



St. Andrew's News

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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 20 We give thanks for all who give their time and talent to the church throughout the year in big and small ways.

Monday, August 21 We thank God for the warmth and beauty and wonder of August.

Tuesday, August 22 We pray for the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee as they encourage Presbyterians to acknowledge, understand and appreciate other faith traditions, and to live in good relationship with people who belong to other religions.

Wednesday, August 23 We pray for the Rev. Stewart Folster and the people at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church on Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation.

Thursday, August 24 We pray for persons with disabilities at the Garu Centre in Ghana who, with support from PWS&D, have found a supportive community that provides them with vocational training to become self-sufficient.

Friday, August 25 We pray for Samuel House, supported by Presbyterians Sharing, helping those in need in very difficult circumstances in Misca, Romania.

Saturday, August 26 We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she meets with people in her role as Moderator of the General Assembly.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday services begin at 10:00am

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - 8:30am - 12:30pm

Tuesday-Friday - 9:00am - 1:00pm

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.

MISSION MOMENT

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.

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From Joyce

Welcome! Welcome to worship! Welcome to our community of faith.
Whether you are in person or online, welcome.

The church is supposed to be a place where all find a welcome and caring community. Pondering this theme, for the next few weeks I would like to share with you some excerpts from a Presbyterian Church in Canada article about welcome and hospitality for all of us to consider.

Remember the basics: In Luke 8, Jesus is busy travelling from town to town healing and preaching about God's kingdom. From the crowds pressing in on him, a woman touches his cloak and is instantly healed. While Jesus could have easily ignored the woman's touch (he was, after all, on his way to heal a sick child), he stopped and invited her to make herself known. He took the time to hear her story and then commended her trust in him in front of the whole crowd.

Amid programs, committee meetings, preparing for worship and all the other things we get busy doing, it is easy to "keep the church running" and forget how important human relationships are. Take the time to stop and look around you on Sunday mornings. Is there anyone who you could reach out to? Smiling, introducing yourself, showing interest in the other person, ensuring they are comfortable and inviting them to join you for coffee hour or other church fellowship gatherings are all good ways to start developing a connection.

It's all about belonging: As human beings, we are wired for community. One of the first things visitors to your church will think is, "Do I belong here?" Most church communities think of themselves as places of belonging for everyone, but can sometimes slip into functioning as members-only clubs, or at least appear to be so to those trying to connect.

Ephesians 2 reminds us that, through Jesus' sacrifice, we have all been made equals. There are no "insiders" and "outsiders" in the body of Christ because everyone shares the "same spirit" and has "equal access to God" (2:17). We all belong in God's kingdom and each of us has a unique and important role to play.

Most people will decide within the first ten minutes of being in your church whether or not they will return. Once the initial welcome has been said take the time to orient and accompany newcomers as they find seats and become familiar with the surroundings. Make sure families with children are given information about how children can participate.

Visitors to your church will notice the atmosphere. It's easier for people to connect in environments that are kept clean with clear pathways and where there is a sense of warmth and belonging coming from the people who are already there.

**Adapted from Ways to be a church that visitors will want to call home. Published by The Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

Hello Members of St. Andrew's

Thank you to all who have given items to Jyoti and her family so far, they are almost ready to begin the move to their new apartment on September 1st. If anyone has a couch they are able to part with or you know of anyone selling one at a reasonable price, please connect with the church.



stay safe

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"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950's!"