



St. Andrew's News

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July 6th, 2025

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



JANZEN BOYS & LOUGHLIN CONCERT



This **Wednesday, July 9th**, Canadian folk trio The Janzen Boys, will be holding a concert at St. Andrew's from **7pm-9pm**. Thunder Bay's own folk band, Loughlin, will be opening. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20, and available at thejanzenboys.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue July 8 - TOPS @ 11am

Wed July 9 - Janzen Boys Concert @ 7pm

APPEAL FOR GAZA

As the Gaza Strip and other Occupied Palestinian Territories continue to suffer from ongoing violence as a result of war, humanitarian needs have continued to grow. Despite the efforts of the Israeli



government to prevent aid and support,

Presbyterian World Service & Development is working hard to meet the needs of the countless thousands whose lives have been devastated by violence. The scale of need is immense, and your help is vital. With your gifts, PWS&D will be able to provide food and financial assistance, as well as access to water and sanitation services, shelter, primary health care, and mental health support.

Together, our efforts will make a difference!

Please mark donations in support of this initiative as "Gaza Relief."

SHORTBREAD TINS NEEDED



Christmas might feel like it's far away, but we've already started thinking about this year's shortbread sale! As always, we will be in need of tins in which we can package and distribute the cookies. Whether they be the containers you received your cookies in last year, or simply extra tins that you have lying around, we would be grateful for as many tins as we can get. Please bring them into the church anytime during our office hours, or on any Sunday.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Just a reminder that in recognition of the continuing challenges of food security for many in our community, St. Andrew's is accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Thunder Bay Food Bank on an ongoing basis. We are grateful for the opportunity to offer our support!

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

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

St. Andrew's has a number of special events lined up for the fall, and we are looking for volunteers to help out in a number of different roles! These

events include a Holistic Wellness Workshop on **October 4th**; a staged reading of the play, "Love & the Ghost of Wolf Pepper" on the evening of **October 17th** and afternoon of **October 18th**; and a Christmas concert on **December 7th**. All of these events will be open to the community, and will be very important fundraisers for the church. The planning process has already begun for each of these events, and so we are hoping to secure volunteers as soon as possible. If you are interested, or wish to learn more, please contact the church office.



And please keep an eye out for more information to come on buying and selling tickets!

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

A celebration of life for **Marjorie Pawson** will be held on Thursday, **July 24th** from **12pm-3pm** at the DaVinci Centre on Waterloo St.

From Joyce



Following up on the visit from John Borthwick, I thought I would share some of what is available through Ministry Forum, where John is the Ministry Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Knox College. This site is filled with all kinds of content that could interest anyone. And this site is for everyone...not just ministers or people leading worship. There is a learning portal that will take you to offerings on CHURCHx that delves into such things as *Lay Worship Leading*, *Social Media 101: Running and Growing*, to *It's Raining Books*, and *Self-Leadership*. Then there is the Resource Section that includes things like, *The Bible for Normal People* (love that title) or a podcast called *Retelling the Bible* done by Presbyterian Church of Canada minister Rev. Scott McAndless. There are resources on LGBTQI2S+ Inclusion, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice and Ethics, and so, so, much more. What I like about this particular website is that I know and trust that it is carefully curated so that meaningful and relevant content is available.

Check it out at ministryforum.ca

Once again, we give thanks for John's presence and preaching on June 22nd. He also took the time after worship to have lunch with some of our ministry leaders in order to get a better understanding of St. Andrew's and the journey we have been on with *New Beginnings* and what has gone on since we completed that part of the process. I will say that in a conversation later that day John said something to the effect that, as he travels to many Presbyterian Churches, St. Andrew's gives him hope for the future of the PCC. He sensed our energy and our desire to do meaningful and joyful work together. I agree! As another person who has come to St. Andrew's recently said to me, if only people knew what a gem this church is. I have always known it, and I am so thankful that others get to experience it too. May we continue to work at being people who love well, welcome beautifully, all while responding, restoring, and rejoicing, in community and with community.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 6 We give thanks for the leadership that the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Moderator of the 150th General Assembly, provided during the meetings of the Assembly and ask God's blessing upon him as he begins his term as Moderator.

Monday, July 7 We pray for PCC young adults participating in the I Love Taiwan Mission program, an annual summer program of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

Tuesday, July 8 We pray for students who are far from their families this summer. May their sense of God's presence comfort them during times when they feel alone and far from home.

Wednesday, July 9 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of London.

Thursday, July 10 We pray that God will guide us in truth and teach us.

Friday, July 11 We pray for ministers on sick leave, especially those on long-term disability, that they may know the presence of our loving God and the support of caring people in their lives.

Saturday, July 12 God of Hope, we praise you. We ask for hope for the future in these troubling times.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Stewardship is organizing your life so you can give yourself away."

- Anonymous

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MISSION MOMENT

The world can often seem harsh and challenging, especially when we know that many people don't know where their next meal will come from.

According to the World Food Programme, 1.9 million people are facing severe hunger, particularly in Gaza, Sudan, and Haiti, while wealthier nations are reducing their aid contributions. However, as people of faith and followers of Jesus, we hold onto hope and take action to help address the crisis. By joining Presbyterian World Service and Development's annual Journey for Hope—where supporters walk, roll, ride, or otherwise engage in an activity they love to raise funds for vital food security projects—we contribute to real, impactful change. Grab a friend or two, head over to the project website,

WeRespond.ca/JourneyforHope

and join us on September 27, 2025.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry in Canada and around the world supported by Presbyterians Sharing, and Presbyterian World Service & Development.