



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday Sept. 25, 2022 is our annual Welcome Back Sunday. This is the beginning of a new season for the church and children are headed back to school. We welcome everyone to take part in the Blessing of Backpacks on this day, not just children. There will also be a coffee hour hosted by Faith Education following worship.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, September 18 We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the education that they receive through the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program to improve their quality of life.

Monday, September 19 We pray for Sylvia Haddad, Director of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Beirut, Lebanon. May God grant her strength and wisdom as she and the Committee share God's love and hope with Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

Tuesday, September 20 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Wednesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace) We pray for the power to devote our thought and energy to the task of making peace in the world, in our communities, in our churches and in our homes.

Thursday, September 22 We pray for clerks of Session as they work with ministers and elders to provide leadership and pastoral care to congregations across Canada.

Friday, September 23 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

Saturday, September 24 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

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

Wed Sept 21 - Music Pups @ 5:30pm
Thurs Sept 22 - Heritage Meeting @ 9:30am
Thurs Sept 22 - Music Pups @ 11am
Sun Sept 25 - Welcome Back Sunday
Sun Sept 25 - TBCC Rehearsal @ 3:30pm
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.

THANK YOU

We welcome Pastor Kerry McLaughlin, to lead us in worship today. Rev. Joyce is at First Presbyterian Church this morning.



From Joyce

Next week, Sunday September 25th is the Blessing of Backpacks! This is something we started a few years back and is a way to honour children, youth, adults, and teachers as they head back to school for the year. As part of the service, we invite those who are going to school to come to the service and bring their backpacks to the front of the sanctuary. As a congregation we bless the backpacks or carrying bags. We also bless those who have come forward as they begin this new year of learning and teaching. Each one is given a colourful and meaningful backpack tag to carry with them to remind them that they are loved, valued, and that God goes with them.

This blessing is for all students and teachers from Junior Kindergarten through to University. We also know that preschool children carry backpacks and parents have diaper bags as they bring their children to care. We also bless those bags! The people of St. Andrew's care about each one and we desire to share a blessing, our love, and support of families, students, and teachers. There is no invitation needed to participate. Just show up and you will find a welcome. You are loved!



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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Psalm 24:1

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities. John, who had a limb amputated when he was younger, is a participant in a livelihoods program at the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a participant, John was able to attend a workshop on vegetable production. **"I can't thank the program and their partners, like PWS&D, enough.** I can produce enough food now to feed myself and my family because of the training and the seed that I received from the program. Thankfully, the training and the seed I received came at the right time and has proven to be the game-changer. Thank you so much for the timely intervention," shared John. This livelihoods program with the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre is supported by PWS&D through the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.



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