



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, June 23 We give thanks for ministries like Newcomers Mission in Peterborough, ON that provides care and refuge for new Canadians seeking friendship and community.

Monday, June 24 We give thanks for church fellowship programs that extend Christ's friendship to those suffering from loneliness and isolation.

Tuesday, June 25 We pray that God will grant graduates from our theological colleges to lead with enthusiasm, imagine with faith and discern with courage to follow where God leads.

Wednesday, June 26 We give thanks for church communities that are caring for creation and taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint. We pray that we will reflect God's love of creation every day.

Thursday, June 27 We pray for courage to be a voice of change in our congregations and communities.

Friday, June 28 We praise God for the volunteers who have served in our congregations all year. Pray that they may rest and recharge over the summer, ready to return again in the fall, to find more ways they can use their gifts to serve God's mission.

Saturday, June 29 Thank God for the hope brought to adults and youth receiving education, skills training and small business opportunities through PWS&D livelihoods programs.

GENDER, SEXUALITY & LGBTQI2+ INCLUSION IN THE PCC

The 2022 General Assembly adopted a [Confession to God and LGBTQI people](#), confessing the harm caused by homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism and hypocrisy in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and committing the church to a true change of heart and behaviour.

The whole church is called to live out this confession as individuals and communities of faith so that harm does not continue.

You can check out more on this topic at [Gender, Sexuality & LGBTQI2+ Inclusion - The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#). "

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Worship will start at 10am on Sundays.

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



There is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seek for goods before they seek for God.

(Bernard of Clairvaux – abbot, mystic)

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



Certificate

Appreciation

Awarded to

REVEREND JOYCE VANISHHEWSKI

AND STAFF AND CONGREGATION

OF ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others"

8th Thunder Bay Pathfinders:

Guider: C. Murray

Guider: P. Wheeler

Robert Baden-Powell

From Joyce

You might want to hold on to this newsletter as we are going to take a one-month hiatus on the newsletter while I am on vacation. With the summer months right around the corner, the pace of activity slows down at the church. The group, team, and committee meetings halt as does much of our hustle and bustle of planning and hosting events, studies, and the like. It is a wonderful time for us all to take a breath, enjoy the outdoors, whether by getting out there and spending time in nature or just enjoying the view of green grass, blooming flowers and trees with leaves. So, a pause in the newsletter seems to make sense right now.

Having said that, things are still happening in terms of planning and ministry. Sunday worship will be ably and joyfully led by Pastor Kerry McLaughlin June 30 as well as July 14 and 21. On July 7th we will welcome Christina Stricker to lead the congregation in worship.

Behind the scenes there are people still planning and preparing for things that will be happening in the fall and into Christmas. We have a Holistic Wellness worship being planned for Saturday October 5 with speakers already secured for the event. Others have been working on a new Christmas event that will include the sale of shortbread, some elements of the bazaar and a Nativity display in the Sanctuary on Friday November 15. Of course, The Music Class registrations for 0–4-year-olds will start mid-August with classes to start at the end of September.

On top of that we are preparing for a study on the Book of Romans and a sermon series to go with it starting in October. So, this summer worship planning will be happening, along with organizing guest musicians to continue to bless our Sunday worship. The Session, though not formally meeting this summer, has things on the go as the congregation continues to lean and live into the future story from new beginnings of partnering in community, which will take many forms, from music, mission, and worship, to finding ways to share our building with others, along with planning events that deepen our faith and bring our mission statement to life. That statement includes the words responding, restoring, rejoicing! Oh! I nearly forgot; bathroom renovations will be done in August as well. This project is helping us live into our future story.

As for me, I am going to take a month to be renewed and refreshed. To spend time with Ken on a road trip to see family as well as time for sitting by campfires, playing games, having good conversations, walks, and reading. May you too be renewed and refreshed by God's creation, some alone time if you need it, and good conversations to revive and lighten your spirit. I will be back in the pulpit on July 28th happy to be with you as I always am. I am grateful for the time away, but deeply grateful to be the minister at St. Andrew's with people I love and care for and for the love and care that is returned back to me. Blessings on your summer.

PCC 150th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

The Committee on History via Ian McKechnie (Editor of the bi-annual newsletter, Presbyterian History) is preparing a 150th Anniversary book.

It will not be a comprehensive history of the PCC, but a compilation of stories told by Presbyterians from coast to coast.

Do you have a favourite memory of singing in a choir, attending a youth group, going to a potluck supper, or attending the General Assembly?

What are some of the things your congregation is doing today to share the good news of Jesus in your community?

We want to hear from you! Please write to Ian McKechnie, project co-ordinator, at:
pcc150book@gmail.com

Submissions accepted until November 30, 2024.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR STORIES!

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

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

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