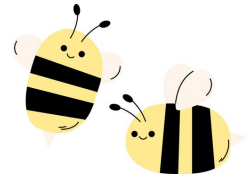


St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, April 21 We give thanks for ministries like Calvin-Goforth's "Hub Club" in Saskatoon, SK that encourage greater social inclusion for seniors and older adults.

Monday, April 22 (Earth Day) We pray for the healing of the earth and for PWS&D projects promoting environmental stewardship and sustainability while helping communities break cycles of hunger and poverty.

Tuesday, April 23 We pray for Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliaries as they reach out with Christ's love to those in need in their communities.

Wednesday, April 24 We pray for people living in long-term care facilities, that they may continue to be engaged participants in the life and ministry of a congregation.

Thursday, April 25 We pray for the work of the Committee on Education and Reception as it meets this week.

Friday, April 26 We pray for The Presbyterian College's Dean of Students, the Rev. Prudence Neba, and each student who is writing exams, papers, and making important decisions regarding the summer semester.

Saturday, April 27 We pray for the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario & Bermuda.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday April 28 - Adult & Teen Challenge Presentation during Worship

Sunday May 5 - Bluegrass Sunday with Guest Band, Gibson, Martin & I Seekers Coffee Hour following Worship

Sunday May 19 - Guest Worship Leader Rev. Pam Hogewoning

Sunday May 26 - 115th Anniversary Sunday Children's Sunday Guest Harpist Naomi Cohen

St. Aidan's Coffee Hour following Worship

Sunday June 9 - Congregational Potluck Lunch following Worship and Games in Rowand Hall, all hosted by the Seekers

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tues April 23 - St. Aidan's Guild Meeting
Tues April 23 - Worship Meeting @ 1:30pm
Wed April 24 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed April 24 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed April 24 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared.
Rev. Henri Nouwen – priest, professor, writer, theologian

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

ST. ANDREW'S SPRING FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY MAY 4 from 9:30am to 1:30pm

The purpose of the Market is to raise funds to support the Sunday School's Sponsored Child at Dr. Graham's Homes in India, about \$850.00 dollars is needed. Any extra funding goes into the operating fund of the church to help with our work and mission. Though the sale is one day only on May 4th, this is a weeklong effort as it takes time to set up for the day, with items being sorted as they come in. Feel free to drop in between 9:00 and 1:00 anytime the week of April 29 – May 3 to help with organizing. If you have an hour to give or can be there more, all help is welcome and appreciated.

Items for donation can be brought to the church starting Monday April 29.

Baking is also needed for the bake table and can be brought to the church Friday May 3 from 9:00 – 1:00 or early Saturday May 4th in time to be priced. If you can help the day of the sale, please contact the office by email or phone and leave your name, contact information, along with the start and end time you can be available to help.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (ST. ANDREW'S)

Ellen Hole - Thursday April 25 at 1:00pm



From Joyce

On Saturday April 13 the Session took a retreat day. This is something that we have not done in the time that I have been the minister at St. Andrew's. We have shared meals, met together for regular meetings, and we have diligently and prayerfully done our utmost to be servants and leaders of the congregation, but we had not taken the time to spend a full day thinking about and focused on the ministry of St. Andrew's.

With the New Beginnings program work still underway, and the Implementation team pretty much rolled into the Session, it felt right to take time away to consider all that has been done since the fall of 2021. The day began at 9:00 and ended at 5:00 at a beautiful and welcoming home on a lake. Being in and close to nature is certainly a wonderful way to feel connected to God and what God has created. Being together was also important as we get to know one another more. There is a chance to talk about one another's lives over a break and over a meal. This is a Session that care deeply for one another and for the congregation. This is important. To have love and compassion is a foundation for our ministry in Jesus who was himself loving and compassionate.

The day overflowed with conversation in small groups and as a whole as we considered three areas of focus; building modification and expansion of use; what does it look like for St. Andrew's to move towards a discipleship model of ministry in the church and in community; and creating intergeneration connections and engagement. All of this while keeping at the forefront the Mission Statement that was developed over the last few months and agreed upon by the congregation at our Annual Meeting in February.

This is so much more that could be said about the hours that we spent together, but let me say that it was energizing and exhausting all at the same time. The Session has a great deal of hope for our future as a congregation but we know there is still a lot of energy and work to be expended to get to where we are discerning that God is leading us. The work that we started with the New Beginnings Program continues. Thank you for being a congregation that is willing to explore what it means to be followers of Christ in our own time.

MISSION MOMENT

In the Kushkak village in Afghanistan, 42-year-old Guljan lived a simple life with her husband and four children until one day in October 2023, when an earthquake struck their village. Guljan lost her husband and 11-year-old son. After the disaster, she encountered significant challenges in getting assistance due to the gender disparities present in her village. However, PWS&D's partner recognized her needs and provided Guljan's family with a winterized tent to help endure the harsh weather conditions. PWS&D provided food assistance, as well as other support after the earthquake to help people survive the winter challenges.

THE MUSIC CLASS

This is the last week for the Music Class until the fall. Each week for ten weeks, the Music Class has brought twenty-three families into our building to enjoy learning the very basics of music through singing, movement, dancing, and playing rhythm instruments. The leaning of music at this level is much like when one reads the same books over and over again to teach children how to read. Here children are learning the language of music. Best of all it is a joyful time!

SERMON SERIES - 1 JOHN

- April 21 - 1 John 3:16-24
- April 28 - 1 John 4:7-21
- May 5 - 1 John 5:1-6
- May 12 - 1 John 5:9-13



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