



# St. Andrew's News

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August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday, August 25** We give thanks and pray for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, celebrating its 100th anniversary this month.

**Monday, August 26** We pray for women in India who, with PWS&D's support, are gaining access to livelihood opportunities and engaging in workshops about gender issues, contributing to a more equitable society.

**Tuesday, August 27** We pray for the Rev. Dr. Roland DeVries, Principal of The Presbyterian College, Montreal, as he begins a sabbatical this fall.

**Wednesday, August 28** We pray for the staff of the church's colleges whose work and creativity support the work of theological study, research and reflection.

**Thursday, August 29** We pray for church school teachers and youth workers as they prepare for the year ahead.

**Friday, August 30** We pray for the Interfaith Committee on Chaplaincy for the Correctional Service of Canada and for our denominational representative, the Rev. Brad Shoemaker, in their work to provide effective spiritual care to offenders in correctional institutions.

**Saturday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent)** Recognizing the violent history of colonization faced by people of African descent, we seek the Spirit's wisdom to end ongoing anti-Black racism.

## ST. ANDREW'S OFFICE

The church office will be closed for the summer. If it is an urgent matter please contact Rev. Joyce at (807) 632-8348 or [minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

## SEEKERS MEETING

Seekers will be meeting at St. Andrew's on Tuesday September 3 at 11:00am in the Eleanor Patterson Room.

## SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Worship will start at 10am on Sundays.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you. It's what you leave behind you when you go. (Randy Travis, musician)

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 8  
Sunday worship moves back to 11:00am.

September 15  
First Choir Practice for the Season beginning at 9:30 am.

September 25 & 26  
The Music Class 10 week program begins

September 29  
Family and Children's Sunday with Blessings of Backpacks

October 5  
Holistic Wellness Workshop

October 6  
World Communion Sunday

## A HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP

This workshop offers a full day of learning from a panel of amazing presenters. This workshop will be sure to help us all on our own individual journeys of self-care and wellness.

*Lunch and Refreshments included*

Buy your tickets NOW - \$45 each  
CALL: 807-622-4273

OR

GO ON-LINE:

[A Holistic Wellness Workshop – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay, ON \(standrewspres-tbay.ca\)](https://www.standrewspres-tbay.ca)

St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church  
Saturday October 5, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
207 South Brodie

Etransfer, cash or cheque accepted

## ***From Joyce***

Wow, I can hardly believe that we are at the end of August, which for many of us feels like the end of summer as new routines of school, work, and even worship enter back in to the daily or weekly themes of our lives. We try to savour summer yet it slips through our hands with no way to cling to it. I think it has a lot to do with our Canadian climate, still, even though I was born and raised in Canada I look longingly for the summer to extend itself well into the fall so that I can enjoy the late evenings outside sitting by a fire.

Having said that, since my return from vacation at the end of July it has been a whirlwind of activity at the church. Bathroom renovations are continuing with all the plumbing and electrical rough-ins complete. New vents and fans have been installed, which is lovely since the old ones quit working in who knows what year. Sound barrier has gone between the bathrooms and drywall is going up. It is already such a transformation! It is so wonderful to see the courage and determination of the congregation in making decisions to have the Session and Facilities and Finance teams spearhead the direction of our New Beginnings work, the first of which is to make the church a fully accessible facility. Supporting this work through a special donation would be most helpful to offset monies being used from our saving. Trusting you are excited about this work, consider making a donation by cheque, e-transfer or using you credit card on Canada Helps. You can find that information at [standrewspres-tbay.ca](http://standrewspres-tbay.ca). Worship planning is well underway as are special events to be held at the church from September and moving right through into Christmas. Thanks be to God for all of you, your support through prayers, time, money, energy, imagination, and curiosity. Together we can respond, restore, and rejoice in people, ministry, the building, and so much more!

### **ROMANS FOR EVERYONE**

Using N.T. Wright's Romans for Everyone, Part 1, Chapters 1- 8 20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide we will be exploring the first chapters of Romans. N. T. Wright is the Chair in New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He is the former Bishop of Durham in the Church of England and is a prolific author and noted New Testament scholar. Writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright helps us see the great sweep of this letter. Romans has long been viewed as the book above all in which Paul puts forth the basic doctrines of the faith, and the picture of God's life for us. It is the classic setting-out of the Gospel.

This study will begin in October with day and time to be determined. You can order the book yourself or ask Rev. Joyce to help you secure a copy of the book. This is shaping up to be an interesting time of learning, discussions and connecting. If you have been looking for a way to engage with scripture and glean new insights this is an place for you.

### **BUTTER**

With shortbread season approaching, please keep an eye out for butter sales. We need about 200lbs of butter. Please purchase and the church will reimburse you or alternatively you can submit your receipt and you can request that the amount will go toward your charitable donation. For more information contact Susan Dynes through the church office.

### **MEN MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Because prostate cancer still kills!  
A men's health event (women welcome too)  
Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10am  
55 Plus Centre - 700 River St

#### **Speakers**

Dr Green  
*Colorectal Cancer*

Leanne Mercer  
*Genetic testing*

Dr Ahmed Zakaria  
*How is and will AI improve urology?*

1 out of 9 of the men in your congregation will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. If they get checked early, 95% will not die of prostate cancer.

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*stay safe*