



St. Andrew's News

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September 25th, 2022

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



COMMUNION

There will be a service of communion on **Sunday October 2, 2022**

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, September 25 (Presbyterians Sharing Sunday) We give thanks for generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing as we carry out the mission and ministry of the PCC together.

Monday, September 26 We pray for the Presbytery of Kingston, the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough, and other presbyteries having deep conversations about the shape of ministry for congregations within their bounds.

Tuesday, September 27 We pray that all of us be kept steadfast in faith and service. May we be assured that the fullness of God's glory be shown and shared with others through us.

Wednesday, September 28 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Thursday, September 29 We pray for ministers of our church as they continue in faithful ministry through challenging times.

Friday, September 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day) We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.

Saturday, October 1 We pray for participants in the first Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) Journey of Hope as they cycle, run and walk in support of PWS&D's food security programs around the world.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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.

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!



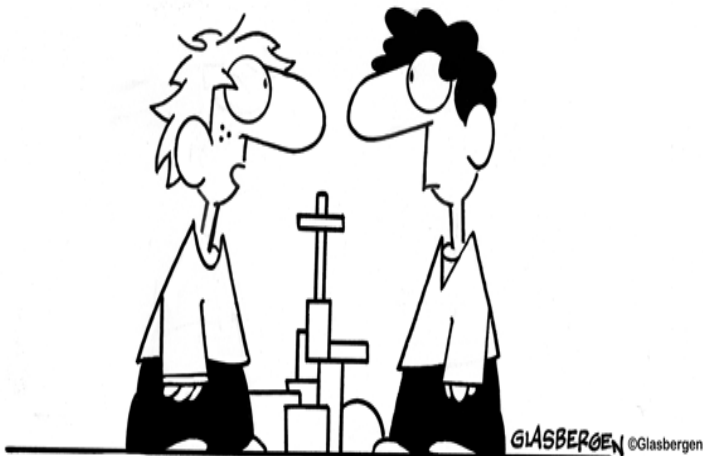


From Joyce

This is an interesting time of year as the seasons change from summer to fall. As I write today, my weather app tells me to expect a high of 26° with it feeling like 32°, yet the leaves are turning colour on the trees and plants in my yard, and the garden is nearing the end of its fruitful harvest. The bright pinks, yellows, purples, and reds of the flowers feel out of sync with the cool evenings that hint at the fall and winter to come. I pulled out my fall bouquet for the house and the items that I place outside that indicate that the season is changing, yet I still have plants blooming and growing beautifully where I usually place those fall adornments. It is a liminal time, a time of no longer summer and yet not fall. It is an in between time.

Our congregation is in that liminal place. We are in between the energy of meeting in small groups and when we meet this Thursday the 29th for our congregational information session. Even then we will still be in between that and the implementation of whatever future direction we eventually take. It is a lot of waiting, wondering, patience, anticipation, hope, and even stress. We are waiting to know how to approach our work and worship, our mission and ministry, so that all things will focus on what becomes our future story.

I am thankful for the energy, the time, the patience, the prayers and perseverance of the people of St. Andrew's who have given so much in these last months. I am so hopeful about the future of St. Andrew's because of the people of St. Andrew's. I trust that God is with us. May we be attentive to God's Spirit moving with and among us this Thursday and in the weeks and months to come.



"I'm not sure what religion my family is.
It's the one that forbids running with scissors.
And eating before dinner is the worst sin."

CHRISTMAS DESSERT, TEA & BAZAAR

Lakeview Presbyterian Church will be holding a Christmas Dessert Tea and Bazaar on **Saturday November 12th**, from 1:30-3:30pm. In addition to tea, coffee, and dessert, there will be bake, craft, and toonie tables. Tickets will soon be available.

Come out and celebrate with Lakeview!
278 Camelot St

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

At the core of our existence is an unending process of being gifted by God – in whose power is our every breath.

Thomas Troeger – minister, author, professor

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PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Giving to Presbyterians Sharing means participating in Christ's mission together through The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Our gifts bring hope and transformation to vulnerable individuals and communities in Canada. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars. We connect Presbyterians across the country through the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper. We provide free websites for congregations, synods, presbyteries, camps and specialized ministries. We equip ministers through our theological colleges. We help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with

Indigenous peoples and communities. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. And so much more. Together, with Presbyterians across Canada, we are making mission and ministry happen!



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