

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, May 5 We pray for the people attending Guidance Conference this week, that the student candidates will experience a Spirit-filled opportunity to reflect deeply on their sense of call to ministry in the church.

Monday, May 6 We pray for all who support PCC congregations and ministries with gifts of hospitality, helping strangers and seekers find a welcoming place in the church.

Tuesday, May 7 We pray for renewed relationships with church partners in Cuba as the church there seeks to continue Christ's ministry under the difficult circumstances of the embargo.

Wednesday, May 8 We pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as Atlantic Mission Society Presbyterians hold annual meetings this month.

Thursday, May 9 (Ascension Day) We give thanks for creative faith formation programs that congregations have developed to nurture people's faith

Friday, May 10 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it grapples with how Presbyterians respond to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

Saturday, May 11 We give thanks for the beauty of creation and pray that the people and nations of the world are inspired to protect and care for the earth, as God intended.

SAVE THE DATE

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

Sun May 5 - Blue Grass Sunday

- Seeker's Coffee Hour after Worship

Wed May 8 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

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!

SERMON SERIES - 1 JOHN

May 5 - 1 John 5:1-6

May 12 - 1 John 5:9-13

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 etransfer to

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

MISSION MOMENT

Sydney Nkhata, a 27-year-old from Northern Malawi, is the chair of a youth network made up of 12 clubs. His management journey was significantly influenced by the "Every Youth Empowered" project, which provided valuable leadership training and is funded by PWS&D.

Equipped with new skills, Sydney has become a mentor—guiding and nurturing club members. His efforts ensure that youth actively embrace and take ownership of the project, where they learn about sexual and reproductive health rights—turning it into an integral part of the community. As a result, girls and boys are more aware of the risks related to early pregnancies and transmission of diseases and are changing behaviours.



Sydney's story highlights the transformative power of leadership training and showcases his commitment to mentorship and community development.



A Prayer Action from Northwestern Ontario and Manitoba KAIROS

Northwestern Ontario Manitoba KAIROS extends its support to the growing crisis faced by front line services and offers the following prayer opportunity to the faith community. The prayer is a call to action in response to the devastating impacts of lack of housing and resources, staff shortages dealing with homelessness and addictions, and mental health issues.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is a member of KAIROS and so St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church asks that you might use the following prayer.

Creator God, source of life, as we reflect on the state of emergency in our communities, with so many suffering from addictions, we acknowledge that our hearts are heavy.

We raise up the struggles of those with lived experience of generational trauma, disability, and mental health challenges, and who struggle with the impacts of poverty, toxic drugs, and lack of mental health support.

We raise also the exhaustion and burn out felt by those community helpers who work in difficult and under-resourced services to respond to the crises.

We see the effects of colonization and-government policies which seem to work against advancement for Indigenous people and vulnerable populations. We pray that we may each do whatever we can to support those in need of support and those who provide it.

We see the hardships communities face as they are struggling to coexist with these social challenges and pray that our leaders will respond with effective plans and resources to ensure that all of our community is safe, sheltered and nourished.

Amen

Suggested Actions:

Donate funds and items requested by service agencies.

Stop by drop in sites to listen to the stories shared there.

Approach a coffee shop or restaurant close to where people may be without food, prepay for meals, and ask the restaurant to offer them to those who need them.

Collect a donation to provide to a service agency for those costs which cannot be covered by existing assistance programs.

Contact your Councillor, MLA, and MP to express your concern and encourage response from all levels of government. Remind them of the TRC Calls to action!



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