



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



UPCOMING SERVICES



St. Andrew's is pleased to announce that **next Sunday, September 21st**, will be

Children's Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage our church's youngest members through a special creative activity. As well, there will be a "**coffee & conversation**" gathering in the sanctuary at **10:30am**. Please join us for fellowship prior to the service.

September 21st will also be our annual



Blessing of the Backpacks, during which children and youth who have returned to school or daycare may bring their backpack to church to receive a special bag tag as a reminder that "God's got their back!"



The following Sunday, **September 28th**, is **Orange Shirt Sunday**, and we encourage all to wear orange as we honour those impacted by the residential school system.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Gratitude becomes a quality of our hearts that allows us to live joyfully and peacefully even though our struggles continue."



- *Henri Nouwen* (priest, professor, writer)

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

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Office Hours:

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Sept 16 - TOPS @ 11am

Wed Sept 17 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Sun Sept 21 - Coffee & Conversation @ 10:30am

BIBLE STUDY: ACTS FOR EVERYONE

A five-part study using N.T. Wright's Acts for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1-12
(20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide)



Wednesdays October 15 – November 12 or

Thursdays October 16 – November 13

Writing in an accessible and anecdotal style, Tom Wright helps us to approach the rich and many-sided story of the book of Acts. Wright shows how the book builds on Luke's Gospel, laying out the continuing work and teaching of the now risen and ascended Jesus in the power of the Spirit. His writing captures the vivid way in which Luke's work draws us all into the story, while leaving the ending open and challenging, inviting Christians today to pick up and carry on the story as we in turn live our lives in the service of Jesus. You can order the book yourself or ask Rev. Joyce to help you secure a copy. And please let her know if you plan to attend, either through contacting her directly or connecting with Jordan in the office. If you have been looking for a way to engage with scripture, glean new insights, and connect with others, this is a place for you.

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 their 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.

From Joyce



What joy! Today we are celebrating the baptism of three adults, and then they and one more will join the St. Andrew's family and the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) through an affirmation of faith. Together this group took time to study and prepare to become members of the PCC. They have looked at scripture and learned more about the sacraments of baptism and communion. The group talked about fruit of the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit as well as sharing their own journey of faith and life experience. Much more was presented and shared, however, this is just a part of the journey, a step intended to lead into continuing life-giving transformation. Becoming a member of the church allows for a fuller ability to participate in the life and work of the church, but even more so, it is a public affirmation that being a follower of Christ has an impact, and that one is committed to faith in God and being part of a community that learns, works, and worships together. In this particular congregation it also means that we are one as we respond to needs, restore people to wholeness, and, like today, rejoice together. With gratitude and joy we give thanks to God for all that is taking place in the lives of these four individuals, and in this congregation.

CALL FOR SHORTBREAD BAKERS



With approximately 300 pounds of butter in our freezer, **St. Andrew's is ready to start baking in preparation for our shortbread sale, which will begin on October 1st!** Starting today, butter can be signed out of the church freezer to anyone who would like to volunteer to bake. Printed copies of our traditional shortbread recipe are available for pickup in the front office, or can be sent by email upon request. As well, a very limited quantity of adjustable rolling pins are available to be signed out. If you wish to borrow one, please contact the church office. Shortbread can be dropped off at the church freezer during office hours, or on Sundays. Please be sure to label your containers if you wish to get them back.

A reminder that this is one of the most important fundraisers for St. Andrew's. **Whether you bake every year, or are interested in doing so for the first time, we welcome and appreciate your support!** Shortbread will sell for \$10 per dozen, and pickup will be November 22nd and 28th. Details about placing orders are coming soon!

THUNDER PRIDE EVENT

Thunder Pride has rescheduled their Pride event for Saturday, **October 4th** at the CLE Coliseum from **1pm - 9pm**, featuring vendors, food, entertainment, and more! There will be a march around the block at 1pm. For more information, visit thunderpride.ca



TABLES AVAILABLE

In the ongoing rearranging of the Sunday School and music rooms, St. Andrew's has three wooden tables which are no longer in use, and are available to whomever may want them. One measures 36"x21" and is 21" high. The other two measure 48"x24" and are 27" high. Some have been painted, but all could be suitable for a playroom, craft room, camp, etc. If you are interested, please see Sheila, or Jordan in the office.



LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch With a Difference will resume on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 12:15pm.** More details to follow. New guests are always welcome. A sign-up sheet will be in the church office later in September.



MISSION MOMENT

On September 21 we will celebrate International Day of Peace. Established by the United Nations in 1981, it allows individuals, groups, and nations to reflect on and take action to promote peace within their communities. Today, peace can feel distant as wars and emergencies unfold in Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Yemen, and elsewhere. Yet even in dark moments, inspired by our faith, we find hope in the work being done to bring relief. Presbyterian World Service & Development is committed to fostering peace by providing life-saving aid, psychosocial support, hygiene kits, and medical supplies to those affected by world conflict. As we mark this day, let us reflect on Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

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.

LAKEVIEW YARD SALE

Lakeview Presbyterian Church is hosting a yard sale on **Saturday, September 20th from 10am-2pm.** Hot dogs will be for sale as well. Rain or Shine! 278 Camelot St.