

St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring!

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.



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 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."

Donate to Presbyterian World Service & Development - The Presbyterian Church in Canada

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

For if eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-not according to what one does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12

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

WEEK OF MAR 5 -12, 2023

Wed Mar 8 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Mar 8 - Seekers Meeting @ 11:00am

Wed Mar 8 - Lenten Service @ 12:05pm

Wed Mar 8 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm

Thurs Mar 9 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

Thurs Mar 9 - Heritage Meeting @ 12:00pm

Sun Mar 12 - Implementation Meeting @ 12:30am

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

~Learning to Live Inside Out ~

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 St. Aidan's Coffee Hour with Hot Cross Buns

Thursday April 6

Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00pm with Communion

Friday April 7

Good Friday Service - 11:00am Community Choir Concert - 7:00pm

Sunday April 9

Easter Sunday Service - 11:00am with Communion

EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET

It's time to be thinking about Easter, and the annual Memorial Booklet. If you would like your loved ones remembered in the booklet, please contact the office to give their name(s) and proper spelling. Also, please consider donating to the flower fund.

(Donations are handled by the Bookkeeper) Names must be submitted, to the Office Administrator, by **April 3** to be included.

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From Joyce

Sometimes we think that things need to be initiated by the groups that already exist in the church. Fellowship or lunch after church has tended to be hosted by various groups or committees such as St. Aidan's Guild or The Seekers. We hear about the prayer chain or prayer shawl ministry, the Heritage Committee, or Facilities and Finance and wonder how to be involved. We listen to the choir on Sunday mornings and wonder, "Do I need to read music to sing in the choir?" You may recognize that something is missing from our ministry or could be enhanced. If you are one of these people, don't hesitate to connect with me or an elder. Especially as the Implementation Team is working out the building blocks of next steps it may be that your idea, what you see or feel, could be God saying that you have something to offer the wider community of the church. Every idea is worth looking at. In community we can work out the details, discern with you if what you are offering either by way of time, talent, or treasure is exactly what we need or if there are ways that we can experiment with the idea.

The Session and the Implementation Team are looking at what is emerging from all of what we do together, our work and our worship. If you feel a nudge or niggling it may be that God is calling you to be a part of our community of faith in a way you had not expected or are unsure about. This is why being a Christian in community is so important. It is why we are called to be the church together. As the wonderful hymn goes, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people!" Be curious and let's make excellent mistakes together.

THERE! THAT OUGHT TO DISPEL THE MYTH THAT WE'RE AN ELDERLY CONGREGATION THAT DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO REACH OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Please remember to set your clocks forward an hour on **Sunday March 12**th.



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In Pakistan. Gauri learned how to cut and sew at an early age. As an adult, this knowledge allowed Gauri to contribute to her family's income by working as a seamstress. After her husband was killed in an accident, Gauri's income was not enough to provide for her family on her own. Gauri was selected for a **Presbyterian World Service & Development** project that provides emergency food assistance to families in need, as well as longer-term support through small business training and development. The food aid the family received made it possible for Gauri to save a portion of her monthly income that would have otherwise been spent on food. With the money she saved, Gauri was able to further her child's education and stock her tailoring shop with more materials.

ST. ANDREW'S GAMES NIGHT

Come on out for Fun and frolic on St. Patrick's Day Friday March 17, 2023 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Rowand Hall. There will be a Rummoli Tournament and Charades

This event is hosted by the New Beginnings Committee and we will be forming teams for Rummoli and Charades.

As this is St. Patrick's Day feel free to wear something green and please bring your own beverage(s).
Popcorn and juice boxes will be provided.

There is a sign up sheet at the side entrance bulletin board at St. Andrew's if you are attending. Please sign by March 12, 2023.

If you plan to attend and have a Rummoli Game Board please bring it with you.

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