



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



CALL FOR PHOTOS



The Presbyterian Church in Canada is looking for photos (with captions) for use in their various resources, including bulletin covers, videos, posters, the PCC website and more. They would love to see photos from congregations like ours, showcasing all the ways in which we put our faith into action throughout the year. Please note that verbal consent is required from all photo subjects (consent forms may be appropriate in some cases). For more information, or to make a submission, please contact Jordan in the church office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues May 19 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed May 20 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Thurs May 21 - Event Planners @ 10am

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

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!

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

CAMP DUNCAN CLEAN-UP

On **Saturday, June 6th**, Camp Duncan (560 E. Loon Lake Rd.) is holding their annual clean-up day from 9am-4pm, and are looking for volunteers to help out.



Lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity for students looking for volunteer hours. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info, or contact campduncan.secretary@gmail.com

From Joyce



For those of you who were at the Annual Meeting in February this will not be news, but for those who were not able to attend or follow us online, I wanted to give you a heads up about my summer. First a little background. In the Presbyterian Church there is a policy for Inter-mission. Let me quote from the policy to give you more background...

“Inter-mission, as defined by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, is a ten-week full-time leave of extended Sabbath. Inter-missions are self-funded. The minister is responsible to cover the cost of pulpit supply during the inter-mission and to cover any expenses related to the inter-mission. The General Assembly approved the policy that ministers are entitled to an inter-mission leave after five years of continuous service within the denomination and every five years. Inter-mission is a time to get in touch with the Holy Other in our lives.

The possibilities of study, reflection and renewal during inter-mission are open. Some use this opportunity to engage in academic studies or a self-directed program of reading, to learn or practice a new discipline, to spend focused time in prayer, scripture reading and reflection and/or to spend intentional, quality time with family. An essential aspect of inter-mission is the opportunity for the minister to spend significant time without the mantle of leadership or pastoral responsibility. It is more than just a break or vacation. It is an intentionally planned time of renewal for the minister: for the teacher to become the student, for clergy to become worshippers once again, to nourish the soul and refresh their spiritual life and calling.”

To that end I am taking an inter-mission this summer. Even though I have been entitled to do this every five years, here I am twelve years into ministry and I have been not able to take this opportunity before. I have also added three weeks vacation to the ten weeks of intermission. The first full week of June, I am a commissioner to the General Assembly. All this is to say that I will not be leading worship or preaching June, July, or August. In the next couple of weeks, I will share more about what I will be up to and the people that will be leading worship this summer. In the meantime, please hold me in your prayers. It will be very difficult for me to step away for this length of time because I feel so attached to all of you. However, I made sure that I would take the time while the church is in summer mode. I know I will miss being with all of you for that long, but I also know a time of renewal will be very good for me. I will share more in the coming weeks.

MIDDLE EAST APPEAL



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

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Coffee & Conversation will be held on **Sunday, May 31st at 10:30am**, prior to the worship service. Join us for fellowship and refreshments!

DAILY PRAYER

Today (May 17th) is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. We pray for an end to all forms of hatred and discrimination that target Two-Spirit and LGBTQI+ people. We commit to working for the collective safety and flourishing of all people.



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