



# St. Andrew's News

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June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday, June 18 (National Indigenous Peoples Day Sunday)** We pray for all those who are working to revitalize Indigenous language, culture, governance and spirituality. We give thanks for Indigenous leadership in the church and this country.

**Monday, June 19 (National Indigenous Peoples Day)** We give thanks for Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and all Indigenous people working for the rights and well-being of Indigenous peoples and communities.

**Tuesday, June 20 On World Refugee Day,** we remember all who've had to flee their homes and seek refuge in unfamiliar places and with people who are strangers. We pray for God's blessing on all those who welcome refugees with open arms of love.

**Wednesday, June 21** We pray for refugees in times of unthinkable suffering, and we give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners providing relief to Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

**Thursday, June 22** We give thanks and pray for the staff and volunteers at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba as they work tirelessly to meet people's physical and spiritual needs.

**Friday, June 23** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges in Ontario.

**Saturday, June 24** We give thanks for clubs in Haiti that teach children about food security and environmental protection with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

## BLUEGRASS SUNDAY



Join us on **Sunday June 25** for Bluegrass and Gospel Sunday. The Bluegrass band "Gibson, Martin and I" will be joining Jamie and Rebecca for a morning of old time and gospel music. Wear your blue jeans and maybe a straw hat. A good time will be had by all.

## WEEK OF JUNE 18 - 25, 2023

Sun June 18 - National Indigenous Peoples Sunday

Thurs June 22 - Implementation Meeting @ 7:00pm

## 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!



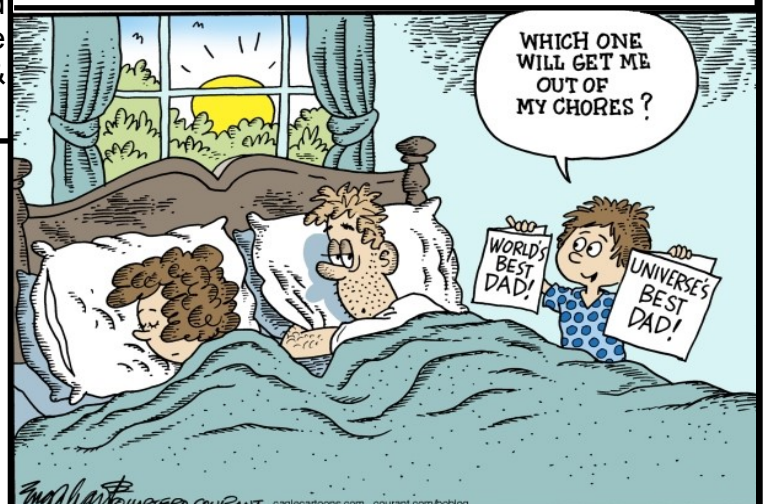
If you would like to donate to camperships, please mark your envelope with CHURCH CAMP and the amount.

## 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.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Ash Moreau and Janine Desmoulin for being a part of our worship service, for National Indigenous Peoples Sunday





## From Joyce

This being National Indigenous Peoples Sunday, I thought rather than my thoughts I would share with you the Statement on Aboriginal Spiritual Practices from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The following is taken from the PCC website.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, before any encounter with Christianity, found meaning, spiritual benefit and the presence of the creator through life-giving indigenous spiritual practices that have deeply rooted traditions.

Through the churches' participation in the residential school system, The Presbyterian Church in Canada contributed to the banning of those traditions. The Presbyterian Church in Canada presumed to know better and in our cultural arrogance tried to suppress practices whose value we were then incapable of perceiving. ii We acknowledge in a spirit of repentance our role in failing to recognize and respect these spiritual traditions and practices. The church believes that faith and devotion, reverence for life, truth and goodness coexist both in and outside of our own Christian experience.

As part of the churches' commitment to a journey of truth and reconciliation, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has learned that many facets of Aboriginal traditional spiritualities bring life and oneness with creation. Accepting this has sometimes been a challenge for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We are now aware that there is a wide variety of aboriginal spiritual practices and we acknowledge that it is for our church to continue in humility to learn the deep significance of these practices and to respect them and the Aboriginal elders who are the keepers of their traditional sacred truths.

Some of our congregations have been blessed with experiencing various traditional Aboriginal practices when Aboriginal elders, Aboriginal members of our church and indigenous people visited our congregations as guests, and graciously shared some of these practices and the traditions that give rise to them.

These practices are received as gifts and serve to enrich our congregations. Ceremonies and traditions such as smudging, the circle/medicine wheel, drum songs and drumming, and indigenous wisdom teachings have been some of the practices our church has experienced as gifts from Aboriginal brothers and sisters. We acknowledge and respect both Aboriginal members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada who wish to bring traditional practices into their congregations and those Aboriginal members who are not comfortable or willing to do so. The church must be a community where all are valued and respected.

It is not for The Presbyterian Church in Canada to validate or invalidate Aboriginal spiritualities and practices. Our church, however, is deeply respectful of these traditions. We acknowledge them as important spiritual practices through which Aboriginal peoples experience the presence of the creator God. In this spirit The Presbyterian Church in Canada is committed to walking with Aboriginal people in seeking shared truth that will lead to restoring right relations.

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i The Confession of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, General Assembly, June 9, 1994, paragraph 2

ii The Confession of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, General Assembly, June 9, 1994, paragraph 4

iii Living Faith section 9.2 The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1984

iv Conversation Circle re Theological Framework for Aboriginal Spirituality Acts and Proceedings of The General Assembly, 2013 pp. 510-512

v The Confession of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, General Assembly, June 9, 1994, paragraph 2

### SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday services will begin at 10:00am

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - 8:30am - 12:30pm  
Tuesday-Friday - 9:00am - 1:00pm

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

It is easy to get sucked into the vacuum of owned things, and end up finding out that they own you.

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