



St. Andrew's News

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September 3rd, 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, September 3 We pray that Atlantic Mission Society groups will be creative in their planning and consistent to God's call as they begin a new program year.

Monday, September 4 We pray for students returning to theological studies this fall. Increase knowledge, piety and love for God and God's church in all of them.

Tuesday, September 5 We pray for presbyteries that are struggling to care for ministers and congregations as completely as they would like. May they be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

Wednesday, September 6 We pray for the Rev. Amanda Currie, serving as synod clerk for Saskatchewan.

Thursday, September 7 We give thanks and pray for the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon, equipping ministers and Christian educators in the Middle East for over 90 years.

Friday, September 8 On **International Literacy Day**, we pray for the millions of children who, due to poverty, conflict and other challenges, lack the opportunity to learn. We give thanks for PWS&D-supported programs that work to provide many of them with educational opportunities.

Saturday, September 9 We pray for WMS members who are serving God by supporting Christian students in their witness as they start a new school year.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs.

*J. Hudson Taylor –
Baptist missionary to China*

Offerings can be sent via e-transfer to
offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday services begin at 10:00am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Closed - Mon Sept. 4
Mon - Fri: 9am - 1pm

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](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

11:00am services will resume on
Sunday September 10

Welcome Back Sunday is on
Sunday September 24 and following the
Worship Service St. Aidan's will be hosting a
coffee hour in Rowand Hall.

stay safe

From Joyce



Things are ramping up with it now being September. Here is a bit of a rundown.

The Session is the group of people who are tasked with the overall health and wellbeing of the congregation. They 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 as we have had a number of people move to other communities or retire from this role and need to augment our team. Information about the elections will be available after the September 12th meeting of Session.

The Facilities and Finance team will be meeting this week. This group's 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 groups will begin meeting and planning in September as well. The Seekers meet this week on Tuesday September 5th at 11:00am and St. Aidan's Tuesday September 26th at 11:30am. These two women's groups 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 hold in 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.

Finally, the Worship Team will be meeting on Tuesday September 5th from 7:00-9:00pm to begin planning for Sunday worship services October 1 through to Christmas. If you are interested in planning for a Sunday or a season or anything in between, please let me know as this team works directly with me.

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.

Here is to a wonderful new season of being the church together!

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

To do this fundraising we need a commitment from those who would be willing to bake. In the past three years the church has purchased 200lbs of butter toward this endeavour. 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 to us in determining whether or not we can proceed. Looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish!