



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially.
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Offerings can be sent via etransfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

ANNUAL REPORT

Please send all committee reports to the Office Administrator, Shaundra Benincasa, as soon as they are prepared so we can start work on the Annual Report. The annual meeting will be on February 11, 2023.

SIGN UP FOR THE MUSIC CLASS®



For infants up to 4 yrs old, register for fun filled classes of singing, dancing, movement and instrument play. Parents learn how to enrich their child's music environment, increase music potential and understand music development.

Wednesday evening (5:15pm - 6:00pm) or Thursday morning classes (11:00am - 11:45am) are available. The cost is \$130 for the first child & \$90 for the second child from the same family. The program runs from Feb 14 - April 25. Contact Ms. Joyce at **632-8348** to register or for more information.

GUEST LEADER & MUSICIAN

On Jan 28 Rev. Pam Hogewoning will be in the pulpit while Rev. Joyce is away on vacation. We will also have Mary Welby on Jan 21 as our guest cellist to share her gift of music with us. On Sun. Feb. 4, Rev. Bert Vancook will be leading our worship service while Rev. Joyce is away at First Presbyterian.

THANK YOU FROM FAYE PERTERSON HOUSE

Oh behalf of the residents, staff and the Board of Directors of the Faye Peterson House, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the generous donation of various items. Your contribution to the shelter not only helps to provide for the women and children we serve, it also reminds us people in our community care.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tues Jan 23 - Seekers Meeting @ 11:30am
Wed Jan 24 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

INVITATION FROM FIRST PRES

First Presbyterian invites you to join them for an activity in January!

January 26 is crafts and conversation. Bring your project and enjoy the fellowship with other crafters. This group meets 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Sandy 577-9372 or Ruth 475-3106 for more information.

THE HERTIAGE WALL

Check out the Heritage Wall, there is a new collection featuring baptism and activities of young people in our church family over the years

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Presents



FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024

Doors Open at 5pm ♦ Trivia starts at 6pm

Knights of Columbus Centre
301 May St S, Thunder Bay

A Buffet Dinner and Coffee & Tea will be Provided

Tickets are \$50 per person

Tables of 8 available

Only 30 tables for purchase, so book early!

Tickets can be purchased at

**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
207 Brodie St. S.
807-622-4273**



**Calico Coffeehouse
316 Bay St
807-766-9087**

! PRIZE FOR BEST GROUP COSTUME !

From Joyce



I am writing this as I sit in an airport waiting between flights. By the time you read this I will be well into a two week vacation. I am so grateful for this opportunity to rest and experience another part of the world. I give thanks for Ken's work and care which allows us the income to enjoy this time away.

But going back to the airport and thinking about where our congregation is, I recall a portion of a book that I am reading with a mentoring leadership cohort I belong to. The book is called *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season* by Susan Beaumont. One of the ways the author describes liminality is as "an evolving state of an individual, place, organization, or institution - anything stuck in the neutral space between an ending and a new beginning." She continues, "Consider the airport as an example of liminal space, a sort of non-space. People assemble in airports on the way to and from other places. The airport is a critical connecting point, but it is not a destination for anyone, except perhaps for the people who work there. When we are at the airport, we are neither here nor there, and we operate with a different set of behaviours than would be acceptable at home, work and play." Beaumont has much more to say about that, but it is a way to understand where our congregation is at. We are at a threshold. We are not the congregation of the past but still unsure of all that is before us. It can be disorienting but also a great time for curiosity and experimentation. I believe that we are slowly crossing the threshold as we are finding our way, but in the church there is not a final destination. We will always be looking to where God is leading us, and in a world that is constantly in a state of disorientation we may have to get used to the fact that we are in an ever evolving state. Thankfully, God is steadfast and in that we can be sure.

THE 40 DAY JOURNEY

This Lent, The Presbyterian Church in Canada invites you to reflect on the work of the 14th Century Christian mystic Julian of Norwich's ideas. Using Lisa E. Dunhill's ***40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich***, readers will be guided through different sections such as "Biblical Wisdom," "Questions to Ponder," "Psalm Fragments," "Journal Reflections" exercises, and prayers to encounter Jesus "within a profoundly Trinitarian spirituality and a deep relational openness to all people, indeed, to all the cosmos." Dunhill describes Julian of Norwich's work as one that "will draw you deep into the mystery of God's unending love for you."

[Lent 2024: Presbyterians Read: A 40-Day Journey - The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#)

The Rev. Dr. Emily Bisset holds a ThD in homiletics (preaching), specializing in helping people of faith see their lives and the world through the lens of theological reflection. At least weekly, during Lent and a few times in advance of Ash Wednesday, Emily will post thoughts, suggestions for further reading and devotion, encouragement and additional questions to consider. The link to the Facebook group where Emily will be posting is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2397226327195079>

Purchase a copy of the book on Amazon or Indigo

[40 Day Journey Julian Of Norw: Dahill, Lisa: 9780806680477: Books - Amazon.ca](#)

[40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich | Indigo](#)

BAZAAR NOVEMBER 2024

There will be a meeting on Tuesday February 6 at 11:00 am in Grant Hall for anyone interested in looking at how the Bazaar in November may take shape. If you had a hand in the bazaar last November or would be interested in being a part of the bazaar, if you have ideas that we can be curious about, then this is a meeting for you!

The Bazaar is following the path of the New Beginnings work we are doing as a whole in the congregation. We will look at what has worked, how things have changed, and what may be a new approach for this year. It is truly exciting to explore how we can make this fundraising work a time of joy and community

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