



St. Andrew's News

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August 16th, 2026

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



DAILY PRAYERS

Sun., August 16 We pray for staff and campers at Camp Keir in Bonshaw, PEI, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Mon., August 17 Please pray for the Change Leadership Team as it continues to seek guidance from the Holy Spirit in fulfilling its mandate from the denomination.

Tues., August 18 We give thanks for children in our care. May God guide us to bring them up in the faith, with patience, wisdom and grace to know the love of Jesus that calls us to love one another.

Wed., August 19 (World Humanitarian Day) We pray for courageous aid workers and give thanks for those who deliver important aid and serve communities affected by crises.

Thurs., August 20 We pray for staff and campers at Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat in Gracefield, QC, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Fri., August 21 We pray for encouragement for families feeling stressed by the cost of back-to-school clothing and supplies.

Sat., August 22 We pray for the students who are anticipating beginning theological studies at The Presbyterian College, Montreal and ask that God will guide them as they study and prepare for ministry.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Aug 18 - TOPS @ 11am

Thurs Aug 20 - Event Planners @ 9:30am

MISSION MOMENT

Each year, with support from Presbyterians Sharing through Regional Resourcing Grants, the Presbytery of Vancouver Island hosts a retreat that nurtures faith, friendship, and renewal for women. Participants, ranging in age from 19 to 83, reflect the rich diversity of generations growing together in Christ. Through shared worship, meaningful conversations, and engaging activities, participants from across the island deepen their spiritual practices and support one another in their journeys of faith. Guided by inspiring guest speakers and rooted in community, the retreat provides a space to listen, learn, and grow, leaving every participant feeling refreshed, strengthened, and more deeply connected in both heart and spirit.

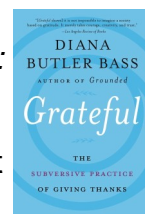


**Presbyterians
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Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry in Canada and around the world supported by Presbyterians Sharing, and Presbyterian World Service & Development.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Just a reminder that there will be another discussion of the book *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. Add this to your summer reading list, and plan to join us! Watch for more details to follow.



Thank you to Rev. Kerry McLaughlin for once again leading us in worship this morning. And thanks to our guest organist, Carol Wehrstedt, for providing the music for today's service, as well as earlier in the summer.



SHELTER HOUSE IN NEED



Shelter House Thunder Bay is experiencing an exceptionally great demand for their services, and as such, they are in need of volunteers to fill a number of roles, including dishwashing, meal preparation, and kitchen support. Volunteers are accepted on an ongoing basis, or one session at a time. They welcome community groups, friends, or individuals who wish to lend a hand in supporting this incredibly important community service. Different roles and time slots are available. If you are interested, please contact Susan Cramp at susan.cramp@shelterhouse.on.ca

I WAS THIRSTY



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The I WAS THIRSTY outreach mission continues to operate, bringing thousands of bottles of water to people throughout our community. With the extreme summer heat, this project is as vital as ever, and support is gratefully accepted. Donations may be received directly through St. Andrew's online at standrewspres-tbay.ca/donate/ or by marking a donation envelope with I WAS THIRSTY. Volunteer opportunities are also available to help with deliveries. If you are not able to donate or volunteer, you can help by sharing the news of this work. For more information, follow us on Facebook, or visit our website at iwasthirsty.ca

VOLUNTEER WITH US



It's still summer, but at St. Andrew's, there's already 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 on September 26th, a Staged Play Reading on October 17th, and the Christmas Concert on December 6th! **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. Keep an eye out for more details about these events, to be shared very soon!

COMMUNION



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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"There is always, always, always something to be grateful for."

- Unknown

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



ABOUT COLLECTIVE 2026

Collective Gathering is an annual event for youth and young adults (as well as their leaders) from all across Canada to join together and celebrate, discuss, and explore their faith through workshops, discussion groups, and recreational activities. It was created in 2024, combining the Presbyterian Church's Canada Youth event (which St. Andrew's had participated in in the past), and the United Church's Rendez-Vous event. This year's event extends over three days, and is being held at the Brock University campus in St. Catherine's, ON, beginning on August 12th. The theme is "(em)brace for Impact," which is about acknowledging the scary, overwhelming challenges of the world, while recognizing our own individual ability to be a force for positive change by supporting one another, and holding each other in care and authenticity. We pray that this is an enlightening and empowering experience for all participants!

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

