



St. Andrew's News

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September 21st, 2025

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY



Next Sunday, **September 28th**, is **Orange Shirt Sunday**, and in the spirit of reconciliation, we encourage all to wear orange as we honour those impacted by the residential school system.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Sept 23 - TOPS @ 11am


Tue Sept 23 - Welcome & Fellowship @ 6:30pm

Wed Sept 24 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed Sept 24 - The Music Class @ 4pm, 5:15pm

Thurs Sept 25 - The Music Class @ 11am, 5:15pm

HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Tickets are still available for 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. **If you would like to attend, but the cost is a barrier, please let the office know, as arrangements have been made to cover the cost of a limited number of tickets.**

To register, please contact the office at 807-622-4273, or office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.

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.

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standrewspres-tbay.ca

Office Hours:

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

MISSION MOMENT

On Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, we thank God for the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada.

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the mission and ministry we do together, locally, nationally, and internationally. Together we equip ministries in Canada, providing grants for congregations, camps, theological colleges and other ministries. We help congregations thrive with new opportunities during challenging times. We produce educational resources and host webinars and events. We support governance and justice work. We accompany mission partners in Canada and across the globe. We support ministries with Indigenous people. And so much more! We are called to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ through words and actions. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things. 

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 Joyce



Since 2019 we have been using Illustrated Ministry backpack tags and blessings to help students and others start into the new school season with the knowledge that they are known and loved by God and this congregation. Themes over the years have been *Peace be Upon You, You are Loved, Beloved, You Got This, You Matter, Be Curious*, and this year's, *Be Kind*. It is interesting to see how each year these themes are meaningful to our particular context, fitting into what the congregation and/or Session has been pondering.

This year the theme of *Be Kind* feels like a rally cry in a time when kindness is in short supply. People are feeling threatened and being killed. Even where we might feel relatively safe, the world appears precarious. Schools and work places, social gatherings, clubs or sports events, even the creative spaces in our lives and world are experiencing the shifts in our culture and world. Many of us want to find ways for peace, justice, and safety to reach those who have no voice and no power, as well as ourselves, friends, and family. Judgement is all around us and we have to be careful to catch ourselves to see how we participate in the hate and judgement of others and their situations and stop that behaviour in its tracks. And so, the words, "*Be Kind*" are a way for us to step up for those who need to know that they have value; it is a call to create safe spaces for physical, mental, spiritual, & social well-being. As Illustrated Ministry writes, "These vibrant [backpack] tags convey a message of care, support, and love that can be shared with children returning to school, adults returning to the office, and anyone who wants to share a meaningful message on their bags." May the message we carry be lived out in our everyday experiences as we put into action the words, *Be Kind*.

FOOD BANK DRIVE

Fall is in the air and the kids are back at school. At St. Andrew's, that means that it's time for the Fall Food Bank Drive. Popular items include pasta and sauce, Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, rice, tins of tuna, salmon, ham, and chicken, soups (both canned and instant), cans of beans, lentils, chickpeas, vegetables (such as corn), and ready-to-serve lunch and dinner items. Cereals and instant oatmeal, Mr. Noodles, pudding cups, and other quick lunch items are popular. Baby food is always needed. Please put St. Andrew's Food Bank Drive on your grocery list today!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"Share with God's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality."

- Romans 12:13 (NIV)

**Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent
via e-transfer to**
offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

TABLES AVAILABLE

In the ongoing rearranging of the Sunday School and music rooms, St. Andrew's has two 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 measures 48"x24" and is 27" high. They have been painted, but 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. New guests are always welcome. A sign-up sheet will be in the front office soon.

TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

We pray for those who experience violence, those struggling for peace and justice, and those who work for a world without war and violence.

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. 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!