

St. Andrew's News



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September 22nd, 2024

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, September 22 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver.

Monday, September 23 We give thanks for the contributions of temporary migrant agricultural workers in Canada. We pray that decision makers will enact policies that better protect the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families and develop fair pathways to Canadian citizenship.

Tuesday, September 24 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Wednesday, September 25 We pray for newly ordained Ruling Elders, that God will give them wisdom and compassion as they serve on their sessions.

Thursday, September 26 We pray for the work of the Leadership Centre at The Presbyterian College, Montreal and its director, Dr. Adrian Langdon. May the centre's ministry enrich and energize the church.

Friday, September 27 We remember the clerks of synods who will be working on preparations for the various meetings and gatherings of synods during October.

Saturday, September 28 We pray for those participating in Journey for Hope on September 28 in support of PWS&D's food security programs.

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

Tues Sept 24 - St. Aidan's Meeting @ 12:00pm
Tues Sept 24 - Christmas Concert Planning @ 7pm
Wed Sept 25 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed Sept 25 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed Sept 25 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Thurs Sept 26 - The Music Class @ 11:00am
Sun Sept 29 - Welcome Back/Family Sunday

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.

-C.S. Lewis, writer, lay theologian

Offerings can be sent via e-transfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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 \(standrewspres-tbay.ca\)](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

E-transfer, cash or cheque accepted

From Joyce

Action Teams! This is your opportunity to help St. Andrew's continue the work which flows out of our New Beginnings initiative. New Beginnings has been a long work but it was never intended to be an overnight thing. This process has been one of conversations, discussions, planning, praying, hoping, dreaming, and reality checks. It has led to creating a fully accessible facility with push buttons for the main ramp entrance to the church and construction of a fully accessible washroom along with three other gender-neutral washrooms, along with many other improvements to the property and building. With New Beginnings we became even more aware of how under utilized our building is but also began to envision how we could use this asset to be a part of the community while creating new revenue streams. This City of Thunder Bay Heritage building is fully kept in it is best condition because of the people who support this ministry We receive no outside funding even though we are designated heritage. And we do this as part of the fabric of the community of Thunder Bay. However, we alone cannot sustain the consistent work that is necessary to maintain this property and importantly do the work of Christian community within the community.

In order to do all that is believed we are capable of doing, three action teams have been created:

Welcome and Hospitality
Mission and Outreach
Fund Raising

We know there are people who attend or call St. Andrew's their church who have gifts to help in all of these areas. We are also keenly aware that our community of faith is broad, connected, and gifted. The leadership teams are not necessarily aware of the many ways people may be willing to give of time, talent, interests, and energy. *Please hear this as a call to action.* St. Andrew's is filled with hope, joy, energy, passion, and promise. You are needed in order for us to become fully who God is calling us to be in community, reaching out, partnering, welcoming, and being the church. It does not matter if you are loosely connected, or full on present every Sunday. The church is its people and we can't wait to see how we evolve in this present time of ministry and community with you as a part of it!

stay safe

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 an place for you.

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!