



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday, May 28 (Day of Pentecost)** We pray that the Holy Spirit enlivens the church through working in us and lifting us up to be the people God created us to be, filled with the gifts of the Spirit as we follow Christ.

**Monday, May 29** We give thanks for 10 years of ministry at Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ontario, and we pray that the congregation continues to grow in outreach to their community with the transforming love of Christ.

**Tuesday, May 30** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

**Wednesday, May 31** We give thanks for Canadian farmers participating in growing projects to support Presbyterian World Service & Development's work with Canadian Foodgrains Bank to reduce hunger around the world.

**Thursday, June 1** We pray for summer ministry students. May they know the assurance of God's sustaining presence in times of excitement and frustration, joy and pain, faith and doubt.

**Friday, June 2** We pray for the Rev. Mark McLennan, clerk for the Synod of Southwestern Ontario.

**Saturday, June 3** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

## HERITAGE MOMENT

June 1, 1919 had been selected as the day to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Presbyterian Church in Thunder Bay at St. Andrew's. The church was started in Fort William when the Rev. Dr. Top of Toronto was visiting the home of Governor McIntyre and opportunity afford the children of the small community to receive the rite of baptism. Rev. Dr. Top recognized the need in the community and arranged in the following year to have a missionary student send from Knox College. He peached to the first members of the church in the Hudson's Bay offices, or the store buildings attached. St. Andrew's held morning & evening Anniversary Service celebrating 50 years, with Women's choir performing at the evening service.

## PRIDE SUNDAY

On **June 4** St. Andrew's will ring in the start of Pride Month and take time to reflect on God's love for everyone.

## WEEK OF MAY 28 - June 4, 2023

Sun May 28 - Soup & Bun Lunch following Worship  
Sun May 28 - Study Class @ 12:30pm  
Thurs June 1 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm  
Sun June 4 - Pride Sunday

## 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!

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

## LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference is coming back! After three years St. Andrew's will host our lunch again on **Wednesday June 7** at 12pm. Following that, Lunch with a Difference will return once every month starting in October. Please RSVP to the Office Administrator by June 1<sup>st</sup>. A minimum suggested donation of \$10 will be collected at the door

## POTLUCK/MURDER MYSTERY

The Seekers are hosting a potluck lunch following Worship on **June 11**, please bring a dish to share. After lunch, please stay for an interactive murder mystery throughout the church. Dessert will be served as the culprit is revealed.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Our stewardship calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting God's creation and in seeking its responsible use for the common good.

*Living Faith, 2.4.2*



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### From Joyce

Happy 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Congregation! This past couple of weeks seem to have included a lot of history for me. I was in Montreal from May 15 to 19 attending a conference, but the first thing I was able to participate in was a walking tour of Old Montreal. Such a beautiful part of the city to walk through. Our goal was to get to the oldest church in the city, Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, and learn a little of its history. This congregation has been a steady Christian witness for over 350 years. From the earliest colonizers to sailors who have come to the Port of Montreal and continuing even today. I also attended St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church where part of the conference was held along with the Presbyterian College Convocation. The first Presbyterian service held in Montreal was in 1803 so not so many years after the first Catholic service. Once two congregations, early on in their ministries, in 1918 the congregations decided to unite, however the new church was not erected until 1931-32. Presbyterian College on the McGill University Campus in Montreal, was where the bulk of the conference took place, has its own witness of training and educating ministers for the Presbyterian Church in Canada since 1865.

Last Monday Ken and I went to Silver Islet General Store for tea and I was reminded of stories I had read in a book called *History of Presbyterianism in Thunder Bay and District*. There was, even in the early years of that community, a small presence of Presbyterians who did their best to witness to the faithfulness of God in some very difficult circumstances. And as old as St. Andrew's is, First Presbyterian in Thunder Bay was and is the oldest congregation in the area. So, the point that I guess I am making through all this talk of history is that God's story has been unfolding for generations as told in the Bible, but also in our Canadian and local history. That story is still ongoing. We often get stuck thinking that things are difficult. We get discouraged by the numbers both of people attending worship and the offerings. Regardless, I believe our future is still hopeful and still being determined. God isn't done with Christian witness. God is not done working with those who witness in faith through their love in word and action. God simply is still God and still present. As we continue in our work with New Beginnings, may God show us how to do that work of witness from our place on this corner of Donald and Brodie year after year.

### GRADUATION TIME

Caring & Contact would like to recognize graduates by sending congratulatory notes to them on their academic achievements. If you are aware of anyone who is graduating or has graduated from high school, college or university this year, please let the Church now.

### FOOD BANK DRIVE

St. Andrew's will hold a Food Bank Drive until **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.

### WORSHIP TEAM

Are you looking to be a more active member in our ministry and want to contribute your gifts and creativity to the St. Andrew's team?

There will be learning required, so one will need to be open to learning about the "why" behind the choices that are made and be willing to work as a team. The first meeting to begin planning for the fall through to Christmas will be **Wednesday June 14** at 7:00pm.

Please contact Rev. Joyce to RSVP

### SEEKERS YEAR END DINNER

For their final meeting, before summer break, Seekers will be gathering on **Wednesday June 7** at Tony Roma's. New members are welcome.

### 55 PLUS CENTRE EVENTS

CPR and AED

Superior North Emergency Medical Services will be offering a Free CPR and AED information and training event for older adults on **Wednesday June 14** from 10am-12pm at 700 River St. Registration is free. Please call 684-3276 to reserve a seat.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY BBQ  
**Thursday June 15** at 12pm at 700 River St.  
Call 684-3066 to register

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