



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



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!

The numbers:

- Days active: 22
- Cases of water delivered: 181 (that's 4,344 bottles!)
- Litres of water: 2,172 (that's 5,430 pounds!)
 - Distance travelled: 891km (that's the distance from Thunder Bay, to Brandon, MB!)

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.



Welcome to Rev. Kerry McLaughlin, who will be leading Sunday worship during the month of August.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Aug 5 - TOPS @ 11am

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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"



- Erma Bombeck (columnist)

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK

Just a reminder that the church office will be closed this week, resuming regular office hours on Wednesday, August 13th.



From Joyce



By the time you read this I will be in Vancouver for the Guder Scholars Program. It is a three-day gathering hosted by the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall. Part of Vancouver School of theology, St. Andrew's Hall is the Presbyterian seminary of this consortium and is located on the UBC campus. However, this program has people from different denominations participating, so it is not just all Presbyterian ministers in this small cohort of learners. As taken from the website, "This year, we welcome Dr. Chris James as our guest speaker and teacher. Dr. James is an Associate Professor of Evangelism and Missional Christianity at [University of Dubuque Theological Seminary](#), an author and researcher. His broad research interests include ecclesiology, congregational studies, [missional theology](#), evangelism, [spiritual formation](#), discipleship, church planting/new monasticism/emerging church and more. We're excited to have him join us this year."

With the three-day intensive program, I will also be taking a little time to connect with some people I know in Vancouver as well as have some down time on my own to walk, breathe, and rest. Which is what I hope the theme of the rest of the month will be as well as I take vacation. Walk, breathe, rest. When I reflect on how tired and emotional I was in March, I realize just how much has gone on in the last five years. It has been a time of transitions, grief, joy, connections, loss, and a lot of work. Even vacations have not been truly vacationing time off. Ken and I are both in need of rest and renewal and we are keeping this time very low key. I pray that each of you have time to be renewed, restored, and rested, in whatever way fills your soul. I look forward to what God is calling us to do and be in the fall as we come back together to be the people of God working for the good of community and in honour and praise of God. See you in September!



DAILY PRAYERS

August 3: We pray for the ongoing work of the Committee on Church Doctrine as they guide Presbyterians in responding to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and supporting those who have chosen it.

August 4: We pray for students of The Presbyterian College of Montreal who are serving in summer placements. May these be rewarding experiences that will further the work of God's kingdom.

August 5: We pray for staff and students of The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America in Guatemala as they respond to challenges of their context with transformative pastoral practice.

August 6: (80th Anniversary of the Bombing of Hiroshima) Today we remember the victims of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima from this day in 1945 and we pray for an end to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

August 7: We pray for faith leaders and organizations around the globe who are actively working to tackle climate challenges.

August 8: We pray for those who are worried about the increasing costs of living. May we be the hands of Christ, helping people in need.

August 9: (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples) We recognize and honour the diverse identities, cultures, languages, governance systems, traditions and spiritual practices of Indigenous peoples around the world.

MISSION MOMENT

Khadija Yusuf Ahmed, a mother of six from Dabataag, Somalia, has shown remarkable strength in the face of immense adversity. Her husband died during the recent civil war in Las Anod and her journey has been one of double displacement—first fleeing her home in Mogadishu, only to later be forced to escape again when violence reached Las Anod. The challenges of being a single mother and providing for her kids weighed heavily on Khadija. But she found hope in a Canadian Foodgrains Bank project that provided cash assistance for food. "Our meals have become more wholesome, and the fear of going to bed hungry has diminished. I have fulfilled my children's basic needs and addressed their main concerns," she shares. This project is supported by PWS&D, and the Government of Canada.

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.