



St. Andrew's News

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January 8th, 2023

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, January 8 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 9 We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that are responding to poverty, hunger and other emergency situations around the world.

Tuesday, January 10 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, January 11 We pray for the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, serving as clerk for the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Thursday, January 12 We pray for people, businesses and communities in Atlantic Canada who have suffered as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Fiona.

Friday, January 13 We pray for the P.E.I. Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society as members plan for their upcoming Presbyterial Service. May this be a time to meet and grow in relationship with God.

Saturday, January 14 We pray for people living in refugee camps and those whose homelands have been afflicted by violence and war. We pray for peace, understanding and safety.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally. In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific. **The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan.** Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan.

WEEK OF JAN 8-15 2023

Sun Jan 8 - Coffee Hour @ 12:00pm
Tues Jan 10 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm
Wed Jan 11 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Fri Jan 13 - Trustees Meeting @ 4:00pm
Sun Jan 15 - Implementation Meeting @ 12:30pm

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. Aiden'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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting **today** Sunday School will be happening during Sunday Worship.



From Joyce

Well, all the good news did not fit into the weeks of Advent, so I have more to share with you! This first piece is news that should have been shared months ago, and it slipped by without being noted. Over ten years ago this congregation made a decision to install solar panels on the church roof. The vision, at least in part and as I understand it, was to add green energy to the power grid and to provide future income for the congregation's future ministry. Since then, the congregation has received monthly rebate cheques for the power that the panels add to the grid. This money has gone to paying back a loan taken from the St. Andrew's Endowment Fund in order to pay for the panels and their installation.

As of July 2022, the loan from the Endowment Fund has been paid in full and now all rebate cheques from hydro will be income for the church. This has occurred in a time when the income from the solar panels is needed to offset the losses the congregation is experiencing in offerings and donations due to the passing of long-time members who understood the importance and sustaining work of substantial weekly/monthly funding for the ministry of the church. Ministry of the church includes helping those in need and mission, but it also includes the maintenance of and insurance for the building, the monthly expenses of heating, lighting, water, salaries, and supplies. All of this is part of a healthy culture of ministry and mission. We give thanks for the vision of leaders who had the insight to look ten years down the road and from which we now benefit.

The other good news story is our shortbread and bazaar fundraisers. You will be able to see the numbers in the newsletter, which are amazing! What the numbers speak to is hundreds of volunteer hours, baking, organizing, preparing, and working together. What is not so evident is the conversations, laughter, and joy as people gathered to work together, getting to know each other a little better. Then the joy as people entered our church building to pick up shortbread, some more than once as they ate their first purchases and wanted more, and also those who stopped in at the bazaar. Thank you for being the church. Our church is only a church because of everyone who calls St. Andrew's home whether in this community, online, or elsewhere.

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.



"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Time cannot be packaged and ribboned and left under trees for Christmas morning. Time can't be given. But it can be shared.

Cecelia Ahern – novelist

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

stay safe

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Sunday Worship - Online at

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