St. Andrew's News



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April 2nd, 2023

Responding!

Restoning! Rejoicing!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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



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 -<u>The Presbyterian Church in Canada</u>

The Lenten Coin Calendars will be finished in April and all donations collected from those will be submitted from St. Andrew's to the Syria-Turkiye



WEEK OF April 2 - 9, 2023

Sun Apr 2 - Coffee Hour Following Worship Wed Apr 5 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am Wed Apr 5 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm Thurs Apr 6 - Music Pups @ 11:00am Thurs Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm Fri Apr 7 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Fri Apr 7 - Good Friday Service @ 11:00am

PROSPECTOR BUNS - LIFEWATER CANADA FUNDRAISER

The Prospector Steak House has once again generously offered to donate their fabulous buns in support of Lifewater Canada.

Buns including garlic butter are \$5.00doz.

You can also purchase buns to donate to the Dew Drop Inn; they'll be delivered your behalf. Just think of the impact \$5.00 can make.

Pick up will be 12:00PM – 1:00PM on Saturday April 8, 2023. You will receive an emailed confirmation within 24 hours of placing your order. The confirmation will include payment and pick up details.

Please email your order to <u>shirleyvandyken.lifewatercanada@gmail.com</u> with the following information:

- full name
- cell number
 - address
- number of buns

Deadline to order is NOON on Thursday April 6, 2023

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

In Loving memory

Bookkeeper) Names must be submitted, to the Office Administrator, by **tomorrow April 3** to be included.

From Joyce

Welcome to Holy Week, a week that has more worship opportunities than we normally have here at St. Andrew's. Of course, today is Palm Sunday and worshippers are given palm branches to take home and be reminded of the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem to great fanfare. Then things turn serious and dark. As the week progresses, we have the Maundy Thursday service. This year the service invites us to the table with Jesus' disciples, each reflecting on their experiences with Jesus. Good Friday we journey with Jesus to the cross. This service is more of an experiential worship with various visuals and tactile elements to draw us into the story. These services can be valuable in order for us to more fully appreciate the joy, hope, and promise of new life that Easter brings. The Easter Sunday service is one where four voices will share in telling the Easter Story, there will be Communion, and of course some beloved Easter hymns.

So come and worship. Come and be welcomed, restored, and renewed.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Do your givin' while your livin' so you'll be knowin' where it's goin.

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

GOOD FRIDAY TBCC CONCERT

DONATE

Thunder Bay Community Choir directed by Mary McGhee Accompanists Joy Fahrenbruck, Diana Hannaford-Wilcox and Special Guest Musicians.

> Friday April 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 Brodie Street S.

Donations will be accepted in support of The Canadian Cancer Society (Thunder Bay)

HERITAGE WALL

We changed the Heritage Wall again! This time we have put up pictures of our choir, games night, and Easter Bonnet Sunday; and we thought it would be fun for us to wear our Easter hats again this year.

A very special thank you to Derek Buttars and his uncle Jim for joining our group.

Welcome Derek and Jim! We are so happy to have you both in our Heritage Committee.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, pastors and church workers of the Reformed Church in

Transcarpathia, Western Ukraine, have been serving tirelessly, providing spiritual support to those who remained and warmly welcoming refugees and internally displaced people from Eastern and Central Ukraine. Recognizing the dedication and work of these faithful servants, the

Reformed Church in Hungary established a solidarity fund and invited partner churches to join in providing encouragement and financial support. The PCC, through Presbyterians Sharing, along with the First Hungarian Presbyterian Church in



East Toronto, Ontario, responded by contributing to the fund, which aims to support 100 pastors and church staff in Transcarpathia with a monthly financial supplement of \$360 CAD.

STUDY OPPORTUNITY

This is a study for those who would like to affirm their baptism. At one time these were called confirmation classes which would give opportunity for participants to make a public affirmation of faith, leading some to formally have their name added to what we in the Presbyterian Church call "The Roll". The Roll being the list of names of people who have chosen to make official their ties to the Christian Church and St. Andrew's in particular.

The plan is to offer the study beginning the last week of April and into May. There will be four sessions each 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours in length. The day and time will be determined by those who express an interest by April 3rd.

Please contact Rev. Joyce if you are interested. This study is open for all.

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