



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"At the core of our existence is an unending process of being gifted by God – in whose power is our every breath."

- Thomas Troeger (professor, minister, author)

Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

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."

COMMUNION SERVICE



Please plan to join us next Sunday, **July 27th**, for our summer Communion Worship Service at 10am.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue July 22 - TOPS @ 11am

Wed July 23 - Event Planners @ 10am

Sun July 27 - Communion Service @ 10am

AUGUST UPDATES

Rev. Joyce will be away for the month of August, and Rev. Kerry McLaughlin will be leading Sunday worship services in her absence, from **August 3rd**, to **August 31st**.



Please note too that the church office will be closed between **August 4th** and **August 8th**, resuming regular hours (Wednesday - Friday, 9am - 1pm) on **August 13th**.

I WAS THIRSTY

For the estimated 200 people in Thunder Bay experiencing homelessness, access to safe drinking water is not a guarantee. And as temperatures climb in the summer months, the need for water becomes increasingly critical. I WAS THIRSTY is an outreach mission that seeks to break down the barriers to drinking water for vulnerable people by providing it to them where they are. St. Andrew's is proud to undertake this vital community initiative as a part of our ongoing outreach work. Funds raised in support of this mission will go towards buying bottled water, which is then distributed directly to those in need by community volunteers.



I WAS THIRSTY

Donations to this program can be made to St. Andrew's, either in person or at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net (please mark donations "I Was Thirsty"), and on our website, standrewspres-tbay.ca, via CanadaHelps. To learn more, please visit iwasthirsty.ca, or call or email Lorne Clifford at 807-629-2631, or cliffordlorne@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE

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



From Joyce



I am on the count down to the month of August and a time of rest and renewal. There is a lot going on for me before that, like the Presbyterian Youth Camp, worship services, a few meetings and other commitments, but come August 2nd I will be on a flight to Vancouver for a week of Study Leave.

It has been a great year for me in terms of opportunities that are kind of like winning a lottery. I wrote a few weeks ago about being the 500th subscriber to the online platform called ministryforum.ca, out of Knox College in Toronto, which meant I got a couple of books, some swag (including the best water bottle I have ever owned lol!) and the gift of Rev. John Borthwick visiting our congregation and preaching this past June.

Another win happened when I responded to a colleague's draw for books that he had written. Matthew Brough was celebrating the 10th birthday of his first book *Del Ryder and the Crystal Seed*. Now, if I didn't win a copy of the book! I already had a copy and so he sent my winning book to my granddaughter. Over the last ten years he has written the *Del Ryder* series and that is going to be my summer vacation reading. Matthew is a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada serving a congregation in Winnipeg and is also a writer of fiction. If you want to check out his books you can do so at thicketbooks.com.

The last major joy, that felt a little like a win, was that I applied for the Guder Scholars Program at the Centre for Missional Leadership, St. Andrew's Hall, which is the Presbyterian part of Vancouver School of Theology on the University of British Columbia campus. I learned in January that my application had been one of a few selected for this year's program. The centre funds the program and also has a travel bursary so I get to go and not have the expenses that usually come with study leave. So, I am headed out to Vancouver for the first week of August to learn with others and the guest lecturer Dr. Christopher James. The text I am studying in preparation is a book by Mark Lou Branson and Alan J. Roxburgh called *Leadership, God's Agency, & Disruptions: Confronting Modernity's Wager*. I am not done reading, but what I have gotten through so far is very interesting, and continues to feed into conversations that we as a church have been having for the last few years.

I am so grateful for all that has happened. There have been highs and lows so far this year, but I thought for now, I would share some of those wonderful things and give thanks for the blessings.

PRES-B-CAMP FAMILY FUN DAY



Pres-B-Camp is hosting a Family Fun Day at Camp Duncan this Thursday, **July 24th**, from **10am-5pm**. This is a great opportunity for children and families unfamiliar with camp to get a feel for what it is like by participating in crafts, games, and all the fun that Pres-B-Camp has to offer! Snacks will be offered, but please bring your own lunch. Registration is encouraged, but not required. To register, or for more information, contact Linda McCutcheon at linda.mccutcheon.lm@gmail.com.

AED REMINDER



Did you know that St. Andrew's has an Automatic External Defibrillator for use in emergencies? If someone experiences cardiac arrest, an AED could help save their life. It is located in the main hall next to the sanctuary doors, and instructions are included in the case.

MISSION MOMENT

Bhawna, an 8 year old girl, dreamed of attending school so that one day she could become a doctor. But in her village in Pakistan, there was no school for her to attend. Everything changed when a local partner opened a girls' school with Presbyterian World Service and Development's support. Bhawna's mother, Soorma, shares how eager her daughter was to attend, her excitement visible in how she carefully carried her new books to class. Through the program, Bhawna and the other children receive lunch daily and educational materials, toys, & support from dedicated teachers. "The opening of the girls' school has not only fulfilled Bhawna's dream but has also shifted the mindset of our entire community. Education is no longer considered a privilege reserved for boys," shares Soorma.



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.