



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



Thank you to guest organist Carol Wehrstedt for sharing her gift of music with us during this morning's service!

HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP



St. Andrew's is excited to announce the return of our Holistic Wellness Workshop! This will be a full day of learning from a panel of diverse presenters who will share with us their individual areas of expertise, knowledge, and experience. This workshop is designed to help us on our own personal journeys of self-care and wellness.

The event will be held at St. Andrew's on **Saturday, October 4th**, from **9:00am-4:15pm**. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and there will be draws for prizes! Tickets are \$65 each, and are limited, so book yours today! And please spread the word - share our post on Facebook, or request printed posters from the church office. To register, please contact the office at 807-622-4273, or office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.

BABY DEDICATION



This morning, St. Andrew's welcomes the Kpodo family, whose baby dedication will take place during the worship service.

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Aug 19 - TOPS @ 11am

BUTTER FOR SHORTBREAD

Our annual shortbread sale is getting closer, and in preparation for that, we are starting to stock up on butter. Thanks to the dedication of select members of our congregation, we have already acquired about 100 pounds, but we need at least 100 more! If you see **salted butter** on sale, please consider buying some for St. Andrew's. It can be brought to the church any Sunday, or during office hours, to be stored in the freezer until it is needed. We will gratefully accept butter donations, but receipts can also be submitted to the church office for reimbursement.



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!

I WAS THIRSTY UPDATE

I WAS THIRSTY continues to make an impact in our community!

Latest stats:

- Number of volunteers: **10**
 - Days active: **38**
- Cases of water delivered: **338** (that's 8,112 bottles!)
- Litres of water: **4,056** (that's 10,140 pounds!)
- Distance travelled: **1,650km** (that's the same distance between Thunder Bay and the Saskatchewan/Alberta border!)

There is still opportunity to volunteer, donate, and to spread the word! The I WAS THIRSTY Facebook page mirrors many of the items included on the website, iwasthirsty.ca

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

MISSION MOMENT

World Humanitarian Day, observed on August 19, is a day to honour and promote the safety of humanitarian workers. From PWS&D partners delivering food, water and other essential supplies to those working tirelessly to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of people in need during crises. But their safety is becoming increasingly threatened. Attacks on humanitarian workers have escalated in recent years. According to the Aid Worker Security Database, 379 humanitarian workers were killed in 2024, with 209 losing their lives in the occupied Palestinian territories alone. On this day, we remember those who have died and reaffirm our commitment to protecting individuals who dedicate their lives to helping others.

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.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 17 Loving God, you gave us the gift of love. We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society as they share that love with others in their mission work.

Monday, August 18 We pray for guidance for our church leaders as they navigate significant choices that shape the future of our community. We pray for God's wisdom to shine upon them.

Tuesday, August 19 (World Humanitarian Day) We pray for those who lost their lives to bring aid and hope. May those who continue be supported, encouraged and protected, despite the challenges.

Wednesday, August 20 We pray for those who seek God in their lives, that they may find hope and love in their searching.

Thursday, August 21 We pray for safety for those who are vacationing, and that they will feel refreshed when they return.

Friday, August 22 We pray for congregations who have discerned the time has come to make the difficult but courageous decision to close, that along with their grief and loss they may also celebrate their years of faithful witness to Christ in their communities and their legacy of lives shaped by the presence of the living God in Jesus Christ.

Saturday, August 23 We pray for grace, peace and wisdom of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as we strive to worship and to serve Christ Jesus in all of life.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing."

- Billy Graham (minister, evangelist, civil rights advocate)



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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Just a reminder that 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!

