



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



MISSION MOMENT



No one chooses to be a refugee; however, today there are over 42 million refugees and many more who are internally displaced—forced to leave their homes due to conflicts or ethnic persecution. Presbyterian World Service & Development's refugee ministry responds to Christ's call to serve and defend those who are persecuted. Churches continue to demonstrate their support by sponsoring refugee families, helping them rebuild their lives safely and with dignity. In 2025, 61 sponsored refugees arrived from 8 countries, including Iraq, Sudan, and Afghanistan. This ministry is not only about offering hope but also about living out the biblical call to love and serve others, showing Christ's love to those who are experiencing persecution and suffering.

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 23 - TOPS @ 11am

FATHER'S DAY BLESSINGS

On this Father's Day, we give thanks for the fathers and father figures who provide us with unconditional love, guidance, and support throughout our lives. We remember too those who have lost their fathers, or who experience strained relationships with them, and we pray that they are able to find comfort and healing. May all fathers and families know the blessings of God's love on this day.



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

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 information, please contact Sandra Dewsberry (807-475-7239) or another team member: Larry Eyres, Joe Erhler, Gary Smith, Juanita Balhuizen, and Rev. Joyce.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Gratitude may move us to give, but giving may also lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude."

- Mary Jo Leddy (writer, theologian, activist)



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

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

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Although things may be quieting down (at least a little!) at St. Andrew's during the summer, there's lots of activity going on behind the scenes as we prepare for a number of fun and exciting events coming up in the near future! For example, we have our Wellness Workshop, a Staged Play Reading, Christmas Concert, and more. Volunteers are needed to help with these events in a number of roles. If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, please contact Jordan in the office.

TOPS CLUB MEETINGS



Are you ready to take control of your health and wellness, once and for all? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a group that has been helping people to lose weight and keep it off for over 75 years. TOPS takes a holistic approach to wellness, and is not a diet; it's a lifestyle, for a lifetime. A local chapter meets every **Tuesday at 11am** in Rowand Hall. They welcome new members at anytime. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Dawn at 807-251-4569.

WHAT IS GENERAL ASSEMBLY?



The
Presbyterian
Church
in Canada

Earlier this month, the Presbyterian Church in Canada held its 151st annual General Assembly at York University in Toronto, which brought together representatives from Presbyterian churches all across the country (including Rev. Joyce from St. Andrew's!) For those who may not be aware of the purpose of this meeting, the PCC website states that "the General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, attended by an equal number of ministers and elders who are commissioned by presbyteries. The Assembly votes on matters of theology and polity that affect the whole denomination. It receives, discusses, and makes decisions on reports from committees, petitions, overtures, references, and appeals. Its decisions are made carefully. Some issues require study over several years. The General Assembly elects a moderator—a minister or elder—who presides over the Assembly and continues in an inspirational and ceremonial role for a year, until the next General Assembly." More information on how the General Assembly operates, as well as summaries of the 2026 meeting can be found online at the PCC website: presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2026.

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!

It's not too late to register! To do so, please visit our website (standrewspres-tbay.ca). For more information, contact Linda McCutcheon at campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, June 21 (National Indigenous Peoples Day) We give thanks for opportunities on National Indigenous Peoples Day to listen and learn from Indigenous youth, adults, and Elders who are working for the wellbeing of Indigenous peoples.

Monday, June 22 We pray for Dr. Ronald Lalthanmawia as he takes on the role of General Secretary of the Christian Medical Association of India.

Tuesday, June 23 We give thanks for PCC camps across the country and their important ministries, as they plant seeds of faith in the hearts of children and youth.

Wednesday, June 24 We pray for the Change Leadership Team of the General Assembly as it pilots regional teams to proactively lead and quickly respond to local circumstances, fostering collaboration and animating ministry.

Thursday, June 25 We pray for the wisdom, strength and health of ministry staff and volunteers of each of the eight ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, as they walk with and support people in the communities they serve.

Friday, June 26 We pray for the Executive of the Atlantic Mission Society as they finalize plans for the Annual Meeting in September. We give thanks for the many blessings of this past year and ask that the Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct them into the future.

Saturday, June 27 We pray for the Rev. Rebecca Simpson, Assistant Dean of St. Andrew's Hall, in her leadership of the college and care for students.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Today, June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day; a day to recognize, honour, and celebrate the traditions, cultures, and heritage of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. This day was first recognized at the national level in 1996, making this year's celebration the 30th anniversary. For those looking to celebrate at a local level, there is a free event being held **this afternoon**, between **12pm-7pm**, featuring vendors, a feast, and a Pow Wow at **Fort William First Nation**. For more information, see the poster by the ramp entrance, or visit "National Indigenous Peoples Day Thunder Bay" on Facebook.