



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET



It's time to start thinking about Easter, and the annual Memorial Booklet. This is an opportunity to remember and honour the names of loved ones who have passed, whether recently, or in the past. The names are printed in the booklet, which is published and made available at the Easter Sunday service. Should you wish to memorialize anyone in this way, please advise the office by **Friday, April 11th** at the latest (please take care to note proper spelling.)

If possible, a donation to the flower fund is appreciated. This fund is used to beautify the church throughout the year. Donations can be presented as part of the offering on Sundays, or via e-transfer at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net Be sure to mark the donation "Easter Memorial."

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Sun Mar 23 - Coffee Hour @ 12pm
- Tue Mar 25 - Seekers @ 10am
- Wed Mar 26 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
- Wed Mar 26 - Lenten Service @ 12pm
- Wed Mar 26 - The Music Class @ 4pm & 5:15pm
- Thurs Mar 27 - The Music Class @ 11am & 5:15pm
- Thurs Mar 27 - Bible Study @ 12pm

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

On **Friday, April 25th**, St. Andrew's will be hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser at the Slovak Legion Solarium at **6pm**. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$200 per table of 8.



Limited tickets are still available, so don't miss out!

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. There will be prizes, games, and a silent auction!

Please spread the word! Gather some friends, get your team together, and come out for a night of fun while supporting St. Andrew's!

Tickets can be purchased through the church office (9am-1pm, Wednesday-Friday). 807-622-4273; office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

ST. AIDAN'S COFFEE HOUR



Today we will honour and celebrate St. Aidan's Guild with a special coffee hour following the service. Please join us in Rowand Hall for refreshments and fellowship!



Thank you the Thunder Bay Community Band and conductor Jane Saunders for sharing their gift of music during today's service!

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LENT & EASTER SERVICES

The schedule for Lenten and Easter services is as follows:

Mid-week Lenten services
every Wednesday in the Chapel (12:00pm)
Wednesday, March 26th - 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



I would like to give thanks for the gentle and loving care that Ken and I have received over the last couple of weeks. Your words of condolence have meant a lot. For me, I am so deeply grateful that this congregation and the Session in particular have been so thoughtful. The unexpected need for a week away while we attended Ken's mom's funeral was met with gracious generosity. We have been held in prayer and that has helped to sustain us through some very difficult moments. So many of you have taken time to listen to my words of grief and struggle and given me a hug. After spending the last days back in and around our home town and area, we arrived back in Thunder Bay on Tuesday and upon entering our home, knew that Thunder Bay truly is our home. This is where we have made deep friendships and connections. This congregation and the staff of St. Andrew's sustains us and particularly me. I have said it so many times, but I say it again, I have the best, truly the most wonderful congregation to be with.

Since I have returned there has been much going on, the demands on my time great, and my head is still not screwed on just right as I continue to deal with emotions of the last couple of weeks, family history, and what is before me. Through it all, even when I have made life challenging for people by double booking the building, everyone has come alongside to make it all work out. My heart is full because of your grace. I pray that all who come to know this congregation will know you as I know you...grace filled, amazing people who love well, work hard together as we respond, restore, and rejoice with one another, for one another, and in community.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Thunder Bay Food Bank on Miles St. expressed deep gratitude for the contributions the church made before Christmas. Recognizing the continuing challenges of food security for many in our community, St. Andrew's is now accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank on an ongoing basis.



FLEA MARKET DONATIONS

Keep St. Andrew's in mind as you begin your spring cleaning! The Seekers are looking for donations of gently used or new items for the annual Flea Market, to be held on **Saturday, May 3rd**. They will accept clothing, books, toys, or any other household items. **Donations are being accepted now!** You can bring them in on Sunday, or within our office hours during the week (Wednesday-Friday, 9am-1pm.)

In addition, they are **looking for volunteers** to help out with the market in a number of different roles. Contact Jane McLeod at 807-620-8729 if you are interested, or for more information.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"In normal life, one is not at all aware that we always receive infinitely more than we give and that gratitude is what enriches life. One easily overestimates the importance of one's own acts and deeds, compared with what we become only through other people."



- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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MISSION MOMENT

Five years after getting married, Cristina's husband emigrated to the United States from Guatemala, leaving her in debt. Unable to pay off the debt, she lost the land her husband had left as collateral, an inheritance from her parents. She struggled to earn enough daily to feed her young children and repay the debt and interest.

Things got a little easier when her children turned 18, emigrated to the United States, and sent money. She also received support from Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas, Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner.

She was trained in managing her cornfields, family gardens, backyard animals, and in topics related to healthy and nutritional diets.

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.



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