

## St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring!

Rejoicing!



#### **WORSHIP HOURS**



Starting Sunday Sept 11 - 11:00am

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon - Fri - 9:00am - 1:00pm (Starting Sept 12)

### PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, September 4** We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and pursue their goals.

Monday, September 5 (Labour Day) We give thanks to God for tasks completed with pride, for work to do, and for the strength and ability to do it; and we pray for those who do not have enough work and for those who have too much.

**Tuesday, September 6** We pray for the Rev. Victor Kim as he commences his ministry as Principal Clerk of the General Assembly.

**Wednesday, September 7** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

Thursday, September 8 (World Literacy Day)
We pray for Presbyterian World Service &
Development partners in Afghanistan, Guatemala
and Malawi as they teach children and youth to
read and write.

**Friday, September 9** We pray for the Protestant Theological Seminary in Matanzas, equipping pastors and being a prophetic voice in Cuban society for over 76 years.

**Saturday, September 10** We pray that new students at our theological colleges, particularly international students, find strength and friendship in this community of learning.

# 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



#### MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Mon Sept 5 - Labour Day (Church Closed)
Thurs Sept 8 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm
Tues Sept 13 - Session Meeting @ 7pm
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
Wed Sept 28 - Music Pups @ 5:30pm
Thus 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

I know it is not officially Fall, but the return of September always seems like the beginning of Fall. September brings with it the return of school for children, youth, teachers, and support workers. It is the beginning of a season of different sports and activities. Here at St. Andrew's, it is no different. September is bringing with it the start of a ten-week program of Music Pups. This is when I take on two titles at the church, minister and Miss Joyce, the teacher of music for 0-4 year-olds. I love it all. The program raises funds for the church, brings families, activity, and joy to our church home, and gives me the much needed boost of music and hugs into my life each week. I am also excited that there are a number of grandparents bringing their grandchildren to the program. What a wonderful bonding experience for them all.

This September is also the month that our committees and congregation will gather a number of times. The Session will begin its regular meetings the second Tuesday of the month. The Facilities and Finance team will be meeting again as they tend to the needs of the building and congregation from a financial standpoint. Then the congregation is invited to gather to honour and remember the life of Bruce Hole on Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Bruce was an elder emeritus at our church and touched many lives in positive, affirming, and caring ways. Blessings of Backpacks Sunday is September 25<sup>th</sup>, and our Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> is the Congregational Information Session for the discussion of the New Beginnings report that came out of the weeks of small group gatherings this past spring.

Here we go. Welcome September!



Those are the Saints. One day, they just came marching in."

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you.

Jane Goodall primatologist, anthropologist

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



#### SIGN UP FOR MUSIC PUPS

the Music Class For infants up to 4, 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.

#### **PCC MISSION MOMENTS**

Vanea is 15 years old and lives in Malawi with her parents and four siblings. When Vanea finished primary school, she wrote an entrance exam for secondary school and was selected to attend the Neno Girls School, supported by the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D). Sadly, Vanea's parents couldn't afford the school fees and she was forced to withdraw. PWS&D recognizes the importance of education for young girls to achieve their dreams and gain selfconfidence. PWS&D provides scholarships for orphans and vulnerable girls in Malawi to attend the Neno Girls School, who otherwise could not afford to due to financial constraints. Vanea was one of the students selected for this scholarship and is now completing her high school education.

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