



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday, May 26 (Healing & Reconciliation Sunday)** We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, both within and outside the church, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from residential schools and other forms of colonial violence. We ask that God guide our church and congregations in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

**Monday, May 27** We pray for our mission partners in Canada and around the world, supported through our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

**Tuesday, May 28** We pray for retired ministers and professional church workers, and for those preparing for retirement.

**Wednesday, May 29** We give thanks that the PCC is involved ecumenically within Canada and beyond, and pray for the councils of the church that bring various denominations together for worship, fellowship, ministry and mission: the World Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches.

**Thursday, May 30** We pray for the students enrolled in theological colleges that are preparing to serve at a rural or remote congregation this summer.

**Friday, May 31** We pray that God may strengthen the hands and hearts of farmers in Afghanistan who are working tirelessly to restore their land and livelihoods after facing repeated droughts.

**Saturday, June 1** We give thanks to God for the faithful service of the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she completes her year as the first Indigenous Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

## ST. ANDREW'S OFFICE UPDATE

The church office will be closed for the summer. If you need access to the church during the week please call or email to make an appointment.

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If it is an urgent matter please contact Rev. Joyce at (807) 632-8348 or minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER

**Sunday June 16** Summer Worship Hours 10am

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Naomi Cohen for sharing their gift of music with us today.

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday June 2 - Guest Worship Leader  
Rev. Kerry McLaughlin

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

## PRIDE PARADE

This year St. Andrew's will be participating in the Pride Parade on **Saturday June 15**, under the group name Presbyterian Pride. This year's pride parade will start at Hilcrest Park; meet there for 9:30am, the parade starts at 11am. We will then head up High St., down Red River Rd., turning right on Algoma St., back up Waverly to end at the festival. We welcome everyone to join us in the parade. Absolutely no vehicles except those in the parade will be allowed in the Hillcrest parking designated for floats. Those who are walking are suggested to hang out in the green space while drivers are getting arranged and when parade starts you may line up between vehicle floats.

## MISSION MOMENT

Aziza, a mother of four from Pakistan, faced numerous challenges, including a physical disability and the tragic loss of her husband in 2019. Left to support her family as a young widow, Aziza and her eldest son worked tirelessly. Her son earned a small income as a shepherd. Despite their best efforts, the devastating floods of 2022 destroyed their home and village, forcing them to seek refuge in her brother-in-law's house. Aziza struggled to feed her children. In response to the disaster, a local partner, with support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, began a cash assistance project to ensure families could meet their basic food needs. Aziza used the funds wisely, allocating them for immediate needs like wheat flour and groceries.

## From Joyce

I spent this last week at the Presbyterian College in Montreal at the Encourage Conference. I attended in 2023 as well. The conference goes hand in hand with a two-year commitment I have made to a mentoring group with a focus on Transitional Ministry. Our cohort is made up of myself and four other Presbyterian ministers meeting online with January 2025 being when we wrap up. This group of colleagues has been wonderful to spend time with as we have read two books on transitional ministry, supported one another through some challenging times, and forged close and trusting relationships. If you are wondering what transitional ministry is, well it is the kind of work we have been doing with the New Beginnings program. It has been a good way for me to stay connected to this work as our congregation continues finding our way in a time that can feel directionless and yet is setting the foundation for what we are moving into.

The conference itself has provided opportunity to listen to speakers on topics ranging from engaging people with disabilities in the life of the church and welcoming and supporting the families to a presentation on ways of integrating various online platforms into ministry for different purposes. We listened to an author share her research on three related but different topics. Each topic has become or will be going into the writing of books. The book I picked up is called *Bearing God's Name*. We did some exercises and thinking about practical theology. In other words, how do we live our faith in practical ways that help others flourish in our community, not just the church community. And though I am far from an artist, this conference has an art workshop component. This always stretches me, yet each time I seem to create something acceptable. The presenter kept assuring us that everyone is an artist.

I give thanks that the Presbyterian Church in Canada believes in the importance of study leave for ministers and that congregations support that. It is healthy for me to leave to be refreshed and renewed through learning, conversations, and time to focus on my own thoughts to be creative and have time for reflection regarding ministry.

### HERITAGE WALL

For Anniversary Sunday check out the pictures on the Heritage Wall that tells the story of St. Andrew's through the years.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



It's not what you do with the million if fortune should ere be your lot, but what are you doing at present with the dollar and quarter you've got. (Anonymous)

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

### 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](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)).



### FINAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN June 23, 2024 7:30pm

This service will commemorate and celebrate the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. The evening will begin with a dinner hosted by Hosanna Karen Baptist Church at 5:30pm in the church basement.

The worship service will begin at 7:30pm. Rev. Jim Patterson will be at First to preach the sermon. Rev. Sidney Chang and Rev. Mark McLennan will participate in the service by Zoom.

If you plan to attend the dinner or would like to request a Zoom link to the service, please leave a message with the First Presbyterian Church office at 807-623-0717 or by email at [first@tbaytel.net](mailto:first@tbaytel.net) by Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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