-transfer:** [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto: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](mailto: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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