



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



MISSION MOMENT



Conflict can continue to destabilize lives, even after the fighting ends. After the Tigray peace agreement in Ethiopia, communities felt relief from violence, but many families still struggle. The two-year conflict caused food shortages. Ato, a farmer, lost all his household assets in the war, and his family ate once daily. Things changed when Ato's family participated in an agriculture and livelihoods program where he received training, seeds, goats, and hand tools. Equipped with new knowledge and supplies, Ato was able to resume his work. Now he is growing healthy food for his household. The family's two goats had four kids, one of which the family sold to cover financial gaps. This program was supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, in collaboration with Tearfund.

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.

COMMUNION



The worship service on Sunday, August 23rd will include Communion, led by Rev. Pam Hogewoning. Please join us!

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" (John 6:35)

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues July 28 - TOPS @ 11am

Thurs July 30 - Event Planners @ 10am

Thank you to our guest minister, Rev. Bert Vancook, for leading us in worship both this Sunday, and on July 12th.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 26 We pray for a wonderful celebration at Mistawasis Presbyterian Church as they celebrate 150 years of ministry together.

Monday, July 27 We pray for staff and campers at Camp Douglas, Roberts Lake, BC, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Tuesday, July 28 We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we seek to understand and proclaim God's truth in ways that are faithful to Scripture and relevant to our time.

Wednesday, July 29 Lord, we praise you for church schools that have raised funds for Presbyterian World Service & Development's projects over the past 75-plus years, and ask that you inspire church school leaders and all people to respond to Christ's call to serve those in need.

Thursday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in People) We pray for safety and healing for victims of human trafficking, for human rights advocates working to end all forms of slavery and for those working to protect vulnerable people.

Friday, July 31 We pray for staff and campers at Camp VIP in Nanaimo, BC, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Saturday, August 1 (Emancipation Day) Help us to remember and maintain the freedom of all people, especially those who do not share our culture, language, religious beliefs or country of origin.

Daily Prayers



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, including our Wellness Workshop, a Staged Play Reading, and the Christmas Concert! **Volunteers are needed to help in a number of roles**, both large and small. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Jordan in the church office.

FUN FACTS FROM THE PCC ARCHIVES



The mission of the Archives and Records Office of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is to ensure that the documentary evidence of the life and work of the church is preserved and accessible for use by church officials and interested historians and researchers. The Archives' holdings contain about 3,500 cubic feet of textual records, 15,000 photographs, several thousand hours of audio-visual recordings, hundreds of architectural plans, and more than one million pages of microfilm. These records are unique and irreplaceable, and therefore very valuable. They were created over centuries, through usual church business, and therefore now serve as evidence of that business: documenting the decisions, actions, events, responsibilities, assets, property, and activities of the PCC. Here are some fun facts!

Each year, the Archives serve approximately **2,500 researchers**, 85% of whom contact the office by email, phone, or mail.

The oldest document in the Archives is a 10 page leaflet, printed in Edinburgh in **June 1638**.

The oldest Canadian records in the Archives come from St. Gabriel Street Presbyterian Church in Montreal, which date back to **1796**.

The oldest Presbyterian Church building in Canada is The Kirk, in St. George, NB, which was built in **1790** (nearly 100 years before St. Andrew's!)

Modern hockey and the PCC have something in common! The **Victoria Skating Rink** in Montreal served as both the venue for the first organized indoor hockey game on record, which took place on March 3rd, 1875, as well as for the consummation of the union of four separate Presbyterian churches into the modern PCC that we know today on June 15th of that same year.

Adapted from The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives

VENEZUELA APPEAL

A state of emergency was declared in Venezuela after two powerful earthquakes struck on June 24th. Residential and commercial buildings have collapsed, and there is considerable damage to critical infrastructure, including roads and public facilities. Heavily affected areas remain difficult to access. Donations are urgently needed. The Presbyterian Church in Canada's relief and development agency, Presbyterian World Service & Development, is able to respond through the ACT Alliance, which has members operating in Venezuela. Immediate needs assessments are taking place with plans to respond as soon as possible. **Contributions to the relief fund can be made directly to St. Andrew's. Please mark donations intended for this purpose as "Venezuela Relief."**



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Stewardship is a human vocation."

- Douglas J. Hall (theologian, author, professor)

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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

