



St. Andrew's News

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April 30th, 2023

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, April 30 On **Mission Awareness Sunday**, we pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society and Women's Missionary Society who are leading worship services in their congregations.

Monday, May 1 (Asian Heritage Month) We give thanks for the rich contributions of people of Asian descent to the church.

Tuesday, May 2 We pray for the women of the Mvano Guild in Malawi who devote their lives to worship, Bible study and helping others in need.

Wednesday, May 3 We pray for the candidates for ministry and guidance counsellors as they faithfully engage in the shared process of vocational discernment during Guidance Conference this week.

Thursday, May 4 We pray for congregations going through transitions. May they be patient and open to seeing and acting on God's will when times are challenging.

Friday, May 5 We pray that members of the Atlantic Mission Society and Women's Missionary Society experience joy in all they have accomplished and find ways to continue their missions both locally and abroad.

Saturday, May 6 We give thanks for all the many ways people generously give their time and talent to the church.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith, proclaiming God's love, hope and grace through the decisions we make and the actions we take. Together, we support congregations, theological colleges, camps, presbyteries, synods and specialized ministries as they nurture disciples and share our faith. We help leaders explore new models of ministry, and we help people experiencing barriers to traditional social engagement overcome them in innovative ways. Through mission staff and grants, we accompany international mission partners. We live out God's call for justice by collaborating with ecumenical and interfaith partners to speak out against injustice, advocate for human rights and care for creation around the world. God does remarkable things with the gifts we give.

WEEK OF April 30 - May 7, 2023

Wed May 3 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Thurs May 4 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm

Sat May 6 - Flea Market & Bake Sale @ 9:30am

Sun May 7 - Seekers Coffee Hour after Worship

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 9-15th 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!

If you would like to donate to camperships, please mark your envelope with CHURCH CAMP and the amount.

BAKERS & BAKING NEEDED

St. Andrew's is looking for people to provide baked goods for our Flea Market & Bake Sale this Saturday, so that we can have an abundance for shoppers to choose from while raising funds toward the work of mission and ministry. If you are able to do some baking we will be receiving it on Friday May 5 from 9am-1pm.

For some providing baking is not possible and in those cases we encourage support in the form of a small donation toward the bake table. The first \$850.00 made at the flea market goes toward the Sunday School's Sponsor Child at Dr. Graham's Homes in India.

If you have time to help with the set up in the mornings of that week or to help at the flea market the day of that would be much appreciate. Let the Office Administrator know or connect with Rev. Joyce at 807-632-8348.

ST. ANDREW'S FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

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

Items for donation can be brought to the church starting today.



From Joyce

A quick Google search of the word communication brings up innumerable articles and pieces of information. Here is one I like, "The English word 'communication' is derived from the Latin communis, which means common sense. The word communication means sharing the same ideas. In other words, the transmission and interaction of facts, ideas, opinions, feelings or attitudes...Communication is a two-way process which involves the transferring of information or messages from one person or group to another. This process goes on and includes a minimum of one sender and receiver to pass on the messages. These messages can either be any ideas, imagination, emotions, or thoughts."

Communication happens whether or not we are good at it. This weekly newsletter is about communicating. Each time we speak, write, text, email, or even just sit with others we are communicating something. So, the challenge becomes how do we communicate well, in ways that do not create barriers in our communication, but brings about opportunities for exchange of information, ideas, and well being.

This has become a focus of conversations in the work that the church is doing right now, from Session, to the Facilities and Finance Team, to the Implementation Team, and the groups and individuals who are a part of the congregation. There is a lot going on and most are asking these and other questions, "How do we get information out there? How do we share with others? How do we know what others are doing? How do we get input from others?"

Some initial ideas have formed, and we are going to try them out remembering that communication happens between people, so if what we are trying is not working, the Session and myself in particular want to hear how you think communications could be improved. The first thing we are trying is a monthly calendar of events. It will be available in print but even more helpful, for those who can navigate to the church website, maybe the online calendar that not only has the present month but shows upcoming and ongoing events. Good and effective communication is desired, so if you have ideas and suggestions let me or an elder know. We would be pleased to consider new ideas or improvements in our communications. St. Andrew's has amazing and gifted people. Each of us has something to offer and each of you is important in our lines of communication. I look forward to our trying out ideas and seeing where those things lead us so that we can learn and grow in our understanding, mission, ministry, and communication.

[Communication – Definition, Importance, Types, Barriers, Modes and Flow \(vedantu.com\)](https://www.vedantu.com/communication-definition-importance-types-barriers-modes-and-flow). Accessed April 26, 2023.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.

John Calvin – theologian, pastor, reformer

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to 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.

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.

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