



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



MISSION MOMENT



Presbyterians Sharing

One of the eight Indigenous ministries supported through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church is among the oldest Presbyterian Indigenous ministries on a Canadian reserve. It stands on a foundation of rich history and faith, dating back to the 1870s, when Chief Mistawasis helped establish the first church there. Today, the congregation is renewing this sacred space for the future, adding new shingles, aluminum siding, and their first air-conditioning system to make the building welcoming and strong for generations to come. Recently, they celebrated several new baptisms and anticipate more, as they nurture faith, knowledge of the Bible, and Indigenous traditions within their congregation. Though building trust with the wider community is a long journey, they move forward with hope, guided by God's Spirit and strengthened by prayers and support.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues June 16 - TOPS @ 11am
Thurs June 18 - Event Planners @ 10am

WELCOME REV. FRANCES SAVILL

Throughout the month of June, Rev. Frances Savill will be leading Sunday worship at St. Andrew's. Frances Savill retired after 34 years of ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, serving congregations in Thornbury, ON, Richmond, BC and North Bay, ON. Frances is also a retired military chaplain, having served 22 Wing North Bay, The Algonquin Regiment, and 38 Service Battalion, BC. She continues to serve as a chaplain for 22 Wing. Frances has been married to Mark for 43 years, and they have three grown children. She enjoys cycling and is happy to meet the folks of St. Andrew's, Thunder Bay, and explore your beautiful community.



Looking forward to being with you folks, and joining you in worship!

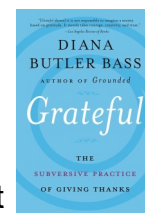
SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN



Just a reminder that starting next Sunday, June 21st, Sunday worship will move from 11am to 10am, and remain as such through the duration of the summer. 11am services will resume on September 13th.

BOOK DISCUSSION

As there have been several expressions of interest, there will be another book discussion of *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass, to be held on **Thursday, September 17th**, at **1pm**. This discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Joyce, and anyone wishing to participate may attend. The book can be purchased through various retailers, including Indigo. This would be an excellent addition to your summer reading list! If you have any questions, please contact the office, and watch for more details to follow!



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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"We must make the invisible kingdom visible in our midst."

- John Calvin (theologian, pastor, reformer)



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



Living Faith (section 8) reminds us that justice involves protecting the rights of others; protests against everything that destroys human dignity; involves the protection of human beings; opposes prejudices in every form; rejects Discrimination; stands with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect; and demands the exercise of power for the common good. The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges that homosexuality is not a sin, and affirms that all people, whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity, are equally beloved by God. At the same time, the PCC confesses that the church's prejudice contributes to hatred and neglect of LGBTQI2+ people, making them targets for physical, spiritual, and emotional violence. The church as a whole is called to repent of homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism, and hypocrisy, and to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community; a true church family, where all are welcomed, nurtured, loved, and supported.

Adapted from "Gender, Sexuality & LGBTQI2+ Inclusion,"
The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

<https://presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/gender-sexuality-inclusion>

WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP



Just a reminder that the Welcome & Fellowship team is looking for interested parties to either host and/or attend a social gathering. You can sign up at the back of the sanctuary, or in the front hall. For more info, contact Sandra Dewsberry (807-475-7239) or another team member: Larry Eyres, Joe Erhler, Gary Smith, Juanita Balhuizen, and Rev. Joyce.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS



On **Saturday, June 20th**, please be on the water in your vessel, or bring your lawn chairs and come down to the lookout on **Pier 3 – the Royal**

Canadian Navy Pier at Marina Park (the north end near Naval Memorial) to take in the **Blessing of the Fleet**. At **10:30am** the Macgillivray Pipe Band will conduct a Tattoo, and at **11:00am** a service of Blessing is held with a parade of vessels. Boaters are invited to take part. For vessel instructions, and further information visit missiontoseafarersthunderbay.ca or contact Canon Ed Swayze at (807)-344-8241. Sponsored by the Mission to Seafarers.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, June 14 We pray for the generosity to respond to God's call to share what we have with those in need.

Monday, June 15 We pray for students as they go out to summer placements. May they and the communities that they serve be richly blessed.

Tuesday, June 16 We pray for people facing persecution because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. We give thanks for organizations around the world that provide assistance and advocate alongside LGBTQI+ refugees.

Wednesday, June 17 We pray for summer students working at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre this season, that they would be blessed with safety, friendship, and a deep appreciation for God's creation.

Thursday, June 18 We pray for all those who grieve, that they will be comforted.

Friday, June 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lambton-West Middlesex.

Saturday, June 20 (World Refugee Day) We pray that God protects the dignity of families forced to flee from conflict and persecution. We give thanks for those who welcome the stranger through refugee sponsorship.

SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Pres-B-Camp will run this summer from **July 20th - 25th, 2026**.

Volunteers are still needed to fill several positions, including both junior (ages 16-17) and senior (18+) counsellors, kitchen staff, and certified lifeguards. This is sure to be a fun and rewarding opportunity for both youth and adults. For more information, contact the camp director, Linda, at campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com



FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Last week, St. Andrew's donated over 140 pounds of food to the Thunder Bay Food Bank! Items included cereal, baby food, and various dried and canned goods. Thanks to all who have generously supported this important initiative. We will continue to accept donations of non-perishable food items on an ongoing basis.