



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Our next Lunch with a Difference will be **Wednesday April 17** at 12:15pm. Please join us for a time of community and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

FUN AND FITNESS

Fun & Fitness is up and running every **Wednesday** starting at **10:00 am**. Come out and have some exercise, fellowship and fun.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Hand-crafted shawls are available for gifting to anyone you know that may be experiencing difficult times in their lives.



The soft, warm wrap is a comforting reminder that others care about them. We encourage you to contact Terry (577-5567) or Rev. Joyce (632-8348) to arrange to pick up a shawl. There is no charge for the shawls.

SUPERIOR OF PRESBYTERY VISIT TO ST. ANDREW'S

Rev. Markus Arseneault of Lakeview Presbyterian and Elder Will Newton also of Lakeview will be joining our congregation for worship on Sunday April 14th followed by lunch with the congregation.

One of responsibilities of a presbytery is to occasionally visit each congregation within its bounds. Though these visits should normally occur every two years to strengthen the bonds between the presbytery and the congregations, St. Andrew's has not been visited in over ten years. This visit is an opportunity for the Presbytery of Superior to attend to the work it is called to do and for the congregation to be able to express their joys and concerns about the ministry here with the knowledge that it is the responsibility of the presbytery to support the congregation as they are able. Please mark this important date on your calendar and plan to share in the conversation so that our visitors are able to get a clear indication of the health and vitality of the congregation as well as provide insight on ways that we may be able to grow in our ministry and worship.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tues April 9 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm
Wed April 10 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed April 10 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed April 10 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Thurs April 11 - The Music Class @ 11:00am
Sun April 14 - Presbytery Visit at St. Andrew's
Sun April 14 - Seekers Lunch following Worship

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8



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

ST. ANDREW'S SPINRG 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. Also help is needed the day of with sales. 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



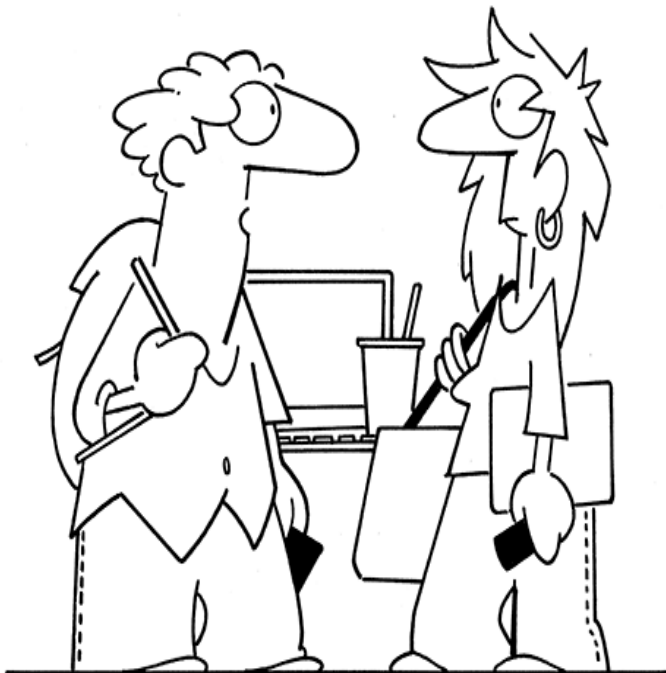
From Joyce

As many of you are aware, St. Andrew's held Elder elections last fall. Session welcomed six new members, bringing the total number of elders on Session to thirteen. Now for those who may be unaware, the Session is the leadership team that oversee all aspects of church life. It doesn't mean they do all the work, but they are kept abreast of all things related to the congregation's work and mission and are tasked with making many decisions on behalf of the congregation. The people on Session have made a special commitment of time and energy to the congregation, to each other, and to God. Each person also brings to the Session those gifts that God has given them in particular. Together they are a wise, learned, and an experienced group of people who love God, love the people in the congregation, care about what God is doing with and through us, and have a special calling that began with the congregation's recognition of the gifts of each individual elder.

As I mentioned, this is a leadership team, so one of the things we are going to be up to on Saturday April 13th is a Session Retreat. They will be spending the day together over food and fellowship, but as important as that is, they will be reviewing the work that has been done with New Beginnings. Five of the new members on the Session were a part of the Implementation Team. There is a recognition that the congregation has and is doing good work because of New Beginnings. There has been a shift not just at Session but at all gatherings and meetings to be willing to examine everything we do, to figure out the "why" we do what we do, and base decisions on that.

At the Session Retreat the Elders will look at where we are at, where we are going in terms of our mission, money, and more, and establish some concrete plans as the congregation continues moving in a direction that enables us to be a community, reach out into the community, and partner with the community. The newly adopted Mission Statement will be our guide. I ask that you pray for the Session in the coming days and the day of the retreat. Your prayers will be powerful as God works through, in, and with the Session and as we seek to live out the call to respond, restore, and rejoice!

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

WORSHIP TEAM

Are you looking to be a more active member in our ministry and want to contribute your gifts and creativity to the St. Andrew's team?

One will need to be open to learning about the "why" behind the choices that are made and be willing to work as a team.

This can be a long-term commitment, or you can come and just check it out. You may be someone who wants to help plan for the fall, Christmas, or another season of the church year. If you want to come on board for a time or a season, we welcome that short term commitment as well.

The next Worship meeting will be
Tuesday April 16 at 6:30pm.
Please contact Rev. Joyce to RSVP

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