



St. Andrew's News

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January 29th, 2023

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, January 29 We give thanks and pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, a place where warm food is served, accompaniment is offered, and community is formed through prayer and a caring presence.

Monday, January 30 We pray for the members and work of the National Indigenous Ministry Council.

Tuesday, January 31 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia.

Wednesday, February 1 This **Black History Month**, we give thanks to God for the many accomplishments and contributions of Black Canadians that have made Canada a multicultural, caring and thriving nation.

Thursday, February 2 We pray for theological students who graduate this spring and begin the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

Friday, February 3 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

Saturday, February 4 (Black History Month) We pray that all Canadians learn about the struggles and hardship of Black Canadians, who have been largely neglected throughout the history of Canada.

CARPET CLEANER NEEDED

Our Custodian, Sheila Berry, is in need of an upright carpet cleaner to better maintain the carpets in the church. If you have one you'd like to loan/donate please call the church office 622-4273

DONATIONS

The Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre, which is the National Museum for the Presbyterian Church of Canada, is looking for donations for renovations .

If you would like to donate please submit your donation and label it for the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre. St. Andrew's will collect donations until **February 28** and then send the full amount to the Heritage Centre on behalf of the congregation.

Please visit pcheritagecentre.ca for more info.

WEEK OF JAN 29 - FEB 5, 2023

Wed Feb 1 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Feb 1 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm

Thurs Feb 2 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

Thurs Feb 2 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Pam Hogewoning for leading us in worship while Rev. Joyce is away

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to help look after our youngest members in the Nursery on Sundays. A sign up sheet has been placed outside the office. If there are any questions or comments please feel free to connect with Sandra Dewsberry, Faith Education Chair 475-7239

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

One day, a neighbour asked the Rev. Tim Choi, Executive Director of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry (EUNM) in Alberta: "What difference has the ministry made after all these years?" This prompted the Rev. Tim to think about the impact the ministry has had on Indigenous people in Edmonton's Eastwood community. He reflected that the journey towards healing and reconciliation must be like a long and flowing river. The harm caused by generations past requires many future generations to heal. In this sense, EUNM is like a little brook that runs alongside this river. God has shaped this ministry into a place of hope for all who gather here. **Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping us on the path to healing and reconciliation through Indigenous ministries like EUNM.**

FIRST WESLEY ROAST BEEF DINNER

First-Wesley United Church is happy to announce the return of their Annual Roast Beef Dinner.

First-Wesley United Church
Annual Roast Beef Dinner
130 Brodie St. N

February 17th, 2023; Dinner at 6:30pm

Tickets: \$30 each; Call Church Office for Tickets:
623-7001 (Ticket sales end Feb 13)

Theme: The Roaring 20's
Entertainment by: 'Kenny Konnection'



From Joyce

This Sunday begins for me a month where three of the next four Sundays I will be attending congregational annual meetings. Today I start with First Presbyterian. Thank you to Rev. Pam Hogewoning for leading worship at St. Andrew's in my absence. February 12th is St. Andrew's annual meeting and February 19th I will be in Geraldton with the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. James Anglican Shared Ministry for their meeting.

Annual meetings are interesting as they of course deal with the finances of a congregation, but what is more important is that the annual report and the meeting itself tell of the worship, mission, and work of the congregation. It is story telling. Let me share with you a few words written by Rev. Heather Vais, a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

"Stories are important. We love to tell our stories and listen to the stories of others. Stories reveal the fabric of our lives. They share something of who we are, where we have come from and where we may be going. Jesus loved to tell stories and his stories changed lives - indeed, HIS Story changed the world! Congregations have many stories to tell - stories of mission and ministry, stories of faith and challenge, stories of faithful servants, and stories of outreach. How does a congregation tell its story of how it tells The Story?

The annual report is a document that very clearly tells the story of the life of a congregation in one year of mission and ministry. The written reports from church groups and committees provide a narrative account of the direction the church is going. These reports, in addition to the financial reports, reveal a congregation's values and mission focus. Presenting a well-written annual report can provide a significant information resource for new people wanting to learn more about the story of your congregation; it also helps members and church leaders see where the church has been and where it is going."

Let me invite you to be part of hearing and interpreting our congregation's story as you attend the annual meeting of the church. It is a time of fellowship, of celebration, of seeing God at work in our midst, and part of planning for how we will be the people of God in the coming year.

Quote From PCC Equipping for Congregation Development

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.

ANNUAL REPORT

A digital copy of the report will be sent to those with email addresses on file and a few copies of the annual report will be available in the office this week. The annual meeting will be on
February 12, 2023.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Stewardship is not about raising money; it's about raising Christians who willingly trust God.

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

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