

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, June 9 We pray for people facing persecution because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. We give thanks for organizations around the world that advocate for the well-being of LGBTQI+ people and aid those seeking refuge.

Monday, June 10 We pray for those who work to provide food that strengthens our bodies so that we can love and serve God and one another.

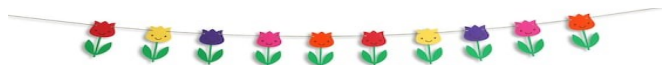
Tuesday, June 11 We pray for the Kanesatake and Kahnawake First Nations, for their well-being and success in healing initiatives in their communities. Special blessings for the work of the Kahnawake Cultural Centre and their language reclaiming program.

Wednesday, June 12 We pray for the work of The Sharing Ministry, a regional ministry initiative in the Presbytery of the Northwest, and for its minister, the Rev. Mark Chiang.

Thursday, June 13 We pray for presbyteries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that they have a spirit of cooperation and collegiality as they oversee the work of ministers and congregations.

Friday, June 14 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery Peace River.

Saturday, June 15 We give thanks for those who faithfully serve our theological schools, the administrators, building superintendents, librarians, faculty and staff who attend to the details of the success of each one of our students.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Congregational Potluck Lunch following Worship **TODAY** and Games in Rowand Hall, all hosted by the Seekers
June 16 - National Indigenous Peoples Sunday
June 23 - Pride Sunday

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning **June 16**
Worship will start at 10am on Sundays.

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1Thess 5:16-18).

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

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 minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



From Joyce

I don't often write about financial things, not because they are not important, but because people can have all sorts of reactions where money talk is involved. Still, it is a reality that any organization cannot function without financial support. It is also a reality that though the church is super important to many people the congregation does not have the financial stability that is needed to do ministry. Every month there is a shortfall for our budgeted expenses. There are also projects that we need to do to make our building accessible and others that are necessary for the upkeep of the building.

We have planned for washroom renovations to be done this summer. We are doing this work in order to live into our vision for the use of the building, the biggest and most expensive asset this congregation has. Through the work of the New Beginnings Program, the congregation as a whole came to determine that finding ways to partner in and with community was our future story. To live into that future story means to take some risks in planning and following through with some projects prior to inviting others to use our building. These projects also benefit our own congregation's use. One of those projects is to make the building fully accessible and provide a safe space for people to meet, this includes security cameras, monitors and accessibility projects. Much work has been done through the Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention grants we have received. We also received a Government of Canada Accessibility grant which allowed for the ramp entrance doors to have a button push that allows people to enter without barrier when needed. Some of the money from both of those grants is going into the washroom renovations, but it is not enough to cover all the expenses. One of the bequests we received will help cover this cost, still any money we take from the bequest is less money for other projects, and truthfully, we are at times having to take from that pool of money in order to cover the regular expenses of utilities, wages, building insurance, and more...expenses that we had hoped would be met by the regular donations of our members. We have also learned that there is much work to be done to restore the outside wood frames on the upper-level stained glass windows as the wood around these has deteriorated due to regular exposure to the elements.

I am not writing to cause alarm but rather an awareness that your regular and special contributions make a huge difference to the well being of the congregation and the ministry we are undertaking and hope to engage in. There is so much passion and energy in this congregation. There are feelings of great hope and anticipation for what is next. There are people in the congregation, from the leadership teams of the Session and Facilities and Finance to various individuals, doing the ground work that it takes to fulfill our desire to be the people of God. People that are able to respond to needs in the community, restore people to wholeness in their lives, and to rejoice together with them and each other. Financial donations, are one part of the equation, but a necessary part. It is always the prayer of the congregation through the approval of the budget and the approval of projects that all that is needed will be available to the congregation for it's work.

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 by Tuesday June 18th.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

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

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