



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



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 include St. Andrew's Food Bank Drive on your grocery list!

MISSION MOMENT

For 33-year-old Sigere Medison, a single mother in the Balaka District in Malawi, life took a harsh turn when an El Niño weather phenomenon affected her community. "El Niño left a devastating impact on our lives. We used to eat only once a day and sometimes we would go to bed without food. Being a mother of 4, with 2 children under the age of 5, it wasn't easy," Sigere shares. Relief came when Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank implemented an emergency response with the help of local partner CARD. Sigere received monthly cash transfers for five months. "Since November, life has been smooth. My family has been able to eat throughout the day. I am forever grateful," Sigere shares with a smile.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission & ministry in Canada & internationally supported by Presbyterians Sharing & PWS.D.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Oct 14 - TOPS @ 11am
Tue Oct 14 - Session @ 7pm
Wed Oct 15 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Wed Oct 15 - The Music Class @ 4pm, 5:15pm
Thurs Oct 16 - The Music Class @ 11am, 5:15pm

SHORTBREAD SALES OPEN

St. Andrew's is now accepting orders for our annual shortbread sale! You may place your order on our website, standrewspres-tbay.ca, or by contacting the church office. The cost is \$10 per dozen. Pickup dates will be Saturday, November 22nd from 9:30am-1:30pm, and Friday, November 28th, from 9:00am-3:00pm. The final day to place orders is Thursday, November 13th.



Whether you buy shortbread to enjoy yourself, to give as a gift, or to share with family and friends, St. Andrew's appreciates your support!
Please help to spread the word -
posters available in the front office!

CALL FOR SHORTBREAD BAKERS

Butter can be signed out of the church freezer to anyone who would like to volunteer to bake as part of our annual shortbread sale. 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 doing so for the first time, we welcome and appreciate your support!

UPCOMING SERVICES

On **October 26th**, St. Andrew's will offer our next Children's Sunday with a special activity for youth, followed by a **Souper Sunday** hosted by the Session. We welcome you to stay for lunch, and engage in food and fellowship!



From Joyce



Blessings on this Thanksgiving Weekend. In the spirit of thanksgiving... I am so grateful to be the minister here and in ministry with all of you at St. Andrew's. I tell everyone I meet, and who asks me about this congregation (and often even when they don't ask), that I am with the best congregation in all of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I know there are other really wonderful congregations, but for me to be able to say that and truly believe it is such a gift. Not once in the last twelve years have I not loved this work. There have been difficult days for sure, but I have always known this congregation as a grace filled people who have been gifts to me. Some individuals have been guides, mentors, and prayer partners. Some have had the courage to let me know how I can grow and become a better person and a better minister. I give thanks for the elders on Session throughout the years, for the team that is called Facilities and Finance, for the women who have been such a big part of the workings of this ministry. For people who have helped keep ministries alive and well and for the courage we have had as a congregation to let go of things that were no longer necessary or even relevant to what we are trying to accomplish as we seek God's will for us. I give thanks for each of our staff, Sheila, Jordan, Rebecca, and Barb. We could not do this work as we do, and as well as we do, if it were not for them. I give thanks for the generosity of time that so many give to our work in so many and various ways. I give thanks for the generosity of curiosity, kindness, and willingness to share of knowledge, work, and expertise. I give thanks that I call each of you friend, not just someone who goes to church, but someone that I deeply care about. I give thanks that this continues to be the place I feel strongly called to be in ministry. Thanks be to God.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"Honour the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all
your produce."

- Proverbs 3:9

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch With a Difference will resume on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 12:15pm**. New guests are always welcome. The sign-up sheet is now available in the front office.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 12 (Harvest Sunday): We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and diversity and pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

Monday, October 13 (Thanksgiving): We give thanks for the faithful witness of the Atlantic Mission Society as its members support mission endeavors of The Presbyterian Church in Canada with prayer, study and service.

Tuesday, October 14: We pray for PCC delegates as they attend the gathering of Reformed Christians for the 27th General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Chiang Mai, Thailand from October 14-23.

Wednesday, October 15: We pray for the upcoming Intercultural Advisory Committee meeting (Oct 16-18). May God's Spirit guide every conversation with wisdom, courage and compassion, so that this work may reflect God's vision of justice, reconciliation, and beloved community.

Thursday, October 16 (World Food Day): We pray for the partners of PWS&D as they work with farmers in rural communities to help end hunger around the world.

Friday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty): We give thanks that communities are breaking cycles of poverty with the support of PWS&D and our partners.

Saturday, October 18: We pray for the members of the Committee on Church Doctrine as they collaborate to equip the church with thoughtful and compassionate responses to complex issues.

