



St. Andrew's News

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Restoring!

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FLEA MARKET SUCCESS



A big thank you to The Seekers for organizing this year's flea market on May 3rd, which was a great success! We had a line-up of over 100 people outside when the doors opened at 9:30, and overall 230 people came throughout the day. The sales from the books, puzzles, and movies in Rowand Hall were \$317.80, and the Flea Market tables in Grant Hall raised \$1,221.55! From the proceeds, the Seekers will be donating \$500 to each of the following organizations: Grace Place, Shelter House, and the Underground Gym. Thanks again to all of the volunteers who made this event possible, and to all who came out to support it!

SUMMER CAMP



The Presbytery of Superior is thrilled to once again be hosting **Pres-B-Camp!** Camp is open to children who will be entering grades 3-8 in 2025, and will run at Camp Duncan on Loon Lake from **July 20th - 26th**. No church affiliation is required - all are welcome!

Registration is due **June 15th**. Forms are available in the front office, and on our website. For more information, or to return completed forms, please contact Lakeview Presbyterian Church at 807-345-8823, or Linda McCutcheon at linda.mccutcheon.lm@gmail.com

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue May 13 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed May 14 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Sun May 18 - Rev. Bert Vancook leading worship

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

On Sunday, **May 25th**, St. Andrew's will celebrate both **Anniversary Sunday** as well as the final **Children's Sunday** of the season with a Communion service. Following worship, the Seekers will be hosting a **potluck lunch**, as well as **games**. This will be a great opportunity to share in fellowship! All are welcome to attend!



THUNDER PRIDE DONATIONS

The Thunder Pride Association is a local non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the issues facing the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and to supporting and celebrating diversity within Thunder Bay and the surrounding region. This year, St. Andrew's has agreed to sponsor the event by making a monetary donation. The funds collected by Thunder Pride will go towards supporting the Pride March and Festival (to be held on **July 5th**), as well as many other events and initiatives throughout the year. Please consider participating in this sponsorship by marking a donation to the church as "for Thunder Pride." Thanks to the generosity of two members, we have already collected over \$1,500.



TRIVIA NIGHT UPDATE

As money has continued to be counted, we can confirm that our Trivia Night on April 25th raised a total of \$3,381! These proceeds will go towards funding our church and ministry, ensuring that we can continue to serve both our congregation and community. Thanks again to all who contributed.

SEEKERS WIND-UP DINNER

The Seekers will be holding their wind-up dinner for the season on **June 3rd at 5pm** at 5 Forks restaurant. Anyone interested in learning more about the group is welcome to attend. Please contact Jane McLeod by May 30th at 807-620-8729.

From Joyce

Blessings on this Mother's Day. It is a wonderful day to be able to celebrate mothers and motherhood, and to bring some pampering and joy. Thinking about this day I became curious as to how we got to this place of celebrating mothers in this way and so did a quick internet search and found the following... "The movement for Mother's Day was significantly influenced by Ann Reeves Jarvis, who organized 'Mothers' Day Work Clubs' in the mid-1800s in West Virginia. These clubs aimed to improve health and sanitation in the community and foster reconciliation during the Civil War by bringing together mothers from both Union and Confederate sides. After Ann passed away in 1905, her daughter, Anna dedicated herself to creating a national holiday to honour mothers. She held the first official Mother's Day celebration on May 10, 1908, in Grafton, West Virginia, at her mother's church. This event was a memorial service for her mother and aimed to recognize the sacrifices mothers make for their children. Anna Jarvis's campaign gained momentum, and by 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially declared Mother's Day a national holiday, to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May."¹

I think it is helpful to have this background as Mother's Day can also be a very difficult one for people. There are many who have had difficult relationships with their mothers. There are those who have wanted to be mothers and that just didn't come to pass. For some mothers there has been estrangement from children. And then there is the grief of those whose children have died before them, not to mention the grief of those whose mothers have passed away. In an age when the holiday is so commercialized it's good to look at the roots of the celebration: a day for appreciating mothers and their contributions to society. I love the way it speaks to what it means to be community. This is what motherhood has brought to our world, a sense that community matters, that people matter. Not all mums get that, or are great mothers, but this is truly what motherhood is about. Raising up children who know what it means to love and cherish their own children, and how to be productive members of society; people who contribute to the well-being of individuals and community. In this way we can honour motherhood through our own actions, and show that community matters, people matter, and we can be the ones who let others know their value. Now that is something to celebrate!

¹. [History of Mother's Day: How Mother's Day Came to Be | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)

MISSION MOMENT

"I could not get medical help in time because we did not have enough money," says 65-year-old Ruqaiya, who lives in Afghanistan. Ruqaiya's life took a challenging turn ten years ago when she fell on ice, resulting in partial paralysis. Despite her impairment, she helps care for her youngest son, who has a hand impairment, two daughters-in-law, and two young grandchildren while her two oldest sons work as porters in Kabul, struggling to earn enough. Before her injury, Ruqaiya was known for her skill in weaving and was able to earn a decent income. Now unable to weave, she faces significant financial hardship, made worse by the political and economic situation in the country. Relief came when Ruqaiya received cash assistance through a PWS&D-supported project. She purchased essentials like oil, pulses, flour, rice and salt, meeting her family's food needs during the harsh winter.

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life... It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."



- Melody Beattie (Author, Counsellor)

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CHECK OUT THE HERITAGE WALL

The Heritage Committee has compiled a great variety of photos celebrating some recent events at St. Andrew's - the Annual Meeting, shepherd's pie preparation, and Palm (Children's) Sunday!



FIRST-WESLEY EVENT

This **Wednesday, May 14th**, First-Westley United is hosting a Bridge, Whist, and Fashion Show Lunch at **12pm!** Call Kathleen to get your tickets! 807-577-1297; \$30; 130 Brodie St. N.

SÉAN MCCANN CONCERT

Séan McCann, a founding member of the Canadian band Great Big Sea, will be performing a concert at St. Andrew's on **Friday, May 23rd**, at 7:00pm, as part of his "Great Big Canadian Road Trip" tour. Tickets can be purchased in advance, online at seanmccannsings.com (\$25 plus fees), or at the door (\$40, cash only).