



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, May 12 (Christian Family Sunday) All Christians are members both of a human family and of the church, the household of God. We honour our parents who gave us life, and also the church which has nurtured us in faith.

Monday, May 13 We pray for those living in poverty in a world where the gap between rich and poor continues to grow.

Tuesday, May 14 We pray for families rising above poverty with educational opportunities and vocational training offered through PWS&D's support.

Wednesday, May 15 We pray for the members of the Women's Missionary Society, that they will connect with former friends and make new friends at the 110th Anniversary Celebration and that these friendships will continue for many years to come.

Thursday, May 16 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions as it works to build a brighter future where individuals, children, and their families in Winnipeg's inner city have greater opportunities to break the cycle of poverty.

Friday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) We pray for an end to hatred and discrimination that targets LGBTQI2+ people. As a church, we commit to working for the flourishing of all people.

Saturday, May 18 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Superior.

SAVE THE DATE

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 May 14 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm

Wed May 15 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed May 15 - Lunch with a Difference @ 12:15pm

FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE UPDATE

Thank you to all our volunteers that donated their talents and time. Here is what all your hard work accomplished.

Book Room.....	\$176.00
Bake Table.....	\$316.75
Flea Market.....	\$954.00

\$850 of our flea market funds go towards supporting a child at Dr. Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India.

The remainder of the funds go towards our work and ministry.

THUNDER BAY FOOD BANK

During the season of Lent, Mission and Outreach collected food bank donations and a few weeks back our congregation donated 284lbs of non-perishable items to the Thunder Bay Food Bank. Thank you to all those you brought donations, the TBBF extends their thanks as well.

MISSION MOMENT

Somalia faces an acute hunger crisis, worsened by the most severe drought in four decades. With failed crops, widespread water shortages and reduced livestock productivity, Nafiso Hussein's family and thousands more had to abandon their homes in search of relief. Hunger and extreme conditions affected Nafiso's son Hadi, whose health had deteriorated critically. In the displaced persons camp where they had sought refuge, Hadi was quickly referred to the stabilization centre for treatment, and under this initiative, his health significantly improved. Nafiso is grateful for her son's recovery, "He is well now, and I am happy to see him play and laugh like before." PWS&D, with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provides funding to train community nutrition workers who identify and screen severely malnourished children.



From Joyce

The older I get the more I understand that Mother's Day is complicated. So is Father's Day for that matter. I loved my mom deeply. I still love her. She died in November of 2016 and still comes to mind, at times daily. I don't cry every time I think of her anymore, but it does happen. A few weeks ago I was fighting an infection, my body tired, my mind overwhelmed, mostly because my body didn't have energy, and one evening I just spent an hour sobbing because I just wanted my mom to come and make it better. Well, that is, I wanted the mom that had been strong and vibrant. That was the mom I needed that day. As she aged and her body fought constant pain I didn't want to burden her with my troubles. At that point she could no longer be present for me in the same way she had been for decades. My concerns would cause her to worry too much and want to fix things and that would take a toll on her. Having said that, I still long to love her, to hug her and talk about life with her.

I think of the many women I have met, some friends, some that I am related to, that have stories of pain around mothers or motherhood. There are those who long for a child of their own but their bodies or that of their partners are not able to conceive. I know of couples who have gone through long and arduous journeys of invitro fertilization and adoption. I have seen the pain of those when things didn't work out and the joy of those when finally a child is theirs to love and nurture. There are women who have had still born babies or have had children die for all kinds of reasons and at every age. No loving mom wants to outlive their child.

Of course, there is also the flip side of children who wanted loving mothers but found their mothers were abusive or uninterested in being a mom. Some children just ignored. Some children given up for adoption because they were not wanted, others whose moms wanted to keep their child but for many and varied reasons could not. There are moms coparenting who only have their children part time and many moms going above and beyond to ensure their children grow up healthy in body, mind, and spirit. Then there are the women in our lives that are like mothers to us.

Today we celebrate moms and those who are mothers to us. We give thanks for the life they have given us and pray for relationships, both those that are broken and those that are happy and healthy, and we give thanks that God walks with us in it all. So often we only think of God in terms of being male, but there are scriptural references that remind us that God is also like a mother, as in Matthew 23:37 where it says, "How often I've ached to embrace your children, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings..." (The Message) So blessings this Mother's Day whatever your story. May you know the grace and love of God this day and always.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. (*Mother Teresa – nun, missionary*)

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LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Our next Lunch with a Difference will be **Wednesday May 15** at 12:15pm.

Please join us for a time of community and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

SUMMER CAMP

The United Church will be running a summer church camp for children going into grades 3-8 the week of July 7-13, 2024. The camp will be held at Camp Duncan at Loon Lake, and campers who have attended Pres-B-Camp or the joint Presbyterian/United camp in the past are warmly encouraged to attend this year's camp. The registration forms are available through your church or online. The cost of camp is \$350 and there is financial support available if necessary. If you have any questions please reach out to Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com).



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