



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today is World Communion Sunday.
All are invited to join us for
Souper Sunday lunch following Worship.

FOOD BANK

Fall is in the air and the Mission and Outreach Food Bank drive has begun. Donations of non-perishable items will be accepted until November.

Items in demand include peanut butter, soup, pasta and sauce, baked beans, cans of fruit and vegetables, tuna, ham, chicken, and salmon.

Other items include tetra packs of juice and "milk," Kraft Dinner and other "quick" noodle, rice, and pasta meals and cereal.

Other suggestions are "lunch box" snacks, crackers, instant coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

The need is great. Please, put the Food Bank on your grocery list. Remember that St. Andrew's often leads the way in baby food donations.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference begins its Fall Season with a North Country Ham dinner on **Wednesday, October 23rd, at 12:15pm.**

All seniors are welcome to attend this event. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested.

If your name is not already on the calling list, please sign up in the main office, or at the back of the church on Sundays. We hope that you will join us for food and fellowship on the 23rd.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tues Oct 8 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm
Wed Oct 9 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed Oct 9 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed Oct 9 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Thurs Oct 10 - The Music Class @ 11:00am
Thurs Oct 10 - Roman's Study Group @ 12:15pm

UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

Since 2006, the Undercover Project by Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to ensuring that children in need, aged 4-14, receive essential undergarments. Through this program, over 1000 children benefit annually, receiving 7 pairs of new socks and underwear.

St Andrew's is happy to be participating in this program. We would ask that you drop off children's underwear and socks at the church, into a bin marked "Undercover," between **October 6th - December 22nd.**

Thank you for supporting this great initiative!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

God likes help when helping people.
-Irish Proverb

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

MISSION MOMENT

Chandha Kumari is a 16-year-old girl living in a rural village in India. She's the eldest of five siblings and the financial strain weighs heavily on her family. Amid these daily struggles is the threat of child marriage, which remains a common practice in her village. Financial and social pressures led Chandha's parents to consider marrying her off despite her age. This all changed when her mother attended a community awareness session on child marriage hosted by Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner. Chandha's mother shared with her husband what she learned during the session. Armed with knowledge about the legal age for marriage and the detrimental effects of child marriage, they decided to prioritize Chandha's education and seek other financial resources to prevent her early marriage.

From Joyce

I finally get to share that we have a new Administrative Assistant! Welcome to Jordan Lehto! This has been a long time coming.

Shaundra, who has been with us in the office since October 2018 has taken on full time employment with a Chiropractor's office here in Thunder Bay. She started working there after the May long weekend. She has been more than gracious and generous with her time since then making sure that we were covered for the basics, the bulletin, newsletter, and video along with a few other pieces as we prepared and then went through the process of hiring someone to replace her. I have such gratitude for the work she has done over the last six years. She went through Covid with us, transitioning as needed so that we could still provide services throughout that time. Hence the advent of our YouTube worship videos. She has gone out of her way so often to make sure that I could get my work done, adapting as needed, including when she did her work. I covet the relationship that has deepened over these last years, the times she even recognized, being about the same age as my own children, when I might need a hug from someone in place of them.

As I write this, I am surprised by the emotion I am feeling and the tears. I love Shaundra. I miss seeing her regularly, but this time of transition was necessary for her as things change in her own life and I see that it was maybe a necessary change for our congregation as we move further into our New Beginnings work. The role and even the title of the job in the office is changing.

So we give thanks and praise for the gift Shaundra has been to us, while now looking forward to building new relationships with Jordan. Many of you will know Jordan as St. Andrew's is his church family. He was hired for his skills, knowledge, and experience, and know there will be much to learn, but he knows St. Andrew's and that is all bonus.

May God go with Shaundra and her family. May God also bless Jordan as he takes on this new role. I grieve, give thanks, and rejoice all at the same time. Transitions are like that, yet those moments can bring new opportunities, insights, and experiences for all. May God add a blessing to all of this, and to our work, ministry, and worship.

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!