



# St. Andrew's News

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September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun Sept 24 - Hello Fall Lunch @ 12:00pm  
Tues Sept 26 - St. Aidan's Meeting @ 11:30am  
Wed Sept 27 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am  
Wed Sept 27 - The Music Class® @ 4:00pm  
Wed Sept 27 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm  
Thurs Sept 28 - The Music Class® @ 11:00am  
Sun Oct 1 - Souper Sunday

## HERITAGE WALL

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

## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday, September 24** On **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, we give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

**Monday, September 25** We thank God for people who give generously of their time, talent and treasure to enhance the mission and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Tuesday, September 26** We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Yoichi Nakae, Moderator of the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ), as he concludes his two-year term.

**Wednesday, September 27** We pray for presbytery student committees listening for God's voice with humility, love, tenderness and trust in the continual illumination of the Holy Spirit as they journey with and support candidates for ministry.

**Thursday, September 28** We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

**Friday, September 29** We pray that the Rev. Mary Fontaine feels a strong sense of God's care and the church's support in her role as Moderator of the General Assembly.

**Saturday, September 30 (Orange Shirt Day)** We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Giving is not a debt you owe;  
it is a seed you sow.  
*Unknown*



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## 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. 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!



## LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference is back for our new season! We have two lunches scheduled for October 18 and November 15. Lunch will begin at 12:15pm and all are welcome to attend.

A minimum suggested donation of \$10 accepted at the door.

Please call 622-4273 to RSVP



## From Joyce

Something you may not have known about St. Andrew's is that we offer a music class for children 0-4 years of age. It is literally called The Music Class®. Previous to going into ministry I taught piano and ran a home music studio in my hometown for nineteen years. I had no idea God was going to call me away from that work; I absolutely loved it. One of my favourite times in the week was when I taught what was then called Music Pups® which was just recently changed to The Music Class®. It was a program developed by Rob Sayer and came out of Atlanta. When I left Spirit River to study at Knox College in Toronto, I sold pretty much everything to do with my music studio, but I held onto the equipment I needed to run the preschool program thinking that it would be a wonderful outreach in a church and give me an opportunity to continue to do something I love – teach and learn music. I got to do just that a couple of years before Covid and now we are up and running again! This ten-week program does a number of things, first off, I find much joy in this work; that had to be first if I was going to take this on as part of the ministry. Beyond that though, the program allows for people, who may not have a reason to enter this building, to find out that it is a great place to enjoy music with their children, grandchildren, or children whose lives are a part of theirs for whatever reason. Part of the hope is that people may begin to associate this downtown core with something joy filled and safe. A lot of people no longer know what a church is and this building does not have great signage right now, so people may come to know that this is a church. Finally, but importantly, the revenue from the program all goes toward the ministry and work of the congregation. As it stands right now, there are 28 families involved in the program that starts this week and I can't wait to begin with them!

On a personal note, today, yes, this very day, is the tenth anniversary of my induction into the ministry with the congregation of St. Andrew's. Thank you for trusting me, being caring and compassionate toward both Ken and I. Thank you for being people of God, willing to move into a New Beginning, with all the challenges and joys that will bring. I love being here and I love all of you; I couldn't imagine being anywhere else. You are seriously THE BEST!

*stay safe*

## ELDER ELECTIONS

The Session has been and continues to be a strong leadership team consisting of seven active elders; Fred Dewsberry, Marilyn Garton, Susan Dynes, Nonie Marsh, Lynda McKeown, Margo Rahmer and Judy Persian. At this time we are looking for new members to join St. Andrew's Session.

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.

There will be a nomination period that runs from September 17 – October 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

## UKRAINE DONATIONS

This is the last week to submit donations in honour of Sue Heald, made to the church in support of Ukraine.

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