



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## FOOD BANK DRIVE

St. Andrew's will hold a Food Bank Drive from Sunday April 16 to Sunday June 11. Items in greatest demand include, cereal, pasta and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, canned soups, canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken), pork and beans, and mac and cheese (KD, etc.).



Also consider baby food and vegetarian items like chickpeas, black beans, etc.

Please include St. Andrew's Food Bank Drive on your shopping list.

## ST. ANDREW'S FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

The Spring Flea Market will be held on **Saturday May 6** from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

To keep the Church tidy, donations should be brought starting April 30, as well as any extra plants for the sales that day.

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so **Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their soil and better retain moisture.**

"My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs," said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.

## COOKIE SALES \$6 A BOX

Girl Guides will be selling cookies following worship **TODAY**.



## WEEK OF April 23 - 30, 2023

Sun April 23 - Implementation Meeting

Tues April 25 - St. Aidan's Meeting @ 11:30am

Wed April 26 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

## SUMMER CAMP

The Presbytery of Superior and the United Church are joining together this summer to present Camp Duncan! This weeklong overnight camp runs July 9-15<sup>th</sup> and is for kids entering grades 3-8 this fall. Come out for a week of fun, nature, and community! We are also looking for volunteers for counsellors, kitchen staff, and lifeguards. Forms are now available at the church or online at our website. If you have any questions please contact Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com). Hope to see you this summer!

## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday, April 23** We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farming projects that help farmers and communities in Malawi achieve better food security.

**Monday, April 24** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Ottawa in Ontario.

**Tuesday, April 25** We pray for Women's Missionary Society synodicals as members prepare and gather for their annual meetings.

**Wednesday, April 26** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kingston in Ontario.

**Thursday, April 27** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their ministry.

**Friday, April 28** We give thanks for the Rev. Watan Yawi, the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Tayal translation team of the Bible Society in Taiwan as they celebrate the publication of the Tayal Bible.

**Saturday, April 29** We pray for the Rev. Jim Biggs, clerk for the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda.

*stay safe*



### From Joyce

Last weekend I attended the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) Clerks Conference at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga. Now for those who are wondering what a clerk is...each court of the church has a clerk. Each church session, presbytery, and synod in the PCC has a clerk. The General Assembly has two clerks who work full time not only at the time of the Assembly but throughout the year. The clerk takes the minutes of meetings and is the keeper of those minutes along with other important documents. The clerk assists the moderator, which in other organizations would be called the chairperson. The clerk aids in the running of meetings, preparing agendas and answering questions that may come up in regards to church polity. This means the clerk must be knowledgeable about PCC policies, structures, and various other pieces of information.

Bob Matchett is the Clerk of the Presbytery of Superior, which includes the three Presbyterian churches in Thunder Bay and the Shared Ministry in Geraldton. I am the Clerk of the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Both of us were present for the conference as first-time attendees. It was a valuable time of learning, being introduced to things that will be coming up in terms of proposed changes to certain policies and procedures, and to ask questions and be curious about many topics that are of concern as well as joy and good news in the church across Canada. To be sure one of the other wonderful things about the conference is the opportunity to meet many of the National Church Office staff who run programs and develop resources for use in our churches. There is also the chance to meet and learn from those across the country who also hold the position of clerk in their areas and regions.

I appreciate the connections and how this conference connects our churches in the denomination. It is one of the hundreds of ways that our Presbyterian Sharing dollars are at work, as together we navigate and support each other in the work across Canada and beyond our borders.



### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.

*Pope Francis*

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

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

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