



St. Andrew's News

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January 15th, 2023

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, January 15 As geopolitical tensions over Taiwan grow, we pray for justice and peace for Taiwan and its people who are living with the threat of invasion and the possibility of war.

Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) Give us the strength and courage, O God, to live out the dream that one day freedom will ring for all your beloved children.

Tuesday, January 17 We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Wednesday, January 18 We pray for the Francisco Coll School in Guatemala, supported by the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development, and we give thanks for the dedicated teachers who work hard to ensure a quality education and a better future for underprivileged children in Guatemala.

Thursday, January 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Friday, January 20 We pray for the ministry of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, as the congregation grows in outreach to their neighbours with the love of Christ.

Saturday, January 21 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

WEEK OF JAN 15 - 22, 2023

Sun Jan 15 - Implementation Meeting @ 12:30pm

Wed Jan 18 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

ANNUAL REPORT

The deadline for committee reports is **January 16, 2023**. Please send them to the Office Administrator, Shaundra Benincasa, as soon as they are prepared so we can start work on the Annual Report. The annual meeting will be on February 12, 2023.

SHORTBREAD & BAZAAR UPDATE

Below are the amounts that were raised by the various individuals and groups that were a part of the St. Andrew's Bazaar on November 23. Note that this is the group totals. The St. Aidan's and the Seekers groups deposit their own fundraising amount to their accounts. However, and with much gratitude from all of us, they in turn gift their amounts back to the church to help with operating expenses. The Mission and Outreach sales all go to support two missions, Shelter House and Lifewater.

Christmas Room.....	\$470.00
Shortbread.....	\$8180.28
St. Aidan's Knitting Table.....	\$637.40
Bake Table.....	\$543.50
Seekers' Tables.....	\$950.95
Mission and Outreach	
Shepherd's Pie Sales.....	\$1,169.90
Total.....	\$11,952.03

These numbers only reflect the amounts raised, it is hard to see all the hard work, joy, fellowship, and hospitality that was a part of what went into this day. Thank you to everyone for prayers, support, both financial and by the work of your hands, and to those who came out and enjoyed the day!

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 (5:15pm - 6:00pm) 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 Jan 25 - April 6.
Contact Ms. Joyce at **632-8348** to register or for more information.



WHAT ME? ... OH NO, I'M DONE PRAYING ...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL PRAYING!



From Joyce

If you thought I was done sharing good news, well I am not. We had a number of Christmas initiatives going and I would like to share a little. With sales from Shepherds Pies, St. Andrew's was able to support Shelter House and Lifewater Canada. In hopes of brightening the day of people in challenging and transitioning times of the lives, Presents for Peace, which is donations of gifts, St. Andrew's was able to support Women's Shelters in the city as well as the Elizabeth Fry Society of Northwestern Ontario. Throughout the year we support the Thunder Bay Food Bank on Miles Street with food drives. Our most recent food drive that ended in November netted over 450lbs of food. Workers at the food bank shared that this amount of food is considered a large donation. We also collected socks and underwear for the Undercover Project of Community Clothing Assistance. This program aims to provide socks and underwear for children ages 4-14 for a year. We brought them eight groceries bags full of items. A large bag of mittens, knitted by individuals of the church and sold at the Bazaar, was purchased by a donor and given to a teacher at St. James Public to be given to students in need. This bag of mittens is given in the name of St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Each year this congregation budgets for and supports the Underground Gym, Our Kids Count, Christmas Cheer, and the Children's Aid Society as well.

We don't tend to be a congregation that publicly announces how we are supporting those in need in our community, but I want you to know that you are part of good work, generous giving, and hope-filled blessing. Thank you for prayers, financial support, and the gift of time that allows St. Andrew's to support the work of other organizations in our community.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Hand-crafted shawls are available for gifting to anyone you know that may be experiencing difficult times in their lives.

The soft, warm wrap is a comforting reminder that others care about them. We encourage you to contact Terry (577-5567) or Rev. Joyce (632-8348) to arrange to pick up a shawl. There is no charge for the shawls.

FUN AND FITNESS

Fun & Fitness is up and running again each **Wednesday** starting at **10:00 am**. Come out and have some exercise, fellowship and fun.

VOICES NEEDED

We hear many voices in the congregation and the choir would love to have you join us. The choir provides a vital link between the service and the hymns. If you would like to join the choir, just ask any choir member after a service OR e-mail Jamie at jamegero@tbaytel.net OR come to choir practice at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We provide the music, the lyrics, a choir gown and a comfortable seat.

Your commitment to the choir would be practice from 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday, service at 11:00 and very occasionally a recording session for the online services. Please consider joining us and supporting worship music.

Thank you,
Jamie Gerow,
Choir Director

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY LOAN CUPBOARD

Wheelchairs, walkers, canes etc. are available for borrowing at no charge from the Loan Cupboard. These items can be signed out at the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Gratitude is happiness
doubled by wonder.

*G.K. Chesterton
writer, lay theologian*

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to
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