

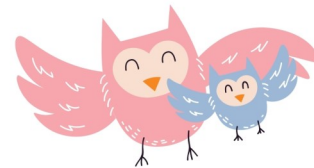


St. Andrew's News

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May 10th, 2026

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



THUNDER PRIDE DONATIONS



The Thunder Pride Association is a local non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the issues facing the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and to supporting and celebrating diversity within Thunder Bay and the surrounding region. St. Andrew's was a proud sponsor of Thunder Pride last year, and we would like to offer our support again. The funds collected by Thunder Pride will go towards supporting the Pride March and Festival (to be held on **June 6th**), as well as many other events and initiatives throughout the year. This year, their reliance on smaller organizations like our church is particularly great.

Our level of sponsorship will depend entirely on donations made by those in our congregation, so please consider marking a donation to St. Andrew's as "for Thunder Pride." Donations should be made by the end of today, May 10th, 2026.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."

- St. Ambrose (theologian, Bishop of Milan)



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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

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standrewspres-tbay.ca

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues May 12 - TOPS @ 11am
Tues May 12 - Session @ 7pm
Wed May 13 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Wed May 13 - Book Club @ 7pm
Thurs May 14 - Book Club @ 1:30pm

WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP

How well do you actually know your fellow St. Andrew's people? Are you looking to get to know those attending St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church better?



Are you interested in knowing the person sitting next to you better, or that person you connect briefly with before the service, during the 'Sharing a Sign of Peace,' or after the service?

If so maybe you can organize a small social gathering **OR** on the other side attend a small gathering.

How do you go about doing this you may ask? Well, let your imagination work and be creative. Why not talk with your NEIGHBOUR and invite them to visit with you! Feel free to organize on your own or to sign up on the bulletin board outside the front office.

There are 2 separate sign-up sheets posted outside the front office: HOST a SOCIAL and ATTEND a SOCIAL. The Welcome and Fellowship team will work with interested parties in connecting.

Suggested numbers: 4 – 8 (including yourself)

Suggested activities/get together ideas (not limited to): meet at a coffee shop, invite others for a BBQ, host a dinner/potluck/dessert at your home, go for a walk together, meet at a park, go bowling, etc. The ideas are endless. Be curious.

Please feel free to talk with Sandra Dewsberry (807 -475-7239) or any of the Welcome and Fellowship team members – Larry Eyres, Joe Erhler, Gary Smith, Juanita Balhuizen, and Rev. Joyce.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

May 31st is Anniversary Sunday at St. Andrew's! The service will include **Communion**, and will also be the final **Children & Youth Sunday** until the fall. Please join us for this special service as we celebrate 117 years of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church!



From Joyce



Blessings on this Mother's Day. Each of us, regardless of what kind of relationship we have with our mother, owes our lives to the fact that a woman gave birth to us. For me, the days my children were born were a celebration and I continue to be thankful for the relationship I have with them. It does not mean that being a mom is not complicated and difficult, sometimes heart-breaking and sometimes having me burst with pride. Some days I can't believe that these human beings exist because of me, especially when they are giving of themselves to others and living out the values that we tried to instill in them. Other times my heart aches as I watch them go through moments in life that cause them pain, wishing I could take it from them. And I have learned that as my children have found partners that those adults also have become my children. I care deeply for them. I suspect my feelings are known by many a mother.

Sadly, I am also aware of situations where mothers are unable to care for their children or where children were so much a burden that motherhood does not bring the moments of joy and celebration, of relationship, that makes being a mom a gift. It is heartbreaking to see children unloved and harmed. There is also a flip side, where a mom deeply loves her child and their love is rejected, or women who wanted to have children and for numerous reasons have not been able to bear a child or have experienced a miscarriage. Which always make these kinds of days that society recognizes as celebrations so challenging, however there is still a place for celebrating relationships.

Which leads me to my prayer, that you may know a mom in your life, the mom who brought you into the world or someone who was or is a mother figure to you. It is a relationship worth honouring. Maybe you can be that person for someone else, the mom or the child they need now. May God bless relationships that are filled with love, care, compassion and grace so each person knows that they are precious children of God. Amen.

MIDDLE EAST APPEAL



**Presbyterian
World Service
& Development**

Since February 28, escalating military violence in the Middle East has

been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly. 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

FIRST-WESLEY EVENT

First-Wesley United Church is hosting their annual Bridge, Whist, & Luncheon Fashion Show, featuring looks by The Lewk, Vanderwees, and Irma's Boutique, on **Wednesday, May 13th at 12:00pm**. Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling Kathleen at 807-577-1297.



DAILY PRAYER

On this Mother's Day, and Christian Family Sunday, we give thanks for our families, and our circles of friends. May the love we share between us be a source of comfort, strength, and joy today, and always.



FLEA MARKET THANK YOU



Thank you to the Seekers for all of the time, energy, and hard work that they put into planning, organizing, and cleaning up after last week's Flea Market. Thanks as well to everyone who showed up to this fundraiser, and those who donated items to be sold. St. Andrew's is grateful for your support!

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). For more information, please contact Linda McCutcheon at campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com