



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



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, 22,
November 5, 12, 19 (7:00-8:30pm)**
or **Thursdays: October 16, 23,
November 6, 13, 20 (12:00-1:30pm)**

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.

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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Sept 30 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Oct 1 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Wed Oct 1 - The Music Class @ 4pm, 5:15pm
Thurs Oct 2 - The Music Class @ 11am, 5:15pm
Thurs Oct 2 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm
Sat Oct 4 - Holistic Wellness Workshop @ 9:00am

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, which began as Orange Shirt Day, a Survivor-led movement lifting up the need for reconciliation, and honouring all the Indigenous children who were taken to residential schools. Although the residential school system was in operation for over a century, the roots of Orange Shirt Day began in 1973, when 6-year-old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. Young Phyllis was wearing a brand-new (and beloved) orange shirt on her first day of school, but those in charge took it away and replaced it with the school's institutional uniform. The loss of an orange shirt has become symbolic of all that was taken from children at the schools—language, spirituality, culture, family and community relationships, safety, identity, and sometimes even their lives. The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran 12 residential schools. We therefore bear a collective responsibility to work for reconciliation: for truth, for healing from the harms of intergenerational trauma and racism that we helped cause, and for reparations and justice for Indigenous peoples. In the church's apology, we make 5 fundamental commitments, including listening to and learning from Indigenous people, and telling the truth about the past. - from PCC website

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 fish, ham, and chicken, soups, cans of beans, lentils, chickpeas, vegetables, and ready-to-serve items. Cereals and instant oatmeal, 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!

From Joyce



I thought it might be time to share some of the activity that is happening at the church that you may not be aware is going on, as much of that work doesn't impact most of the congregation directly. However, I think it important for you to know.

There are projects of various kinds happening. The ramp doors into the building were in need of refinishing and that work has been going on for a time, but is nearly done. Thank you to Sheila Berry and Dean Harron for taking this project on.

There is some money remaining from the Anti-hate and Security Measures grant that we received in the spring. With the money, lights were installed on the south side of the building to illuminate the parking lot. It is like daylight out there now when darkness comes. The lights are dusk to dawn and so stay on all night. With the remaining portion of the fund, the north west doors into the sanctuary from the Donald St. side have been removed to be refinished. More importantly, and to line up with the safety aspect, the hinges needed repair. The doors were not able to be utilized properly as the hinges were no longer free to swing open. The same needs to be done with the north east doors off Donald St. but that may take another grant. Facilities and Finance has been instrumental in making sure that the grant is used to the fullest extent. Ken Yanishewski worked with Wenzel Electric to get the lights installed and Ken is now leading the work on the side doors.

We are still waiting for the work in the bell tower restoration to begin. The remediation had been completed quickly, but putting things back together again, well that is proving to be more challenging. A contract was approved a few months ago by the Facilities and Finance team as well as the insurance adjustor. We were assured this past week that the work will begin sometime this week. The first work will be electrical.

As the congregation continues living out the work of new beginnings, which includes more use of the square footage of this building, it was determined that what was the youth room would become a storage room, and what was the storage room on the 5th floor would become the Sunday school room. That room is also being rented to another faith group. And finally, what was the Sunday school room would become the designated room for The Music Class. Again Sheila, our custodian, has been working in overdrive to make all of this happen. Also, thank you to Brenda Butters for the hours she put in to help move the Sunday school room and for all the organizing and cleaning.

So that is a taste of what is happening at St. Andrew's. Thank you again to all those who are directly involved with making these changes happen. We can't do it without you. There is more...that will have to wait until another week!

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 **this 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.

CALL FOR SHORTBREAD BAKERS

St. Andrew's is ready to start baking for our shortbread sale, which will begin on October 1st! 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!