St. Andrew's News



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Responding!

Restoning! Rejoicing!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, November 20 (Reign of Christ) Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us like you; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 21 We give thanks and pray for the members of the Assembly Council who are meeting at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre in Puslinch, Ontario, from November 20– 22.

Tuesday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We give thanks and pray for those who work to provide food, shelter and housing for people in need.

Wednesday, November 23 We give thanks and pray for congregations as they continue to faithfully support the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Thursday, November 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Friday, November 25 On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, we pray for all women who are survivors of

violence and for those who have lost loved ones to gender-based violence. We pray that we, as a society, commit to working toward achieving safety for all women and an end to misogyny.

Saturday, November 26 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

SHORTBREAD UPDATE

ALMOST THERE! We still have 25 pounds of butter in the church freezer that needs to be baked into shortbread before Dec 3rd. Can you help out by baking up a few pounds? Please return baked cookies to the church by November 30th for packing. Twenty five pounds of butter will generate over \$800 for St Andrews!

Call Sue Heald (621-2226) for further information.

WEEK OF NOV. 20 - 26

Wed Nov 23 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am Wed Nov 23 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm Thurs Nov 24 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series: Light of Light

Sunday November 27 (Light of Hope) Service with Communion Soup & Bun Lunch hosted by the New Beginnings Implementation Team following Worship.

Sunday December 4 (Light of Peace)

Sunday December 11 (Light of Joy)

Sunday December 18 (Light of Love) Lunch following Worship with Christmas Craft Activity

Saturday December 24 – Christmas Eve (Light of Light) 7:30 P.M. - Candlelight Service

Sunday December 25 - Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday January 1 - New Years Day Worship Service

THUNDER BAY COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

The Thunder Bay Community Choir, under the direction of Mary McGhee, presents an Advent Journey Sun. Nov. 27 at 4pm - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Brodie St. S.

In support of the Food Bank. In addition to your donation food items are also welcome.

Great music in support of a great cause.



From Joyce

It is done for another year, save for the clean up. But at least the rush and pressure to have everything ready is over. The St. Andrew's Bazaar has been accomplished for the first time since 2019. We chose not to do it all. The famous tea held off yet again as our space, though large, is just too cramped for crowds when there is still concern over the spread of respiratory diseases. Having said that, there are a few more pounds of butter to be made into shortbread to fill the final orders that could not be managed before the bazaar. Our shortbread makers still could use the assistance of a few new people taking on this task to help with this final push to have all the orders filled. Over the last two years the shortbread sales have brought in as much funding as the tea and bazaar did as a whole in the years prior to the pandemic. It is a very important piece of our efforts to supplement the income of the church for our work and ministry especially in this time when offerings are coming up short to meet our yearly budget.

And that is something to note. At this time when many of us are receiving requests for donations to all kinds of projects and organizations through the mail and online, I would ask that you consider also this church and our ministry when thinking about where you might choose to give your charitable dollars at this time of giving and coming to the close of another year. The financial support of the work of St. Andrew's has for many years lay squarely on the shoulders of those who grew up in the church and remembered that it takes money to keep this church open and be able to move beyond our walls to show God's love to others. As our All Saints' Sunday remembrance demonstrated again this year, those people are now passing away. They have taken their last breath and given their last offering. We are indebted to them, and one way to show our gratitude for all they have given, so that we have this ministry we call St. Andrew's today, is to take up their mantle and remember the church by considering an increase in one's financial support of the church and/or a special offering this Christmas.

This ministry relies on the energy, passion, offerings, and work of the people who claim St. Andrew's as their faith community and of those who may be with us for a day or a season. God is at work here and among us. It is an exciting time for St. Andrew's as we work toward our future story through the New Beginnings program. May God continue to pour out blessings upon each of us and upon this church, remembering that you are a part of the blessing that God has given to this congregation.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1

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

OPERATION UNDERCOVER

St Andrew's will once again be supporting the Operation Undercover Project, which provides new socks and underwear to children aged 4 to 14 years whose families are in need . We are supporting Community Clothing Assistance (May St.) in this endeavour. We ask that you donate children's socks and underwear to this very



worthwhile cause, and bring those items to the church, anytime until December 11th. Thank you for your support!

HERITAGE

Checkout the Heritage Wall! The Heritage Committee has put up a display of "A Christmas at St. Andrew's". Including pictures of bygone events, right up t0 packing this years shortbread and making the shepherds pies.

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