



St. Andrew's News

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February 12th, 2023

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22 at 7pm
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Lenten Services will be held on  
Wednesdays 12:05—12:30 pm  
March 1 - March 29

5th Floor Chapel of  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

If you so choose, bring a lunch,  
and after worship those gathered can  
share fellowship with one another.



## WEEK OF FEB 5 - 12, 2023

Sun Feb 12 - Lunch/Coffee Hour &  
Annual Meeting following Worship  
Tues Feb 14 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm  
Wed Feb 15 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am  
Wed Feb 15 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm  
Thurs Feb 16 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In many small rural communities in Ghana, lay preachers, evangelists and catechists play a crucial role. Under the direction of a district minister, who has many congregations under their care, lay leaders provide much-needed spiritual leadership. While they share a deep commitment to their call to ministry and service in the church, many have not received formal theological training.

**To equip these lay leaders with helpful tools for effective ministry, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana established three Lay Training Centres (Tamale, Ramseyer and Nsaba), which receive support through Presbyterians Sharing.**



## 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), Rev. Joyce (632-8348) or the Church Office (622-4273) to arrange to pick up a shawl. There is no charge for the shawls.

## ANNUAL REPORT

A few copies of the annual report will be available in the office this week. If you would like a copy emailed/printed for you please contact the Office Administrator.

## HERITAGE WALL

Check out our Heritage Wall that showcases all the newest members in the last five years.

## OFFERING/PAR ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pickup in the front office. If you do not find a box or bag with your name or wish to have one made for you please let the office know.

## 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](http://pcheritagecentre.ca) for more info.

## 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  
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



In ten days, it is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten Season. This season is the forty days before Easter but does not count Sundays, as Sunday is always considered a "little Easter".

Throughout Christian history there has been an observance of Lent, but that observance has had variances and changes over the centuries as well. If one has any knowledge of Lent they tend to understand it to be a time when you give up certain foods. The purpose of this is not to make one feel deprived but rather to add room for devotion and learning. And though often in our time we feel distracted by what we cannot have, Lent and the giving up of food was meant to be a time to free oneself of the distractions of food and to mark a time of discipline in one's life. Today we hear of people not choosing to refrain from certain foods but rather adding a piece to their lives that brings edification and maybe even puts the focus on others, such as choosing to do a devotional time or volunteering.

Lent has always been a time for quiet reflection and spiritual discipline, that is its purpose, to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. The Christian faith has always placed a great deal of importance on connecting with God and others. It is a faith based in relationship, and we all are aware that good relationships, strong bonds of friendship and partnerships, take time and attention. This is true of our closest friends and it is true of our church family and how we function and worship together. It is especially important when it comes to knowing and loving God. We cannot know God without spending time in praise, prayer, listening for and observing God at work in ourselves and in the world.

In the coming weeks the church will provide opportunities for you to observe this time of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on February 22<sup>nd</sup> along with regular Sunday worship and the theme of, "Learning to Live from the Inside Out". As well there will be a midweek lunch hour service on Wednesdays lasting about twenty-five minutes, followed by a time of fellowship. Feel free to bring a bag lunch and have conversation with others after the service or just plan to attend the devotional time and head off to whatever your day has in it. May Lent be a time for you to reconnect, to reflect, and to have opportunity to observe a spiritual discipline that will bring you in a closer relationship with God and others.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



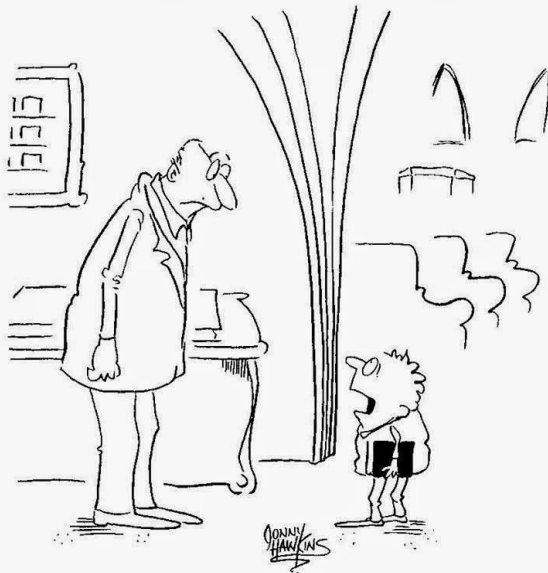
The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.

*Helen Keller* –author, political activist, lecturer

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

### 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 Rev. Joyce.



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."

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