



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday, June 16 (National Indigenous Peoples Sunday)** We pray for the NIMC (National Indigenous Ministries Council) and the leaders and ministers of the eight Indigenous ministries of the PCC. We pray for blessings and healing of the leaders and communities they serve across Canada.

**Monday, June 17** We pray for the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre as they prepare to open their doors with an invitation to view hundreds of artefacts and promote our denomination's heritage.

**Tuesday, June 18** We give thanks and ask God's strength, wisdom and joy for the women and men who serve as the Executive of the Atlantic Mission Society.

**Wednesday, June 19** We give thanks for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry as it provides prayer, crisis counselling, nourishment, clothing and a weekly worship Circle to people on the margins of society.

**Thursday, June 20 (World Refugee Day)** We pray for peace everywhere and remember in prayer families forced from their homes because of war and persecution. We ask God to encourage the hearts of refugees on their journey to find stability and peace.

**Friday, June 21 (National Indigenous Peoples Day)** We give thanks for Indigenous leaders who nurture and strengthen their communities and the whole nation, and pray for their well-being.

**Saturday, June 22** As warmer days appear and as the end of June brings holiday time and respite for people, may they, with guidance from God, find the meaningful and restful time they are seeking.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**June 16** - National Indigenous Peoples Sunday

**June 23** - Pride Sunday

## SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Worship will start at 10am on Sundays.

## BLESSING OF THE FLEET

On Saturday, **June 22** please be on the water in your vessel, or come down to at the lookout on **Pier 3 – the Royal Canadian Navy Pier** at Marina Park, the north end near Naval Memorial, bring your lawn chairs and take in the **Blessing of the Fleet**. At 10:30 am the Macgillivray Pipe Band will conduct a Tattoo and at 11:00 am a service of Blessing is held with a parade of vessels. Boaters are invited to take part. For vessel instructions, and further information visit [www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay](http://www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay) or contact Canon Ed Swayze 807-344-8241. Sponsored by the Mission to Seafarers.

## ST. ANDREW'S OFFICE

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

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## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)

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**"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950's!"**

## From Joyce

I have so many thoughts on my mind that to focus on one seems difficult. So, I thought I would share a few of the ruminations of my mind. The first is that I recognized this week that how I lead this congregation is evolving and it is truly an answer to prayer. I have been praying that God would raise up leaders and others who would support the work of the congregation. In the last few months, I have seen over and over again how that is happening in a new way. Leadership is coming from those who are working on our fall event that used to be called the bazaar and shortbread sales. There are those working with me to look at the shape of worship and those who got together for studies without my leadership. There are some determined and focused minds that are working on a fall wellness workshop as well as ideas coming forth for fundraising, one of which looks like it may include a spectacular Christmas Concert. There are people contributing through their gifts and expertise from crafts and lessons for special children and youth Sundays to a company with ties to St. Andrew's sharing their knowledge around communication for our benefit. And the Facilities and Finance team, which has always been a strong team, continues to deepen in trust and leadership, particularly as we work to bring the building inline with the hope for the use of the building and ideas that are borne out of the New Beginnings program. As well, our leadership team, which is called the Session in our Presbyterian way of doing things, has been steadfast in their support of the changes that we see happening and being the strong foundation for everything that has taken place over the last ten years.

In terms of how that influences the way I provide leadership, well, I am having to learn to let go and trust that I don't need to know how everything is being taken care of. It is important to be looped in, but I no longer have to be so "hands on" with everything. Again, this is what I have been hoping for, just that now it is here it kind of took me by surprise! Lol! So maybe that is where I will leave this, with thanksgiving for the way God is at work in our midst as a congregation and through teams and individuals.

I am so proud of this congregation that I let everyone I meet know that I have the best leadership and the most wonderful congregation anywhere. Do we have work to do, difficult decisions to make, and a huge challenge financially, yup! We do! But I have never been more sure that God is not done with us yet. Still, we have to continually be paying attention to God at work in, through, and with us. So, I guess I would ask one more thing of all of you. Please hold this congregation in prayer. We have a lot happening, much of it behind the scenes as the foundational work is happening, but I feel strongly that prayer is what will lead us to the best decisions that reflect what God is calling us to. Your prayers will lead us to understand and discern what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst so that we can love and care for others in a multitude of ways, while bringing beauty and wholeness to individuals, to the community, and to our worship and work. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

### **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](mailto:first@tbaytel.net) at 807-623-0717 or by email at [first@tbaytel.net](mailto:first@tbaytel.net) by Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUMMER CAMP UPDATE**

Unfortunately due to lack of camper signup, the United Church summer camp has been canceled

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