



St. Andrew's News

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September 11th, 2022

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri - 9:00am - 1:00pm

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, September 11 We pray for the Rev. Michael Veenema and the REACH ministry in Nova Scotia.

Monday, September 12 We give thanks and pray for teachers and all those who support education in schools.

Tuesday, September 13 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Wednesday, September 14 We pray for clergy who are beginning their service in active ministry in their first pastoral charges, as well as for clergy who are entering retirement.

Thursday, September 15 We pray for the members and work of the National Indigenous Ministry Council.

Friday, September 16 We pray for LGBTQI2+ refugees seeking sanctuary. We pray for their safety and give thanks for their sponsors.

Saturday, September 17 We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they meet online for their Annual Meeting today.

BRUCE HOLE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join us for a Celebration of Life as we remember Bruce Hole on **Saturday September 17** from 1-3pm in Rowand Hall



FOOD BANK DRIVE

Fall is in the air and the kids are back at school. At St. Andrew's, this reminds us that it is time for the Fall Food Bank Drive which will take place during September and October. With food prices soaring, many families and individuals need our help. Please add Food Bank Drive to your grocery list today!



MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Tues Sept 13 - Session Meeting @ 7pm
Wed Sept 14 - Caring & Contact Meeting @ 11am
Sat Sept 17 - Bruce Hole Luncheon @ 1pm
Wed Sept 21 - Music Pups @ 5:30pm
Thurs Sept 22 - Music Pups @ 11am
Sun Sept 25 - Welcome Back Sunday
Tues Sept 27 - St. Aidan's Meeting @ 11:30am
Wed Sept 28 - Music Pups @ 5:30pm
Thurs Sept 29 - Music Pups @ 11am
Thurs Sept 29 - New Beginnings @ 7pm

SHORTBREAD UPDATE

GREAT NEWS! Due to the concerted efforts of Marlene Lesovich and Eleanor Beauchamp, we have our 200 lbs of butter; all at less than \$5/lb! Thanks also to those who had already started the butter gathering process.

Now we need bakers! You can start anytime, signing out butter from the church and returning baked shortbread. The goal this year is to have all the shortbread picked up on bazaar day, which gives us 2-3 weeks less baking time than other years. First time bakers, we have instruction sheets



and a video to help. You'll be an old pro in no time! Contact Sue Heald (621-2226) or Kathie Pawlik (620-8463) for further information.

NEW BEGINNINGS PROGRAM UPDATE

The small group facilitators have gathered the comments into a report which is available by email, in the office, or upon request.

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. 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.



From Joyce

Today's date is one that will be etched in minds for sometime to come. 9/11. Last year marked the 20th anniversary of the attack on the twin towers in NYC. 9/11 - Those numbers represent so much. It is a date with memories attached to it. It was a day where so many lives were permanently altered, and that day changed the way the world operated. It was a day that made those of us in North America feel and know our vulnerability. Even now, every time one enters an airport, we are subjected to rules and regulations that came out of the events of that day.

As Ken and I toured around New York City, I was surprised by the number of places that had airport-like security all as a result of the attacks. First the boat to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. We actually had to deal with security at the base of the Statue of Liberty too, even though we had already gone through security for the boat. There was a security check point at the Empire State Building and a scaled down version of security at the Broadway show we went to. 9/11, a day that the cry for help was heard resounding across the airways.

I still remember where I was the moment I saw the first images and heard the breaking news. It was one of those kinds of days where people recognized that nothing would be the same. Now that I have been to see the memorial, it has changed the way I am experiencing this day. We walked through the park with the reflecting pools that have been installed at the base of where the twin towers once stood. The pools are cavernous. There is a feeling of awe and emptiness all at the same time. The names of those lives lost in the attack are etched in the metal around the tops of the pools. I remember our son-in-law reading to our granddaughter the name of a woman that had died with the words after it, "and her unborn child". It was a somber moment. The depth of the pools invokes the feeling of emptiness, a void, with the water also being a sign of life-giving hope.

As we walked, we came across a tree with a story. "It was discovered amidst the wreckage of the 9/11 attacks, its bark charred from fires at the site and many of its limbs reduced to stumps. Yet somehow, the tree, still bearing leaves, showed signs of life." The tree did survive. It took much tending, it was cared for and replanted back at the 9/11 memorial, "this Survivor Tree bursts into magnificent blossom each spring, embodying a living symbol of resilience.

Out of everything that I saw in five days in NYC this tree and the pools have remained a strong image for me. It makes me think of life and death, of challenges and new beginnings, of resilience and hope. Today is once again an opportunity to remember, and reflect. To replant and to blossom. As people of faith, we embody life in Christ where God is our tree of life and living water flows.



SIGN UP FOR MUSIC PUPS

For infants up to 4 yrs old, register for fun filled classes of singing, dancing, movement and instrument play.

Parents learn how to enrich their child's music environment, increase music potential and understand music development.

Wednesday evening (5:30pm - 6:15pm) or Thursday morning classes (11:00am - 11:45am) are available. The cost is \$130 for the first child & \$90 for the second child from the same family. The program runs from Sept. 21 - Dec. 8. Contact Joyce at **632-8348** to register or for more information.

stay safe

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

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