



# St. Andrew's News

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August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on the following dates:

**Wed. Aug 24 - Mon. Aug. 29**

Church is open for Sunday Service

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK from PCC Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, August 21** As the future for people in Afghanistan remains uncertain under Taliban control, we pray that God grants them the strength to get through this difficult period.

**Monday, August 22** We give thanks for the mission the church supports through Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development that works to help those in need.

**Tuesday, August 23** Gracious God, we pray that when we do justice, we may also love kindness and walk humbly with you as a witness to your love for all people.

**Wednesday, August 24** We pray for an end to forced child labour and pray that the efforts of those who promote Fair Trade products across many industries be supported and strengthened.

**Thursday, August 25** We pray for those in the church who are preparing for upcoming meetings and events. May they rise to the challenge of being caretakers of what God has entrusted to us.

**Friday, August 26** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

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"I downloaded them from a cloud."

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

When the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty prevailed. **Among the many issues that have surfaced since the Taliban takeover are rapidly spreading hunger and restrictions to education.** International sanctions on the Taliban make it challenging to provide assistance in Afghanistan. When possible, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) provides emergency food assistance with the support of other members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank. PWS&D's partner in Afghanistan has also established 12 education centres to safely support students while restrictions on education are in place.



## NEW BEGINNINGS PROGRAM UPDATE

Though it may seem that things have been quiet on the New Beginnings front, we have actually moved into Phase Six of the program which is a time of discernment and decision making. Our small group facilitators have been meeting together to share their information and to discern the underlying themes and directions that came through during the small group meetings. The facilitators have gathered the comments into a report which will be shared with the congregation the last week of August.

With that all in place, the date of **Thursday September 29 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary has been set for a **Congregational Information Session**. At this meeting the congregation is given an opportunity to identify priorities from within the report and affirm a future direction for the congregation. At this stage the congregation receives the report and sends it to the session to develop an action plan. Please plan to attend either by Zoom or in person this very important time of working toward a future story for St. Andrew's.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS


Happiness is not made by what we own.  
It is what we share.

*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks – philosopher, theologian, author*

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri - 8:30am - 12:30pm

***From Joyce***

 I'm back! Ken and I had a lovely time staying at campsites on our trip, visiting with family and just relaxing. We caught up with some old friends, had time with our sons and daughters-in-law, my dad and Ken's mom, along with siblings and some of their family. So pretty much mission accomplished as we went to Alberta and back. Having said that, there is never enough time to see everyone, which always breaks my heart just a little. I am kind of a family person and that has been the most difficult thing about being in Thunder Bay...the distance we are from any and all family. Flip side, I love my work and the people who are a part of St. Andrew's, First Pres, and St. Andrew's and St. James in Geraldton, and very grateful that this is what I get to do with my life.

We also had a second part to our vacation. We spent five days in New York City with our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. What a change from being on the road with our fifth wheel RV. We had a room right in Times Square. I am still processing that whole experience. It was wonderful and sensory overload all at the same time. As first timers to NYC we did many of the things that tourists do. We took the boat to the Statue of Liberty and went up to the observation deck. Went to Ellis Island, Coney Island, the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial Pools and park. Saw the Lion King on Broadway, walked and walked and walked some more, biked in Central Park, and had many good meals.

I am so grateful for the time with family and friends and for time for vacation. I think one of the things that I sit with most is that I have so much opportunity. Ken and I both have employment that together allows the time and money to be able to take such a vacation and keep a roof over our heads. So many, both here and elsewhere live with so little. It is a disparity that I ponder.

Still, I am filled with gratitude. I am thankful for the many people who worked so that I could be away and so I didn't have to consider (well at least not constantly) what was going on in all three congregations. Thank you especially to staff, volunteers, and those who led worship. It takes a village to raise and support the life and work of a minister and my village is the church. Thank you for your presence, love, kindness, compassion, and grace toward me. I hold it close.

stay  safe

## WORSHIP SERVICES

August 21 Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

August 28 Will Newton

## Online Worship Suggestions from Rev. Joyce

St. Andrew's Church – A Congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church in Canada  
([standrewstoronto.org](http://standrewstoronto.org))

Knox Waterloo Presbyterian Church

You may wish to check out Rev. Tobey Boyer, minister at Knox Presbyterian Church Alliston. Many of you will know Tobey as the daughter of Rev. Keith Boyer, a previous minister at St. Andrew's Thunder Bay.

Worship Services | Knox Presbyterian Church  
([knoxalliston.ca](http://knoxalliston.ca))

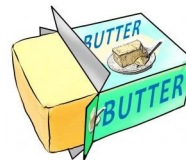
[St. Andrew's Ottawa \(standrewsottawa.ca\)](http://standrewsottawa.ca)

Please feel free to also look at our YouTube channel for videos you may have missed or to watch some of your favourites.

[\(1\) St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

## SHORTBREAD SEASON

Shortbread time is fast approaching and the search for inexpensive salted butter is underway. Butter seems to be \$6 a pound or more this year. We need your help again in amassing 200 lbs of salted butter as cheaply as possible. If you find butter on sale, please pick up the maximum allowed. The butter can be brought to the church for storage and the receipt submitted for reimbursement. You could also approach the store manager and explain it is for a church fundraiser and often they will let you have more than the limit. If there is no limit, consider picking up a case (50 lbs). Anything under \$5/lb is a good buy, but it would be great if we can find it for even less than that.



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