

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, April 28 (Mission Awareness Sunday)

We give thanks for the service of all former PCC mission staff who worked with the church outside of Canada in creative and courageous ways and often under difficult circumstances.

Monday, April 29 We pray for our church's incredible history and that, with faith, we will pass on our heritage to generations who will follow us.

Tuesday, April 30 We pray for the many members of the PCC on various ecumenical church councils and working groups, as well as representatives involved in interfaith conversations. We thank God for their involvement and the ways we connect with other Christians and faith traditions.

Wednesday, May 1 We pray for students who are graduating in May from The Presbyterian College, Montreal. May it be a time of joy, celebrating the hard work and successes of each student; may each one experience God's leading in next steps as they discern direction in their respective callings.

Thursday, May 2 We pray for St. Marys Presbyterian Church in St. Marys Ontario. God bless the children there who are interested in Indigenous people and their cultures. May their personal gifts and passions be used to further the kingdom of Peace on earth.

Friday, May 3 We pray for General Assembly commissioners as they prepare to help the church discern the mind of Christ for our denomination.

Saturday, May 4 We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Lunenburg, NS) as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry.

SERMON SERIES - 1 JOHN

April 28 - 1 John 4:7-21

May 5 - 1 John 5:1-6

May 12 - 1 John 5:9-13



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mon April 29 - Fri May 3 - Flea Market Setup 9-1

Sat May 4 - Flea Market @ 9:30am

Sun May 5 - Blue Grass Sunday

- Seeker's Coffee Hour after Worship

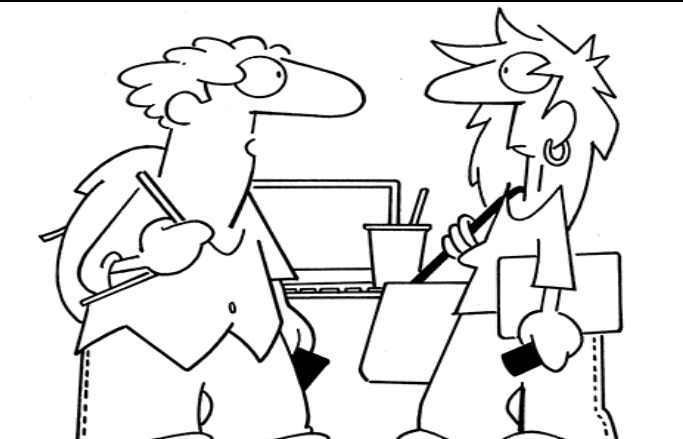
ST. ANDREW'S SPRING FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

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.



"I'm enrolling in seminary college so I can learn about miracles, like how to pay off my student loans."

From Joyce



This coming week I will be in Toronto for four days attending a New Beginnings training event. Now I am not attending in order to be trained. That might come another day, but right now there is enough going on here, so I am not taking on anything more. I have been invited to attend the event because our congregation is one that is considered to have gone through the New Beginnings program and achieved desired outcomes of the program. It is not that our work is done, but rather that we have gone through the process with most of the congregation engaged in some way, having an implementation team that continued the work, and that the work is still continuing through the Session and really the whole congregation. You see for many congregations they may not have had as many people involved in the New Beginnings work itself or they get stuck. They do some of the work as long as they have a coach, but when the coach's time is done then things get dropped and the work does not continue. That is not the case for St. Andrew's. In fact, whether or not you as a congregation are aware, there has been a major culture shift at St. Andrew's. No longer do we hear people spending time reminiscing so much about the past, other than to relate it to how we will move into our future. I have often heard at meetings the question, "So how does this fit into our New Beginnings work?" or "Maybe we need to rethink or reimagine things since we are in a time of transition and things can change!"

As for the training event, myself and another minister from Stouffville have been asked to attend in order to provide valuable insights and feedback to those being trained based on our own experiences going through the New Beginnings program with our congregations. I will say, the only reason I get this opportunity is because this congregation has done the work. I get to represent all of us. I am so proud of St. Andrew's! We have so much more to do, but there is also so much hope and energy around the changes that are being made and what is yet to be done. I am honoured to be a part of this ministry and to carry you with me, sharing what we have accomplished together while knowing that we are still in transition. Given the way things change at an unprecedented rate in the world, transition will become our norm, but that is no longer something to fear, but rather to be embraced. Thank you for being a congregation willing to discern God's will for us as we work and worship from our corner of Donald and Brodie streets.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

If we allow a day to pass by without practicing
generosity, we are like a blacksmith's bellows: we
breathe, but we do not live.

Sanskrit Proverb

Offerings can be sent via e-transfer to
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MISSION MOMENT

The Reformed Parish in Csap/Chop, a
congregation of the Reformed Church in
Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, has been
providing temporary shelter and food for people
displaced by the war. Their social kitchen program
includes hot food delivery to elderly congregation
members who live alone and are unable to cook for
themselves. With limited resources,
Bishop Zan-Fabian reached out to the PCC for
financial support to continue this ministry of care.
The PCC provided a grant from Presbyterians
Sharing, fulfilling the law of Christ to bear one
another's burdens.

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