



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## BIBLE STUDY: ACTS FOR EVERYONE

A six-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. Following the ministry of Paul, Wright thoughtfully explores the triumphs and challenges faced by early Christians, and finds inspiration and resonance, relevant to modern readers looking to enrich their own spiritual journeys. You can order the book yourself through Indigo or other online retailers, 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.

## BUTTER FOR SALE



Leftover butter from the shortbread sale will be available to purchase for \$5 per pound in Rowand Hall, after this morning's service. Cash is preferred.

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

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun Jan 25 - Greeter Meeting @ 12pm

Tues Jan 27 - TOPS @ 11am

Wed Jan 28 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed Jan 28 - Music Class @ 4pm; 5:15pm

Thurs Jan 29 - Music Class @ 11am

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## THANK YOU FROM FAYE PETERSON & ACTION REFUGIES

**Faye Peterson House** has offered the following expression of gratitude in recognition of the donations made by St. Andrew's last month:

"On behalf of the survivors, staff, and the Board of Directors of the Faye Peterson House, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the donation of children's clothing, toys, and crafting supplies. Your contribution to the shelter not only helps to provide for the women and children we serve, it also reminds us people in our community care."

As well, **Action Réfugiés Montréal** (associated with the Presbyterian Church in Canada) has expressed their thanks for our recent donation:

"Thank you so much for your recent donation to Action Réfugiés. It helps us serve the refugee people who come to us - the need is great."

St. Andrew's is proud to participate these important initiatives. Thank you for supporting our efforts!

## DONATIONS FOR FLEA MARKET

The Seekers will be hosting St. Andrew's annual Flea Market on **Saturday, May 2nd**. Details about the event are still to come, but **donations of new or gently used items are being accepted now!** You may bring your donations to the church during our office hours or on Sunday.

## SUNDAY GREETERS

There will be a meeting for Sunday morning greeters **this morning**, following the worship service. If you are interested in becoming a greeter, or wish to learn more about what is involved, please feel free to attend the meeting, or contact Sandra Dewsberry at (807)-475-7239.



## From Joyce



I giggled as I realized that last week the space usually given to my newsletter note had been used for a comic strip. Thought that might be preferable to hearing my little blurb each week, but here we go, you get me again ☺

The reason for my absentee note was a vacation in Costa Rica. It has been interesting to have people ask me how my trip went as I always seem to have mixed feeling over my travels. I am deeply grateful that at this point in life Ken and I have the means that enables us to travel. That has not always been the case. Our lives have almost always been lean financially so having the opportunity to travel in the winter for the last three years continues to be a blessing that I had not anticipated. I enjoy being able to see another part of the world, learning about a country, meeting people, having new experiences, tasting other foods, and it is wonderful to get to have those experiences with Ken. We learned that Costa Rica is not all hot beaches as we rode horses in the country side of Monteverdi and learned that there was such a thing as a cloud forest. A couple of days later we walked hanging bridges in the Rainforest of La Fortuna and took a float down a river seeing birds of different varieties, alligators sunning themselves on the bank, and howler monkeys jumping from branch to branch. It is a little surreal to think back on it.

The part that is challenging for me is that I seem to carry my understanding of privilege with me when I travel. I know that many parts of the world depend on tourism and Costa Rica is certainly one of those countries. Many people are employed in the service industry and from that come other businesses. Yet, the abundance of waste blows my mind. I can't quite explain my feelings around my dis-ease, but I am keenly aware of the fact that especially at this time of year in Thunder Bay people are freezing outside. I also regularly meet people for whom the amount of \$3.25 for "bus fare" is important whether or not it helps get them around town, or purchase a warm cup of coffee.

I am grateful that I can travel. It expands my knowledge and takes away the fear that can come when other people and cultures are unknown. It opens my mind to difference and reminds me how big and diverse our world is. As I remember hearing in a Robin Hood movie long ago, in the words of actor Morgan Freeman, "The world is full of wondrous variety". So with God's grace I pray that I can continue to travel and learn while holding onto the awareness that this is a privilege and a gift.

### ANNUAL MEETING



On **Sunday, February 8th**, St. Andrew's will hold its Annual Meeting. Lunch will be provided following the worship service, and the meeting will proceed after that. Donations to cover the cost of lunch are appreciated. All are welcome to attend and participate.

If you are subscribed to emails from St. Andrew's, you should have already received a copy of the annual report. If you haven't received a copy but would like to, please contact the office. Hard copies are also available upon request.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"For if eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have."

- 2 Corinthians 8:12

Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

### TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS

St. Andrew's Trivia Night fundraiser returns for another year, on **Friday, April 10th**. In preparation for this event, **we are seeking donations of unused gift cards or other brand new items** that could be suitable as prizes. If you have something you would be willing to donate, or if you have a connection with a local business or artisan who may be able to donate, please contact the office. More details about this event, including ticket information, will be announced soon!



### COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Thanks to all who participated in and facilitated this morning's Coffee & Conversation. The next date for this event will be **Sunday, March 1st at 10:30am**. Join us as we engage in fellowship, and enjoy a hot cup of coffee. All are welcome!

