



St. Andrew's News

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September 15th, 2024
Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, September 15 We give thanks for congregations like St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines ON that engage in intentional ministry to support children with special needs and their families.

Monday, September 16 We pray for congregations in transition, and for those who serve as their ministers and interim moderators. May God's Spirit guide them as they continue in their journey of discernment.

Tuesday, September 17 We celebrate the ways our congregations work together to support Presbyterians Sharing by sharing their gifts, time and talent —serving on committees and participating in advocacy campaigns, learning experiences and other opportunities to serve.

Wednesday, September 18 We pray for the families of Paul McLean (working with the church in Taiwan), Blair Bertrand (working with the church in Malawi), Joel Sherbino (working with the church in Malawi), and Lora Nafziger (working with United Mission to Nepal).

Thursday, September 19 We give thanks and pray for those who serve on the Canadian Ministries Grants Committee as they fulfill their responsibilities with wisdom, compassion and discernment.

Friday, September 20 We pray for members and leaders of the Atlantic Mission Society as they hold their Annual Meeting from Sept. 20–22 in Truro, NS.

Saturday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace) We pray that love and compassion drive out senseless violence around the world and ask God to protect PWS&D partners delivering humanitarian aid to uprooted families.

FAMILY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 29th, 2024

This is the beginning of a new church season, and we have a very special service planned! Blessing of Backpacks for children and youth. Bring your child's backpack or any such bag and receive a very special tag! There will also be a recognition of the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Our special guest, Ash Moreau will be sharing traditional drumming with us

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wed Sept 18 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



The struggle ends when gratitude begins.

-Neale Donald Walsh, author, screenwriter, actor

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
Coffee Hour hosted by the Seekers

October 5

Holistic Wellness Workshop

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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

As many of you are aware, through reading the newsletter, there is going to be a book study on the Letter to the Romans starting in October. The Book is *Romans for Everyone*, by N.T. Wright. There is a part 1 and a part 2. Of course we are beginning with part 1. Now all this came about after a discussion with a group of people who decided that learning about the letter to the Romans would be an interesting topic. I am also going to be preaching on Romans throughout the month of October.

My challenge is that "book study" doesn't sound very interesting, even though the topic and the dynamics of the conversations can be thoroughly edifying and interesting. And it is not just me that is choosing the topics or even necessarily leading the conversations. So, if you could help me come up with a better title than "book study" I would be most appreciative. Small group opportunities like this in the church are great for getting to know each other. We learn about one another and bonds of care and friendship are forged during these types of interactions. It is far more than a book study!

By the way, if there was enough interest, I would also be willing to set up an online group to gather for these kinds of things. Don't hesitate to connect with me if you have ideas or desires for learning and/or creating community and let's see if we can make it happen.

Speaking of community! Be sure to mark your calendars for September 29th. I am really excited about worship that Sunday. And check out the flyer regarding Action Teams. We are stoked about where this congregation is headed and you can be a part of it! I am sitting here writing with a big smile on my face because the energy around the work, worship, and this community of faith, is truly all gift

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 be Thursdays October 3 through 24
from 12:15 - 1:30pm. 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 a place for you.

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CHURCH ACTION TEAMS

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has embarked
on an amazing journey of New Beginnings and we
invite you to join us in our revitalization!

We have three exciting ACTION TEAMS that
could use your energy and ideas

Welcome and Fellowship Team: If helping to
create meaningful relationships feels like a
wonderful way to spend a bit of time, then this
could be the right fit for you. Figuring out ways to
keep current members engaged, and welcome
future members, visitors and anyone else who
may want to be part of St. Andrew's is an
important piece of our journey together. Join us!

Mission and Outreach Team: What could feel
better than helping to continue our work in
organizing and directing the church's mission
offerings and donations across our Thunder Bay
community. There are community partnerships out
there just waiting to be developed and we invite
you to be a part of this critical work.

Fundraising Team: It takes faith and prayer to
keep our St. Andrew's community vital, but it also
takes money. This team welcomes your ideas,
commitment and creativity to help identify reliable
income opportunities that will continue to sustain
us while we continue to do all the good work we
do, for the community of Thunder Bay

Reach out to any elder in person
or through the office.

We welcome any level of involvement
- whatever you feel is right for you!