

St. Andrew's News



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December 4th, 2022

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent) Give us peace in our relationships, homes, churches, communities and in our souls, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

Monday, December 5 We pray for Omar Haramy, Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, and Palestinian Christians as they work for justice and engage in peacebuilding.

Tuesday, December 6 Today marks 33 years since the École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal, Quebec. On this day in 1989, 14 women were killed and other women, as well as men, were wounded. We pray for healing and comfort for all who lost loved ones that day and for an end to the misogyny that leads to gender-based violence.

Wednesday, December 7 We pray for the development and implementation of stronger laws and policies that protect women and their rights.

Thursday, December 8 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Friday, December 9 We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee, which meets this month at the national office of the PCC.

Saturday, December 10 (Human Rights Day) We pray for individuals and organizations defending human rights in Canada and around the world. We pray for their safety and the safety of those they support and protect.

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!



Project Undercover

WEEK OF DEC. 4 - 10

Wed Dec 7 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Dec 7 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm

Thurs Dec. 8 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

Thurs Dec 8 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm



~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series: Light of Light

Sunday December 11 (Light of Joy)

Sunday December 18 (Light of Love)

Potluck Lunch following Worship with Christmas Craft Activity and a Visit with Santa

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



PRESENTS FOR PEACE

The tree in Rowand Hall will happily welcome your gifts for the Women's Shelter until Dec. 18.

Personal items, socks, gloves, scarves, books, games, crafts and colouring items for kids and items we would all miss if we were not at home. If you want to donate but can't get out to shop, Jan will be happy to do it for you. Remember, we all have something to share.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh - aviator and writer

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





From Joyce

December is a month to share good news!

In February 2022 the Facilities and Finance team learned about the Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations. The grant was an attestation-based grant, meaning we had to show proof that work was done to use the grant. The grant provided funds to faith-based and cultural organizations to increase safety and security measures. The main requirement was that eligible applicants must host regular gatherings (i.e., at least once a month) of religious, spiritual or cultural significance. Hosting these gatherings were to be a primary activity of the applicant.

The team went into high gear and put together an application as the deadline was March 3rd. Security of the back door at the end of the main hallway was the subject of the grant. The grant was approved for \$7,500! Facilities and Finance contracted Ken Yanishewski to do the work and in the last few weeks Ken has removed the door and moved it out about three feet, which lined the door up with the existing outside wall. This was done to remove the alcove and step on the outside. This area was being frequented as hide-away to defecate and use drugs. The doors and frame were made of wood and there had once been a fire at the back step. As well, just prior to the removal of the old doors an attempt had been made to break in. The hinges were rusting and the wood frame was rotting. One hinge was no longer even holding.

We now have metal doors and frame, the security system is active, new flooring installed, along with a dusk to dawn lighting, on the outside of the building, illuminating the back alley. The electrical was completed by Gilbert Electric. The doors were painted by Kerry Pawlick. There are a few cosmetic finishings to be completed, but the door is there, safe and functional!



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

“Where is God in all of this oppression and injustice?”
Upon hearing the anguished cries of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian clergy felt it was crucial to respond pastorally and remind them that God is the God of justice, the God who cares about the oppressed. These Christians need God’s hope. In 1989, Palestinian Christian theologians developed a theology that could be shared with fellow Palestinian believers. This led to the establishment of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement. **Presbyterians Sharing supports Sabeel and Director, Omar Haramy, in standing with the oppressed, working for justice and engaging in peacebuilding.**

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Sunday Worship - Online at

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