



# 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. The sign-up sheet is now available in the front office.

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[standrewspres-tbay.ca](http://standrewspres-tbay.ca)

**Office Hours:**  
**Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Oct 7 - Seekers @ 11am  
Tue Oct 7 - TOPS @ 11am  
Wed Oct 8 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am  
Wed Oct 8 - The Music Class @ 4pm, 5:15pm  
Thurs Oct 9 - Event Planners @ 10am  
Thurs Oct 9 - 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](http://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 spread the word!

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"We should give as we would receive: cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers."

- Seneca (Roman rhetorician and writer)

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

[offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

## 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!



## From Joyce



I have so much gratitude for the way people are working together here at St. Andrew's to first, bring healing and wholeness to everyone we encounter, and for the work being done to ensure that we can add funds to our bank account so that we can meet our budget. As I often say in worship after or as we share in the community life announcements, our work and our worship are all part of being in community together. It is not that this church does not have this history of working together, it is just happening in new ways.

I give thanks for all the work that has gone into the Holistic Wellness Workshop that took place yesterday. There are months of planning that went into the day, from lining up presenters and lunch, to doing the registration forms and putting together welcome bags for everyone. There are so many details to planning an event like this. The intention was not to make money, rather it was to live into our mission that is about responding, restoring, and rejoicing as we care for people.

We have a number of renters in the building as well. Some are full time; others rent on an as needed basis. Some are groups and some are individuals. At the time of our assessment of New Beginnings one thing that I think we knew, but really came into focus for us, was that we have a lot of square footage and much of it was unused, so we are working on that.

I give thanks as well for the planning team that is looking to planning events in the coming months. This will live into our desire to both participate in the community but also help with much needed funding for the church to operate and continue doing ministry. Churches do not exist on air alone. Money is necessary too.

Our Welcome and Fellowship team is also implementing various ideas. It is a high priority for St. Andrew's to be sure that we can welcome people to our congregation and this building in times of worship and in others ways, and so the team is taking on this important work. There is so much going on, and I was going to write more, but space is limited, so that will be another installment.

### 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

Next Sunday, October 12th, we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday.



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!

### MISSION MOMENT

Through Regional Resourcing Grants, The Presbyterian Church in Canada supports camps across the country that offer safe, welcoming spaces for children and youth.



These camps nurture young hearts and minds by planting seeds of faith, while providing opportunities for fun, discovery, and personal growth. From high ropes and canoeing, to crafts and coding, they inspire curiosity and adventure, all while sharing the message of God's love. Many camps continue their ministry into the fall and winter, hosting retreats and day programs for school groups and communities. In doing so, they extend their impact beyond the summer months, nurturing faith and connection among people of all ages.

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.

### TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We give thanks for the global Christian community, and all who gather around God's Holy Table this Sunday.

