



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## MISSION MOMENT

Last summer, twelve young adults from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the United Church of Canada, the Korean Christian Church in Japan, the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan met together to share their lives, cultures, and the present social context of the church in their home countries. Exploring both common and unique challenges, they developed a workshop for the *UPLIFT 2024: Audacious Faith* conference. Through worship, study, and recreation, a deep sense of connection developed across languages and cultures. This global ecumenical learning community gathered for 9 days at Brock University, ending with their participation at *UPLIFT 2024*. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help strengthen long-standing church partnerships by fostering ecumenical understanding and meaningful connections among a new generation of leaders.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry that we are doing together in Canada and around the world through Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Wed Jan 22 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Thurs Jan 23 - Heritage Committee @ 1:00pm

## ROMANS FOR EVERYONE

Using N.T. Wright's *Romans for Everyone, Part 2: Chapters 9 - 16 (20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide)*, we will be exploring the 2nd half 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, Wright helps us to 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 on **Thursday, March 6th** from **12:00 - 1:30pm**, and continue **every Thursday** until April 3rd. You can order the book yourself, or ask Rev. Joyce to help you secure a copy. 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.

## ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 9th**, following the worship service and lunch provided by St. Aidan's Guild.

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**Office Hours:**

**Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm**



## SIGN UP FOR THE MUSIC CLASS®



For infants up to 4 yrs old, register for fun filled classes of singing, dancing, movement and instrument play. Parents learn how to enrich their child's music environment, increase music potential, and understand music development.

There is still space available on **Thursdays at 11:00am and 5:15pm**. Classes are 45 minutes each, and begin on February 6th, and run through April 17th. The cost is \$135 for the first child, and \$95 for the second child from the same family.

Contact Joyce at **807-632-8348** to register or for more information.

## HERITAGE WALL

Check out the heritage wall! There is a new display highlighting baptism at St. Andrew's.

## From Joyce



There is some news I have been meaning to share and so thought I'd better get to that today. On Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup>, I got a call from the church's security provider saying that a fire alarm was going off at the church. Ken and I had not long before that returned home from dinner out, still in our dress clothes, we immediately headed down to the church to find a fire truck and three firemen waiting for us outside the church. All the way down I kept looking at the sky hoping I wouldn't see smoke. Thankfully there was no smoke. Once in the church, we were able to determine where in the building the alarm was triggered, only to discover there was a major flood happening in the bell tower located at the north east corner of the church. The reason the fire alarm had been activated was that water had filled the smoke detector in the stairwell to the bell tower.

As we went up the stairs water was pouring down in sheets upon us. Running down the carpeted stairwell and the banister pillars from one level to the next, from top through to the main floor just off the sanctuary. Ken, being handy man extraordinaire and at risk to himself, got up to the top and found that a drain coming from the roof of the bell tower and through the tower onto another roof had busted at a connection. With all the thawing and rain that had happened that day and the days before, water was then pouring into the church.

With a garbage bag and duck tap, Ken was able to jimmy-rig a fix and stop the deluge of water from continuing, but the damage to that area of the church had been done. The following week, Ken again got up to the spot that had broken and did a proper repair. After that we were able to get a new smoke alarm installed which in turn allowed us to get alarm systems up and running properly again. Our insurance has now kicked in, with an adjustor assigned, and Service Master already in doing the mitigation work. Lead has been found in the paint and so proper abatement processes are being followed and the area is off-limits for anyone in the church. This will not affect our ability to use the sanctuary for worship or other things as all the work is being contained.

Our challenge is that the insurance deductible is \$25,000.00 for water damage. Having said that, the cost of the remediation and restoration is going to be in the \$115,000.00 range. Since we just completed the washroom renovations at a cost of just over \$70,000.00, we really could use the remarkable generosity of our congregation and others to help us offset these costs so that what money we do have can go into ministry rather than building upgrades and insurance. If you are able to help with these costs, as a congregation we would be so deeply grateful. There is much work in the plans for ministry and being the church that we are called to be, and to have help to cover these costs would make a huge difference. I know it is a big ask as these are big numbers.

One last note, I give thanks to God for my husband Ken. When I was called to be minister here at St. Andrew's, I don't believe the congregation knew that there were also getting the gifts of this man who has gone above and beyond on multiple occasions over the last eleven years when it comes to bailing the congregation out of building challenges. When I get a call about the building, often Ken is at my side or I am able to get him in to the church to take a look at things and either fix or give guidance which is then dealt with by Facilities and Finance. He has been the unofficial church handyman the entirety of my ministry and given countless hours. So today, after another church emergency, Ken has saved the day. I figured it was time that you all knew, as I do, Ken's quiet and unassuming generosity for St. Andrew's.

### LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE



Lunch with a Difference will be holding its first meal of 2025 with a Valentine's lunch on **Wednesday, February 12th at 12:15pm**. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the front office. If possible, a \$10 donation per guest is appreciated.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A good steward understands money, not for the money, but for the possibilities.

- *Steven Garnaas-Holmes, poet, songwriter, and retired minister*



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