



St. Andrew's News

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September 17th, 2023

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



SOUPER SUNDAY

On **Sunday October 1, 2023** St. Andrew's will have our first Souper Sunday; we will also be celebrating World Communion Sunday.

Following the Worship Service there will be a lunch in Rowand Hall where we will be hosting an **Info Session** about the goings on at St. Andrew's.

New Beginnings, Bazaar, Elder Elections, Facility Updates are some of the topics of discussion that will be presented.

Come with questions and curiosity!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, September 17 We give thanks for the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry and pray that they continue to find new ways of meeting the physical and spiritual needs within their diverse communities.

Monday, September 18 We pray for the Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations Committee and its convenor, Laura Lee Campbell.

Tuesday, September 19 We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially during this time of lingering post-pandemic challenges. May they find comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's eternal love and presence.

Wednesday, September 20 We pray for international students who are far from home and family. Pray that they will be comforted in times of loneliness and for encouragement as they strive for success in their studies.

Thursday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace) We pray for peace worldwide, and for world leaders, as well as for PWS&D partners providing life-saving aid and emotional support to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war.

Friday, September 22 We pray for congregations that support refugee families by welcoming them to Canada and helping them to find housing, jobs and community in which to build relationships.

Saturday, September 23 We pray for health, safety and good weather for those participating in the Journey for Hope on September 23 in support of PWS&D's work to end world hunger.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun Sept 17 - Implementation Meeting @ 12:30pm

Wed Sept 20 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Sept 20 - Music Class @ 4:00pm

Wed Sept 20 - Music Class @ 5:15pm

Thurs Sept 21 - Music Class @ 11:00am

Sun Sept 24 - Hello Fall Coffee Hour @ 12:00pm

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!



THANK YOU

Thank you so much all of you for all your phone calls, cards, and prayers while I was in hospital; also, special thank you Rev. Joyce for your visit. I am now on my way to recovery but can't make it to church yet, but hope to be back soon.

Eleanor Beauchamp

HERITAGE WALL

Check out the Heritage Wall, see what has happened in the past few months.

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.



Elder Elections!

From Joyce

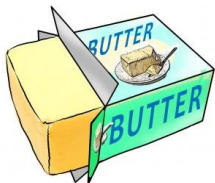
Something that should have happened long ago, but with all things Covid didn't happen, is the election of elders to the Session. We are ready to do so now. The Session has been and continues to be a strong leadership team. Still, since our last election in 2017, there have been Session members who have moved, died, or have simply felt that it was time to retire from the commitment and responsibilities of eldership, while remaining active within the congregation. The St. Andrew's Session presently has seven active elders; Fred Dewsberry, Marilyn Garton, Susan Dynes, Nonie Marsh, Lynda McKeown, Margo Rahmer and Judy Persian.

So, the next step is to proceed with nominations for elders. But before we get to that, hear what the Book of Forms (the governance handbook for the Presbyterian Church in Canada) says about the process of election from Section 132...

Election to the eldership is the call of God, through the congregation, for service in Christ's Church. Since the eldership is a spiritual office concerned with the rule and pastoral oversight of the congregation, only suitable individuals should be considered. They should be committed Christians, in regular attendance at public worship, persons of sound judgment and upright character, and either knowledgeable or prepared to learn of the government of the church.

So next steps...

There will be a nomination period that runs from September 17 – October 8th in order to prepare a ballot of nominees. Nominations from members must be in writing and made by at least two persons, either separately or together. Forms can be found at the back of the sanctuary or in the front office. Please leave sealed nominations in the front office. Should you have any questions about this first step please connect with me. If you feel you are being called to eldership, please connect with me for a conversation. It would be my honour to speak to you and provide you with information on what it means to be an elder in the PCC.



SHORTBREAD FOR FALL 2023

St. Andrew's is going ahead with our shortbread sales again this year! The shortbread sales have become our major fundraiser since Covid, especially since we have not hosted a Tea and Bazaar since 2020. The church has purchased 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 and 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!



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

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