



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## MIDDLE EAST APPEAL

Since February 28, escalating military violence in the Middle East has been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly. More than 2,000 people have been killed, more than 20,000 have been injured, and nearly 4 million people are displaced. In Lebanon alone, more than 810,000 people, including 290,000 children, have been forced to flee their homes. Hostilities have affected 14 countries so far, destroying or damaging schools, hospitals, health centres and energy infrastructure. Through their membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Presbyterian World Service & Development is taking part in the Humanitarian Coalition appeal in response to the ongoing conflict. Responses will help provide food, water, emergency health service, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. PWS&D continues to respond throughout the region, including Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon.

Donations in support of this effort can be made directly to St. Andrew's - please mark donations with "Middle East Appeal." For more information, please visit [presbyterian.ca/pwsd/middle-east-appeal](http://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/middle-east-appeal)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Tues April 14 - TOPS @ 11am
- Tues April 14 - Session @ 7pm
- Wed April 15 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
- Thurs April 16 - Event Planners @ 10am
- Sun April 19 - Coffee Hour @ 12pm

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."  
- G.K. Chesterton (writer, lay theologian)

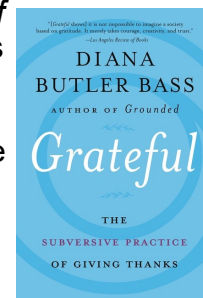


Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to

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

## BOOK DISCUSSION

*Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass will be the focus of a one-off book discussion, facilitated by Rev. Joyce. Anyone wishing to participate may attend one of two scheduled discussions, on **Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00pm**, or **Thursday, May 14th at 1:30pm**. Registration is not required. The book can be purchased online through [indigo.ca](http://indigo.ca). If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Joyce.



## COFFEE HOUR

The Seekers will be hosting a Coffee Hour next **Sunday, April 19th at 12pm**, following the worship service. All are welcome to join in fellowship and refreshments in Rowand Hall.

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

The Presbytery of Superior is thrilled to once again be hosting **Pres-B-Camp**, open to children who will be entering grades 3-8 in 2026, at Camp Duncan on Loon Lake from **July 20th - 25th**. No church affiliation is required - all are welcome!



Registration is now open through our website ([standrewspres-tbay.ca](http://standrewspres-tbay.ca)). For more information, please contact Linda McCutcheon at [campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com](mailto:campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com)

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

## LOCK YOUR VEHICLE

This is a reminder that people may look for unlocked vehicles in any location in the city, and our parking lot is no exception. Please take extra steps to ensure your vehicle is secure.



## From Joyce



I have been talking a lot about gratitude lately. It seems to sneak into nearly every conversation. Sometimes it feels like the antidote to the crazy in the world and in our lives is simply to give thanks for the things that one might consider blessings. When it snows...again... I give thanks for the way the snowflakes sparkle in the sunlight. I give thanks for the little children who so generously give me hugs at the end of a music class and for all the families that share their time with me in music class allowing me to get to know them just a little. I give thanks for the many people who give of their time and energy in the church, the Elders on Session, and the many teams we have, Facilities and Finance, Event Planning, Lunch with a Difference, Shepherd's Pies, Welcome and Fellowship, Heritage Committee, Seekers, Parish Health Ministry, along with the numerous individuals who just do what needs doing from counting the offering, greeting, decorating, and so much more. I give thanks for those who attend the Bible Study, they give me energy and ideas for preaching and teaching. I give thanks for our truly gracious, welcoming, and compassionate staff without whom this church would not be nearly as effective as it is. They support our work in ways that people may not even recognize.

I give thanks for colleagues who take time to check in with me and encouraging emails, texts, and phone calls from people both in the congregation and in the community. I give thanks when I am able to have phone or in person visits. I give thanks when people trust me to be with them in times of grief or struggle as well as in times of celebration and joy. I give thanks when I hear that people's health and well being are improving or finding their own ways to give thanks in the most difficult and challenging of situations. My gratitude continues with family, friends, the ability to travel, and take time to explore the world or sit quiet. I could go on. Giving thanks for me is to find the goodness in the world. I don't ignore the harm or injustice, the pain and suffering. God calls us to challenge power that harms and be present for those who are hurting. Still, I choose to see what is good, and do what I can to bring love and compassion into the world. I don't do it perfectly. I miss things and I am sure that I have done things that have harmed people even if unintentionally. I will disappoint people. However, I still give thanks for every lesson learned, for beautiful and grace filled relationships. And I give thanks for you, the congregation of St. Andrew's. This is used broadly. It includes those who have been here a long time and those who are with us for a day, those in the pews and those online. I give thanks for the love and grace I experience through and with you. I give thanks to God and remember the doxology that has been sung for years in churches...

Praise God from whom  
all blessings flow;  
praise him all  
creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye  
heavenly host;

## ANNUAL FLEA MARKET



The Seekers will be hosting St. Andrew's annual Flea Market on **Saturday, May 2nd**, from **9:30am-12:30pm**. There are a wide variety of household items to explore.

Come check it out, and see what treasures you can find! Refreshments, including hot dogs, coffee, tea, and pop, will also be available!

**Donations for this event are still being gratefully accepted!** You can bring new or gently used items to the church within our office hours (Wednesday - Friday, 9am-1pm), or on Sunday. Contact the office for more information.

## TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who sponsored our Trivia Night! St. Andrew's is so grateful for the many fantastic prizes and financial support that went in to making this event such a success!

Anonymous, Mary Ann Auld, Authentique Gift Shop, Sandy & Dennis Axent, Juanita Balhuizen, Brad Berry, Sheila Berry, Boston Pizza, Brenda Buttars, Mary Buie, Charles Campbell, Dawn Coulter, Sandra & Fred Dewsberry, Susan Dynes, Kelli & Larry Eyres, Trish Finlay, Marilyn Garton, Ruth George, Heartbeat Hot Sauce Co., Jon Johnsen, Vikki & Ian Kinsman, Lakehead University Thunderwolves, Mike Lehto & Darlene Niemi-Lehto, John Lonergan, Lea Madge, Mario's Bowl, Nonie Marsh, Jane McLeod, Metropolitan Moose Beanery & Café, Jean Mirowski, Pepsi Beverages Company (Dave Buttars), Carole Prosyk, Jean Rawana, Sail Superior, The Seekers Guild, Jan Sewell, Mary Ann Tuomi, and Jeannine Verdenik.

