



St. Andrew's News

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September 29th, 2024

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Sun. Oct. 6 please join us in Worship for World Communion Sunday. All are invited to bring bread to be placed on the communion table and shared during lunch for Souper Sunday following Worship.

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

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun Sept 29 - Welcome Back/Family Sunday

Tues Oct 1 - Seekers Meeting @ 11:00am

Wed Oct 2 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Oct 2 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm

Wed Oct 2 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm

Thurs Oct 3 - The Music Class @ 11:00am

Thurs Oct 3 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1:30pm

Sun Oct 6 - World Communion Sunday

Sun Oct 6 - Souper Sunday following Worship

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. We also mark Orange Shirt Day, a Survivor-led movement that called for a national day for truth and reconciliation, on the same day.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran 12 residential schools. As a result, the PCC bears a collective responsibility to truth and healing. In the 1980s and 1990s, the truth about abuses children suffered at residential schools began to be heard. Over the next decades, more truth about the pain and harm inflicted at the schools have become part of our common memory, in large part because of the courage of Survivors and intergenerational Survivors who are standing against a legacy of colonial violence and racism, seeking healing from their harmful and deadly impacts.

In 1994, The PCC offered a Confession for its participation in the residential school system, which set the church on a path of reconciliation. In learning to walk that path, the church has learned much about, and understands more deeply now, the harm it caused. In June 2024, General Assembly adopted an Apology for the church's role in residential schools and colonization, which comes out of the church's learning and is a response to that learning.

You can check out this link for stories, a photo archive, to read the apology and much more.

See....[Suggestions and Resources to Mark National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada - The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#)



From Joyce

Where to begin! There are so many plans being made or things in the works here at St. Andrew's and that is really very inspiring. All of it springs out of our work with New Beginnings and what we chose as our future story which was to partner in and with community. All of this is shaped by our Mission Statement. So let me take a moment to remind each of us what our mission statement is as adopted by the congregation in February. These guiding statements are shaping our work and worship from the renovations of the washrooms, to the Holistic Wellness Workshop, and today's worship service with guest Ash Moreau as we approach the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. This statement is even shaping our upcoming Christmas Events as we look at how to be the church in our own time. So here is our Mission Statement..

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is a community of God.

Our three word story is:

RESPONDING *We reach out and offer help where there is need.*

RESTORING *We work towards bringing wholeness, healing, peace and love to all.*

REJOICING *We celebrate with overflowing gratitude.*

We believe in being:

CHRIST-CENTRED *We are committed to our spiritual needs and strengthening our faith through Jesus Christ. We see ourselves as disciples of Jesus and are committed to spreading the word of God by demonstrating love through kindness, truthfulness, compassion and respect.*

INCLUSIVE *We are committed to our community of faith where we demonstrate God's love with openness, non-judgement and a welcoming approach to all.*

INNOVATIVE *We are committed to being forward-thinking and flexible; we adapt with the ever changing and evolving world we live in.*

KNOWLEDGEABLE *We are committed to promoting education, raising awareness and creating greater understanding so we may always be learning and growing.*

COMMUNITY-BASED *We are committed to understanding the needs of our community, establishing strong partnerships within it and fostering relationships. We reach out in community, as a community and with community.*

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!