



St. Andrew's News

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August 13th, 2023

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



UKRAINE DONATIONS

In honour of Sue Heald, donations made to the church in support of Ukraine will be received from now till the end of September.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, August 13 We pray for Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) providing protective presence to Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories. Over 1,800 volunteers from 25 countries have served as EAs since 2002.

Monday, August 14 We pray for people who are unhoused. May governments, faith communities and our church work to end suffering for those who are without homes and support.

Tuesday, August 15 We pray for people facing persecution because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. We give thanks for organizations around the world that advocate for the safety, dignity and well-being of LGBTQI+ people.

Wednesday, August 16 We give thanks for summer opportunities to relax, enjoy nature and have extended times with family and friends.

Thursday, August 17 We pray for Leading with Care committees as they ensure that the ministries and buildings of the church are safe places for all.

Friday, August 18 We pray for the members of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network (Canadian Council of Churches), who are supporting church communities working for racial justice across Canada.

Saturday, August 19 On **World Humanitarian Day**, we pray for PWS&D partners who dedicate their lives to helping those in need in the most difficult circumstances. We pray for wisdom, courage and resources for them to continue their good work.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday services begin at 10:00am

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

COMMUNION

Communion will be celebrated on
Sunday August 20th at 10:00am.

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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STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it.
Be protectors of God's gifts!

Pope Francis

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From Joyce

As I pondered what to write, it seemed my mind flitted from one thing to the next on my “to do” list now that I am back to work. So, I thought I would share and see if this sparks imagination and creativity not only for myself, but in case someone reading becomes intrigued by a project or conversation and would like to participate, work on things with me or a team, or just connect. First thing I have been thinking about is how little visiting I manage to do with people. So, if you are someone who would enjoy having me come over or meet somewhere, go to a coffee shop, for a walk, just to sit outside or at your bedside, connect with me. Even though visiting is important to me, it is all too easy to let the planning and writing, the meetings and follow up from meetings, take over my time. Your phone call to get me away from that can help.

There is planning to be done for worship services. I am grateful for the team that has come along side me to work on this, still, we are happy to have others participate in that work for a Sunday or a season. The Facilities and Finance team is also looking at the various projects that need to be done around the church. Security cameras will be installed by The Lock Shop sometime mid August. If participating in the work of building maintenance and/or finance that the Facilities and Finance Team does interests you, again, please connect with me.

The Implementation Team continues to meet regularly; this team, comes out of the New Beginnings work that this congregation has been a part of. Our conversations are always filled with excitement and energy. We have been connecting with various non-profit groups in the community to see if there are ways that we can partner in helping with their work. This work will continue for some time. There are plans that overlap with the work of the Facility and Finance team as well as the Session, some of which include some building modifications, such as bathrooms and how the kitchen might be updated and/or modified.

The team is also looking at events that can strengthen the community both within the congregation and as we reach out to others. This ranges from Souper Sundays, where we gather for a bowl of soup after worship, to larger events in which the broader community of the city would be invited in. It has been wonderful to see how each of the groups involved in the church from the choir to the women’s guilds have considered their plans in light of our conversations with the New Beginnings Program.

And there is so much more that can happen! If you have ideas that you would like to present for consideration, or see ways that you can participate in the life and work of the church please do not hesitate to offer your ideas and assistance; even your leadership if you are so inclined. Something that I have to always remember is that when working in teams that ideas may be modified, some might not work at all, and some will spark right away. All is a part of figuring out how we are to be God’s people, loving others, showing compassion, and doing the part of responding, restoring, and rejoicing together. I am really looking forward to what the coming months bring. In the meantime, blessings on the last weeks of summer.

Hello Members of St. Andrew’s

As many of you are aware, Rev. Joyce and Ken have been hosting a student at their home since last December when she came to Thunder Bay to attend Lakehead University. In May of this year, she was joined by her husband and young son.

While Joyce and Ken have been on vacation Gary Smith and Joe Ehrler have assisted them and also helped secure an apartment for the family which is available on September 1st.

As you are likely aware, it takes a lot to furnish an apartment, so this is a request that if you have any items which you no longer need and can donate to the family, that would be greatly appreciated.

Many items have already been secured but If anyone has any surplus living room furniture it would be most appreciated along with a small kitchen table and chairs. If you know of anyone selling furniture at a reasonable price, that can also be considered. There is room to store most items until the apartment is available, but any furniture would not be picked up until September 1 or a few days after that. Please connect with the church office if you are able to provide any items.

