



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## SUMMER SERVICE HOURS



Please note that starting **next Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday morning worship services will move to **10:00am**, and remain as such during the summer, **through August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

11:00am services will resume on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

- Romans 12:13 NIV

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## MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

On March 28, Myanmar and Thailand were struck by a devastating earthquake, destroying entire communities, and leaving thousands of people homeless, including those who had already been displaced from elsewhere in the country. There is an urgent need for shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation. As St.

Andrew's is the refugee sponsorship holder under the Presbyterian Church in Canada for the Myanmar community of the Karen people in Thunder Bay, this issue is of particular concern for us. Please consider making a donation in support of disaster relief by marking a donation to the church as "Myanmar Earthquake Relief."

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**Office Hours:**

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue June 10 - TOPS @ 11am

Tue June 10 - Session @ 5pm (Rev. Joyce's)

Sat June 14 - Session Retreat @ 9:30am-4:30pm

Sun June 15 - Sunday Worship moves to 10am

## REV. JOHN BORTHWICK

On **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, St. Andrew's is pleased to welcome the Rev. John Borthwick, who will be leading the service alongside Rev. Joyce. Rev. John was born at McKellar Hospital just a couple of years after the twin cities became Thunder Bay, which may give you a sense of his approximate age. He spent his earliest years around Cameron Falls and Nipigon as his father worked for Ontario Hydro. He is the Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Knox College, Toronto, and Curator of [ministryforum.ca](http://ministryforum.ca), the virtual presence of the Centre. The Centre's Team seeks to support and encourage ministry leaders and remind them that they are not alone as they serve. Recently, the Board of Governors of Knox College, in recognition of the meaningful impact that the Centre has had in its development phase, transitioned the Centre from a pilot project to a permanent contributor to the College's mission. Before taking on this role, John was the minister of St. Andrew's in Guelph for almost 21 years and served Rexdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto for five years prior. John is married with two adult children. His favourite week of the year is Discovery's Shark Week.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**. No church affiliation is required - all are welcome!

**Registration is due next Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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](mailto:linda.mccutcheon.lm@gmail.com)

## From Joyce

First off, please read the bio about Rev. John Borthwick and mark your calendars for June 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we can welcome him and enjoy his leadership, along with me, in worship. I am really looking forward to John's message as he has a unique vantage point of the church given his position with Ministry Forum where he is engaging with ministers and leaders across the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

As for what I have been up this past week...I have been at the 150<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. However, this has been a different experience for me as I have always attended the meeting as a commissioner, meaning that previously I had to be on top of all the discussions, read all the reports, and vote on motions put forward that impact the work of the denomination. This year that privilege went to Jeff Rawana, an elder on our church Session, and Rev. Markus Arsenault of Lakeview Presbyterian as commissioners to the General Assembly sent by our Presbytery of Superior. You can check out [The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#) website to see what went on in Hamilton, discussion, guests, worship and much more.

This year I attended as what they call a "resource person". In other words, I was the convenor of a committee which happens to also have the longest title...The Presbyterian Church in Canada Committee to Nominate Standing Committee (Whew!) The task of this committee is to take nominations from across Canada of members willing to serve the denomination on committees of the national church. As it turns out, this can be more challenging than one might think. Regardless, this Assembly was a considerably different experience for me as I was to present the report of the committee, meaning I had to stand in front and address the Assembly. I also had no voice when it came to discussions. Not necessarily a bad thing, just an observation. It was still a privilege to observe the Assembly at work, the faithfulness, the challenges, the passion, and the hope of all that our church can live into what God may be calling us to in our own time. This conversation is nothing new for St. Andrew's. We have been intentionally looking at this ourselves for the last few years and that work continues. What I have come to understand and believe is that in order for us to know God's hope for us we need to take time for prayer, gathering, and conversation, as well as move out in action and faith. Not everything we try will work out, but we can be courageous and curious, trusting that God goes with us in our faithfulness and hope.

### MISSION MOMENT

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in the PCC's mission and ministry locally, nationally, and internationally. Together we help congregations thrive through challenging times, equip leaders to serve the church in Canada and around the world, and work with international partners to share the good news of Christ. We address causes and consequences of poverty, racism, and discrimination and act to protect and restore God's creation. We provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together on healing and reconciliation. When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things.

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.

### ETHNIC FOOD PICNIC

On **Sunday, June 15th**, the Tapestry International Women's Network will be hosting their 5th annual Ethnic Food Picnic at the **Moose Hall**, from **12:00 to 4:00pm**. There will be a vibrant selection of cuisines from around the world available for purchase, including Afghani, African, Chinese, Colombian, Indian, Korean, Venezuelan, and more! Admission is \$5, and children under 12 are free to enter.

### COMMUNITY CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Community Clothing Assistance is a local charity dedicated to supporting members of the community who are experiencing financial difficulty or crisis. They seek to restore dignity, warmth, and hope to those in need by providing access to free clothing. As their services continue to grow, so too does their need for support. There are a number of ways to volunteer, such as sorting through donations, and assisting at the storefront. If you're interested in volunteering, or learning more, contact Daniel at [daniel@clothingassistance.com](mailto:daniel@clothingassistance.com)

### GLACIER RIDGE/SISTER LILA GRECO



Rev. Joyce will be leading a service at Glacier Ridge on Tuesday, **June 10th at 10am** (1261 Jasper Dr.) She will also be leading a service at Sister Lila Greco on Wednesday, **June 11th at 10am** (330 Lillie St. N.) All are welcome to attend!