



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



GROUPS OF ST. ANDREW'S

St. Andrew's has many groups that keep us moving forward with every new season!

The Session is the group of people who oversee the whole of what is taking place in the church and all things regarding the church fall under their purview. The Session is made up of people called Elders who have been elected by the congregation and then approved by the current group of elders to serve in this leadership capacity. This fall we will be holding elder elections and information about the elections will be available after the September 12th meeting of Session.

The Facilities and Finance team responsibilities are specific to exactly what the name of the group is: the facility and the church's finances. This team reports directly to the Session. There are Elders serving on the team but others with gifts and skills regarding finance and maintenance of the building or an interest in those things are also part of and invaluable to this working group.

The Seekers and St. Aidan's are two women's groups who are a big part of our hospitality and fundraising. If you are interested in the heritage and history of the congregation, participating in working with a group who oversee the church archives and how that is presented, then the Heritage Committee is just the place for you. These are all also wonderful opportunities to get to know people in the congregation and spend time in meaningful work.

The Prayer Shawl group work mostly independently to knit or crochet prayer shawls that are given to people for various reasons to provide loving support. Another team that works together, yet independently is the Prayer Chain. This group takes prayer requests for people and situations and consistently holds those in prayer. One other group of note is the Caring and Contact Group which writes cards and connects with those who are less able to attend worship and participate actively in the ministry of the congregation. This group also participates in greeting people on the phone and at the church during the week. These groups are part of the pastoral care of the church and would welcome others to be a part of their work.

If participating in any of these groups is of interest to you, please connect with me or the office and we will make sure you get to have a conversation with someone who represents the group and work.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tues Sept 12 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm

Wed Sept 13 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Sun Sept 17 - Implementation Meeting @ 12:30pm

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Faith and Work

"Meaning on Monday"

5 Week Online Study

Oct. 5 - Nov. 2 (Thursdays)

What does your Christian faith have to do with your work week? Does God desire your work to just be about making a living? Can faith provide meaning and change the way we work?

This online study explores such questions by exploring our everyday ideas about work and what theology and the bible have to say about work.

Gospel of Mark

"Meeting the Messiah"

5 Week Online Study

Nov. 1 - 29 (Wednesdays)

This gospel is sometimes called the "action movie gospel" due to its fast pace and direct style.

It was written for Christian believers living in a tumultuous world.

This study will introduce participants to the background, key themes, and message of the Gospel of Mark, and will help you think about what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ in our own changing world.

For more information visit

[Meeting the Messiah - FALL ONLINE STUDY - The Presbyterian College, Montreal](#)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.

Mother Teresa – nun, missionary

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



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.



From Joyce

Celebrations are so wonderful! They are moments to enjoy. Times to be together in faith and fellowship. Today is one such celebration as we share in a service called *Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism*. Two people, Kelli and Larry, who are a big part of our community of faith are becoming members of the congregation. When I speak about membership, know that we are all members of Christ's family, whether or not you go through this more public action. A profession of faith flows out of the sacrament of baptism. Don Muir, deputy clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, writes...

Membership springs from this holy beginning. The baptism ceremony affirms the deep and far-reaching meaning of the sacrament. Members affirm their baptism by professing faith in the Trinity. Through vows, members renounce sin and turn to Jesus Christ, and, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, express a desire to mature as Christians in the church, seek the guidance of Christ in the Word of God, celebrate Christ's death and life in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and engage in Christ's mission to the world.

Membership is a sign of God's profound grace that reaches out and invites us to be part of the Church. Membership is also a public demonstration of substantial commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ.

There is much more that could be said about making a profession of faith, this is a start. May today also be an opportunity for us to affirm together our commitment to Christ and to one another in a life of faith and service.

SHORTBREAD FOR FALL 2023

This is a call out to see how many bakers we could count on should the church go ahead with the shortbread sales again this year. Our coordinator and most prolific baker for this fundraiser moved to another community in Southern Ontario this past summer and now we need to access if we can manage this without her leadership. The shortbread sales have become our major fundraiser since Covid, especially since we have not hosted a Tea and Bazaar since 2020. Here are the numbers for shortbread sales over the last three years.

2020 - \$7,205.20 **2021** - \$7,449.52 **2022** - \$8,180.28

The church will be purchasing 200lbs of butter and it will take many hands and a lot of people willing to turn multiple pounds of butter into shortbread in order to pull this off again this year. This particular project not only provides fundraising dollars toward the work and ministry of the congregation but brings a whole lot of joy to those who purchase the shortbread. If you can commit to baking, please call the office and leave your name and contact information with Shaundra by September 15th. If you can estimate the pounds of butter you can turn into shortbread that would also be helpful as well. Looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish!

HELLO FALL

On Sunday September 24 St. Andrew's begins a new season for the church and with that we will be carrying out a Blessing of Backpacks!

Everyone is welcome to take part in the blessings and to receive a tag for your backpack, workbag, walker, etc...



Following the Worship Service St. Aidan's will be hosting a coffee hour in Rowand Hall.

Come and Worship!
Come and be Welcomed!

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