



St. Andrew's News

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August 18th, 2024

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, August 18 We pray for congregations navigating difficult and contentious issues, and that the Committee on Church Doctrine's paper, "On Unity and Diversity," may help bring insight into how these two concepts work together.

Monday, August 19 We pray for PWS&D partners in Gaza who are providing essential food aid, health care, and psycho-social support to those living in conflict. May they find renewed energy every day to continue serving those in desperate need.

Tuesday, August 20 We pray for church musicians, ministers and all those who plan and lead worship as they prepare for the fall.

Wednesday, August 21 We pray for the congregations of Knox and St. Andrew's in Guelph, ON, as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry.

Thursday, August 22 We pray for ministers who are serving, and for interim moderators at vacant congregations. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them in their ministry.

Friday, August 23 We celebrate stewardship committees that help people in congregations across Canada discover the joy of sharing their gifts to participate in God's mission.

Saturday, August 24 We pray for people who work in communications in the church using their skills to help articulate the work of the church in the world.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Worship will start at 10am on Sundays.

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

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Giving is the thermometer of our love. (Anonymous)

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



From Joyce

Things continue to progress with the bathroom renovation project. We have gone from demolition to the beginnings of reconstruction. The rough in plumbing is complete, new plywood has gone down on the floors, the framings of walls is pretty well complete, and fire rated drywall on the ceiling is installed.

It was so interesting to see how the building was originally constructed with lathe and plaster as well as major steel beams that are a testament to why this building continues to stand with beauty and integrity after 115 years. There were also moments of nostalgia as the dumb waiter that had been closed off for many years was completely removed to make room for a modern and large accessible washroom. I had heard many stories about that cabled cupboard that had allowed for the movement of food and dishes from floor to floor throughout the years and that, after it became obsolete, youth had used it for their own entertainment. Hence why it had been nailed shut!

As you might imagine this project has been messy, as demolitions tend to be, so please excuse the dust for now. Removing the lathe and plaster was a big job and the dust sneaked out of the enclosed area regardless of the attempts to seal in the area. Once the drywall has been taped and mudded Sheila, our custodian, will have her work cut out for her as she moves through the building to clean up the layers that have accumulated.

This is a major project that is helping us move into being able to call ourselves a fully accessible building. This is part of the vision the congregation has as we move into ways of connecting with community. Though we received \$19,000.00 in funding through grants, the rest of the funding for this major project is coming from savings. Donations to help offset the cost and help the church in maintaining our savings would be wonderful gift. Gifts can be made through etransfer at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net, by cheque, or by credit card by going to standrewpres-tbay.ca and using the Canada Helps button.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Jessica Lauer Wiebe at the age of 40 years old on August 4, 2024 in Huntsville ON. She was the youngest of three daughters born to Pat and Charlie Lauer. As many of us at St. Andrew's may remember, the Lauer family was an integral part of our church family for many years before they relocated. Jessica leaves behind a 10-year-old son named Charlie. May we all keep the Lauer family in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve this devastating loss.

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 \(standrewspres-tbay.ca\)](http://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

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. Contact Susan Dynes through the church office.

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