



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE



Lunch with a Difference will be holding its first meal of 2025 with a Valentine's lunch this **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.

## MISSION MOMENT

With rolling blackouts and limited access to research data, the Rev. Francisco Marrero-Gutiérrez, a retired pastor, former Dean and Vice-Rector of Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Matanzas, Cuba was struggling to complete his PhD. At the request of the Rector, and hearing that increasing their teaching capacity is a top priority for the Seminary, the Presbyterian Church in Canada agreed to host Francisco so he could concentrate on his research. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Francisco spent four months in Canada researching and writing his doctoral dissertation on the hermeneutics in revolution, a critical analysis of the reading of the Bible in Cuba. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support leadership development.

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 Presbyterian World Service & Development.



**Thank you to guest musician, Britton Hole, for sharing her gift of music during today's service!**

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun Feb 9 - Annual Meeting (after lunch)  
Tues Feb 11 - Session @ 7:00pm  
Wed Feb 12 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am  
Wed Feb 12 - Lunch with a Difference @ 12:15pm  
Wed Feb 12 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm  
Wed Feb 12 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm  
Thurs Feb 13 - The Music Class @ 11:00am  
Thurs Feb 13 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Money is a current, a carrier, a conduit for our intentions.  
*- Lynne Twist, author*



**Donations can be sent via e-transfer to**  
[offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

The next Children's Sunday will be **February 23rd**, during which we celebrate our youngest members. A special children's activity will be offered.



## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Despite the continued winter chill in the air, spring is coming, and that means we are moving into the season of Lent.



The schedule for Lenten services is as follows:

**Ash Wednesday service**  
Wednesday, March 5th (7:00pm)

**First Sunday of Lent**, with communion  
Sunday, March 9th (11:00am)

**Mid-week Lenten services**  
every Wednesday in the Chapel (12:00pm)  
Wednesday, March 12th - Wednesday, April 9th

**Palm Sunday; Children's Sunday**  
Sunday, April 13th (11:00am)

**Maundy Thursday service**  
Thursday, April 17th (7:00pm)

**Good Friday service**  
Friday, April 18th (11:00am)

**Easter Sunday service**  
Sunday, April 20th (11:00am)

## From Joyce

Today is our Congregation's Annual Meeting. It is a business meeting for sure, where we agree together what we accept as our budget for the year and review the work of the past year. This budget as presented has been thoughtfully and meticulously reviewed by both the Facilities and Finance team and the Session, and now comes before the congregation for discussion and final approval. Whatever we accept as our budget, it also means that together we will work to meet that budget, and this is true for all of us, whether or not you are at the meeting. We trust each other with these decisions as a community of faith working together to further God's work and bring God's love to those we are called to care for.

For each person/family it can mean reviewing your own finances to see how you can help the church meet the financial commitment we have made together. It means fund-raising and helping as one can, and it means finding new sources of revenue as we look to see how best we can support community through the use of this building. We all take responsibility for meeting our budget and we all take responsibility if it falls short. Be assured that there are people on teams looking at ways to make us a financially viable community of faith. So far bequests have kept us going. Without that generosity, we would be consistently falling short, but that financial base cannot be counted on. However, it can be a part of your financial planning as well so that we can ensure this place of worship has a strong footing.

Please do not sit back thinking that you have nothing to offer, whether you are an online part of our congregation, or one who just follows the newsletter, or someone who comes to worship regularly or sporadically. We are all called to support the work of the church. It is one of the important ways we can respond to how God is working in our own lives.

This meeting is also one of celebration. We have done such good work together! Not just this year, but for many years, and as the momentum continues to build, there is much hope, and joy and love. Thank you for being a part of this church, this community of faith, hope, and love.

## SERVICE AT GLACIER RIDGE



Rev. Joyce will be leading a service at Chartwell - Glacier Ridge this **Tuesday, February 11th, at 10am**. All are welcome to attend. 1261 Jasper Dr.

## 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 second 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 through **Indigo**, 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.

