

# **St. Andrew's News**

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Responding!

Restoning! Rejoicing!

### MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

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.



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.

## **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 for more info.

## WEEK OF FEB 19 - 26, 2023

Mon Feb 20 - OFFICE CLOSED Wed Feb 22 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am Wed Feb 22 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm Wed Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday Day Service @ 7pm Thurs Feb 23 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

### LENT & EASTER SERVICES

~Learning to Live Inside Out ~

Wednesday February 22 Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00pm

Sunday February 26 - Lent 1 If You Fall Down *Matthew 4:1-11* Service with Communion

Sunday March 5 - Lent 2 Go From Your Country Gen 12:1-4a ~ John 3:1-17 ~ Psalm 121

> Sunday March 12 - Lent 3 Give Me Water Exodus 17:1-7 ~ John 4:5-42

Sunday March 19 - Lent 4 In the Presence John 9:1-41

Sunday March 26 - Lent 5 Who Could Stand Ezekiel 37:1-14 ~ John 11:1-45

Sunday April 2 Palm Sunday Service - 11:00am

**Thursday April 6** Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00pm with Communion

**Friday April 7** Good Friday Service - 11:00am

Sunday April 9 Easter Sunday Service - 11:00am

# THANK YOU

Thank you to Susan Dynes for leading us in worship today, while Rev. Joyce is away.

#### From Joyce

I have been trying to figure out how to keep everyone in the loop about what is happening with New Beginnings. The Implementation team has been meeting monthly since November but it is difficult to report the nuts and bolts of the time spent together as they are doing the team building and ground work that is necessary for other things to happen. So, though there is nothing super concrete to share with you, I still want you to be aware of the excitement that is a part of our work. The team has been working with the reports and discussions that have been a part of the entire congregation's work over the last sixteen months. Yes, it was Sept 2021 when we started into New Beginnings as a congregation, and taking time is part of what is necessary for seeking out what is emerging from all of that work. I can say that communication has become a big part of our conversations and conversations more broadly with groups in the church, which is in part why I felt the need to share something with you. There is work being done to pull together all the activity that would be considered pastoral care, from Caring and Contact, to the Visiting Ministry and Session, and a host of others in between. There will be exploration of how to keep everyone abreast of any developments. The Implementation Team and Session will be looking at the gifts that people bring and ask how you may want to be involved in what emerges. We are also looking at our online presence so that we can share more broadly what is taking place at St. Andrew's. These are really precious and exciting times for our church. May God go before us preparing our way.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Wealth isn't always measured in dollar signs. We have time, talent and creativity, all of which can be powerful forces for positive change. Share your blessings in whatever form they come and to whatever level you have been blessed.

Jon M. Hunstsman – businessman, diplomat, politician

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



### PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Climate change, conflict and COVID-19 have combined to create a global food crisis where 50 million people in 45 countries suffer from acute hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is responding in South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somaliacountries where hunger needs are worsening daily. This crisis has disproportionately adverse effects on women and girls, who make up 60% of those affected by food insecurity. Without proper nutrition, women can experience higher mortality rates for themselves and their children. With support from the church, PWS&D distributes food packages with essential nourishing items and provides families with cash assistance, helping ensure that families are fed.

#### SYRIA - TURKIYE EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

The Syrian population was already deeply impacted by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

PWS&D is responding through our partners at <u>ACT</u> <u>Alliance</u>. MECC has offered 232 sites as shelters in Aleppo since the quake. MECC is providing mattresses and blankets, as well as hot meals, to affected families, and is working to secure additional supplies to meet the needs.

"The key need currently is food baskets," reports Ghassan Chahine of MECC. "We need canned and pre-made food, as people cannot cook at the moment." While there is a lack of availability of some key items in Aleppo, MECC is sourcing goods from Damascus.

To support the response, click the link below, or give through St. Andrew's. Indicate your donation is for "Syria-Türkiye Earthquake."

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