



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT RESERVING CHURCH SPACE



Over the past year, St. Andrew's has been very fortunate to see use of our church increase significantly. This is through a combination of both outside renters, as well as our own internal activities. Once we move into the fall, the church will only get busier. In order to avoid any confusion or booking conflicts, it is important that everyone is aware of the process for reserving church space.

The front office now has a calendar that lists all of the dates and times at which the various rooms in the church are booked. Please note that this calendar is for reference use only, and not to be filled out by anyone other than the administrative assistant. If you wish to book space, please contact the office with as much advance notice as possible. This applies to all, including events and meetings that have been longstanding or ongoing. It also applies to any prep time that may be necessary, not just the activity itself.

As more people use this space, it has become more important to be clear and thorough in our booking process. We are grateful for all who use our church, and appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that everyone is able to do so!

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Office Hours:

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Aug 12 - TOPS @ 11am

Tue Aug 12 - Event Planners @ 2pm

I WAS THIRSTY UPDATE

I WAS THIRSTY continues to make an impact in our community, getting water to people in six homeless encampments, and to dozens of individuals, daily!

Latest stats:

- Cases of water delivered: 221 (that's 5,304 bottles!)
- Litres of water: 2,652 (that's 6,630 pounds!)
 - Distance travelled: 1,107km

The I WAS THIRSTY Facebook page mirrors many of the stories and encounters we are sharing with the people who are receiving our support. If you can, please donate or volunteer. If you aren't able to do either, please share this information! Visit iwasthirsty.ca, or find the Facebook page.

Donations 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, or to volunteer, contact Lorne Clifford at 807-629-2631, or cliffordlorne@gmail.com.



I WAS THIRSTY

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Love ever gives, forgives, outlives and ever stands with open hands; and while it lives it gives, for this is love's prerogative: to give, and give, and give..."

- Unknown

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MISSION MOMENT



After participating in the New Beginnings Program, which guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, ON shifted from being a "membership-focused" congregation to a "discipleship-focused" one, reigniting their sense of purpose. As a result, the church is putting its faith into action by exploring new and innovative ways to serve and engage with the community. In addition to organizing food drives, they have launched a laundry supply drive for local shelters. They are also experimenting with street and neighbourhood ministries, including a community meal program and a "Coffee on the Street" initiative, where volunteers set up a coffee bar outside the church and offer coffee and conversation to people passing by.

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.

FROM MINISTRY FORUM: ONLINE SELF-LEADERSHIP COURSE



One of the many resources offered through Ministry Forum, an online platform run through Knox College in Toronto, is an online course "designed to enhance self-awareness and leadership skills for ministry leaders. Over four units, participants explore self-leadership principles, complete self-assessment tools, and develop personal leadership plans. The course combines video lectures, practical exercises, and reflective activities to help leaders manage their strengths and weaknesses, set meaningful goals, and apply self-leadership in real-world contexts. This course aims to foster intentional personal and professional growth, empowering ministry leaders to lead themselves and their congregations more effectively."

The course is led by Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts, who has been an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for over 30 years, as well as a public speaker, workshop leader, and the author of *Choosing Change*, a guide to help both ministry and congregational leaders become motivating forces within their church and community, and to face the future with confidence. For more information on this course, visit ministryforum.ca/resources-index/self-leadership

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 10 We give thanks for congregations like Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, ON, that are exploring innovative ways to serve and connect with their community.

Monday, August 11 We pray for all those served by the ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, that their needs will be met.

Tuesday, August 12 We pray that as new leaders, ministers, seminarians, and theologians from the Global Majority (people who are Indigenous, Black, Asian, Latin American, or of mixed heritage) join our denomination, they may navigate their roles with ease and experience a deep sense of belonging.

Wednesday, August 13 We give thanks for individuals, organizations and service providers that are developing coalitions and resources to help survivors heal from conversion therapy.

Thursday, August 14 We pray for the alumni community of Knox College (the Knox-Ewart Graduates' Association). May they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and service. Bless their work, relationships, and communities and guide them in their ongoing ministries.

Friday, August 15 We pray for leaders as they prepare for the start of fall programming. May the Spirit inspire them to reach out with creativity and enthusiasm to share the Gospel message of love and hope.

Saturday, August 16 We pray for church choirs, musicians and music directors and are grateful for their gifts.

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