



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 2: Chapters 13-28 (20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide)

Wednesdays: February 11th - March 18th
(7:00-8:30pm; Feb. 18th will begin at 7:45pm)
or **Thursdays: February 12th - March 19th**
(12:15pm-1:45pm)

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.



Thank you to guest organist Carol Wehrstedt for providing us with music during this morning's service!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Jan 13 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Jan 14 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

FUN & FITNESS

Fun & Fitness resumes **this Wednesday, January 14th at 10am** in Rowand Hall. All are welcome to this 1 hour class, no registration needed. Bring a friend, and come prepared with runners, water bottle, and stay for a time of fellowship after class. Exercises can be modified to meet the needs of participants.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare."



- C.S. Lewis (author, lay theologian)

Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to
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SHELTER HOUSE THANK YOU

Shelter House Thunder Bay has offered the following expression of gratitude to St. Andrew's in recognition of our support throughout 2025:



"Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our community. Your generosity - through donations and the kindness you spread - makes a real difference all year long."

St. Andrew's is proud to support Shelter House as a part of our ongoing mission & outreach work, through initiatives such as the shepherd's pie sale last spring. Thank you for your support!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

The next date for Coffee & Conversation will be **Sunday, January 25th at 10:30am**. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a hot cup of morning coffee, and engage in fellowship with both new and familiar faces prior to the service. All are welcome! Please join us!



MISSION MOMENT

"The lack of drinking water in the home is tiring and disappointing," explained 28-year-old Carolina Coronado. "During this year, the water pressure of the piped [municipal] system has decreased a lot. We have asked the community authorities for the expansion of drinking water, which hasn't been possible due to the low water pressure." To help respond to this challenge in Guatemala, Presbyterian World Service & Development, together with our partner, the Maya-Mam Association of Research and Development, provided water tanks to families in need. Carolina explains: "The water tank will be very useful to me. Now I will be able to continue planting vegetables in my family garden. I am very grateful."

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.



TOPS CLUB MEETINGS



Are you ready to take control of your health and wellness, once and for all? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a group that has been helping people to lose weight and keep it off for over 75 years. TOPS takes a holistic approach to wellness, and is not a diet; it's a lifestyle, for a lifetime. A local chapter meets every **Tuesday at 11am** in Rowand Hall. They welcome new members at anytime. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Dawn at 807-251-4569.

SEEKERS MEETING

The Seekers are a women's group that has been an important part of St. Andrew's for over 45 years, contributing to fellowship and fundraising. Their next meeting is this **Tuesday, January 20th at 11am** (Eleanor Patterson Room.) They are always open to those who wish to join or inquire.

AED REMINDER



Did you know that St. Andrew's has an Automatic External Defibrillator for use in emergencies? If someone experiences cardiac arrest, an AED could help save their life. It is located in the main hall next to the sanctuary doors, and instructions are included in the case.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 11 (Baptism of the Lord):

Let us remember and give thanks for our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf at our baptisms, and the promises we have made at the baptisms of others.

Monday, January 12: We pray for all who have registered for the online course, "Becoming Intercultural: Renewing the Heart"; that this journey will open them to deeper learning about intercultural engagement.

Tuesday, January 13: We pray for the wisdom, strength and health of members of the Special Committee re The Apology to Indigenous People as they advise the church in the critical work of truth, healing and reconciliation.

Wednesday, January 14: We pray for 2SLGBTQI+ student groups and their teachers as they build communities of respect, learning and support in their schools.

Thursday, January 15: We pray for the restful and rewarding retirement of the Rev. Don Muir and Terrie-Lee Hamilton from serving the church through the General Assembly Office.

Friday, January 16: We pray for the treasurers of congregations who work faithfully and diligently all year.

Saturday, January 17 (World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 17 - 24):

Join our hearts together that it may be known that we are your children, that your presence will be among us, and we may keep unity in the bonds of peace, which you prepare in the covenant we have with your Son, Jesus Christ.

Zephaniah Kameeta, Namibia. In: "Why, O Lord?" © 1986, WCC, p. 47.

