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## **St. Andrew's News**

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October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Responding! Restoring!

Rejoicing!

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. *Proverbs 3:9-10* 

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

### LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference will be held Wednesday October 18 at 12:15pm. If you are interested in this time of fellowship and food, please contact the church or Jan Sewell at 807-620-8226. There are sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary and in the front office. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Blood Pressure Clinic will also be open during Lunch with a Difference

#### ELDER ELECTIONS

Today is the last day to submit nominations for the Elder Elections as next week, on Oct. 15 we will begin the voting period for our new Elders!

#### **MISSION & OUTREACH**

Mission & Outreach will be having a Food Bank Drive. Some of the most needed items include canned fish and meat, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, stew, canned juice, and cereal. This drive will end Sunday November 19. St. Andrew's is known for its generosity and its donations of baby food.

#### ST. ANDREW'S BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar will be held on **Saturday November 18** from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Admission to the Bazaar is free.

There will be hotdogs and refreshments, a bake table, knitting, jewellery, country store, book room, a Christmas room and... PICTURES WITH SANTA!

~Everyone is Welcome~



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mon Oct 9 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Tues Oct 10 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm Wed Oct 11 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am Wed Oct 11 - The Music Class® @ 4:00pm Wed Oct 11 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm Thurs Oct 12 - The Music Class® @ 11:00am Sun Oct 15 - Worship Leader: Rev. Jeff Andrews

#### 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 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!

#### SHORTBREAD ORDERS

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is selling their famous shortbread for \$7.50/doz.

Preorders will be accepted until Nov. 3, 2023.

Please call the church office at 622-4273 to order or visit <u>St. Andrew's Famous Shortbread – St. Andrew's</u> <u>Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay, ON</u> <u>(standrewspres-tbay.ca)</u>, to fill out the online order form.

Pickup is at the church during our Bazaar, Saturday Nov 18th from 1pm-4pm.





#### From Joyce

October is such an interesting month. We celebrate World Communion Sunday, Thanksgiving, and Halloween as major moments, but until I became a member of Diversity Thunder Bay, I didn't realize how many other celebrations and observances take place in the month of October. To name a few in a very abbreviated format...

Latin American Heritage Month: In 2018, the Parliament of Canada proclaimed October Latin American Heritage Month in recognition of the Latin American community's tremendous contribution to Canadian society.

**National Disability Employment Awareness Month:** National Disability Employment Awareness Month, held in October, was established to increase awareness of the positive outcomes of hiring persons with disabilities in Canada.

**Canadian Islamic History Month:** Canadian Islamic History Month is an observance held annually in October to recognize and celebrate the rich contributions of Muslim Canadians to the fabric of Canadian society.

**German Heritage Month:** Canadian German Heritage Month is a celebration held annually in October to honor and recognize the significant contributions of Canadians of German descent to the cultural, social, economic, and political fabric of Canada.

Being a woman in a position that was not long ago only afforded to men, the following got my attention. **Women's History Month:** October is Women's History Month in Canada, a time to celebrate the women and girls from our past, and our present, who are contributing to a better, more inclusive Canada. In 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as Women's History Month, marking the beginning of an annual celebration of the outstanding achievements of women and girls throughout Canada's history. This year's theme, **Through Her Lens: Celebrating the Diversity of Women**, emphasizes the importance of recognizing the achievements and contributions of women from diverse backgrounds. It focuses on the unique perspectives, experiences, and challenges faced by Indigenous women; women from 2SLGBTQI+ communities; and newcomer, racialized, and migrant women. Let's continue to honor women who don't accept the status quo and fight hard to improve the lives of all women in the country.

The first woman ordained to word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church was Shirley Jeffreys on May 26, 1968. May we continue to recognize the ways that women impact for good the many areas of arts, science, medicine, research, sports, religion, politics, family, health and well-being and more around the globe.

