



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP



St. Andrew's is excited to announce the return of our Holistic Wellness Workshop! This will be a full day of learning from a brand new panel of diverse presenters who will share with us their knowledge and expertise. This workshop is designed to help us on our own personal journeys of self-care and wellness.

The event will be held at St. Andrew's on **Saturday, September 26th**, from **9:00am-3:00pm**. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and there will be draws for prizes! Tickets are \$65 each, and are limited, so book yours today! **And please spread the word - share our post on Facebook, or request printed posters from the church office.**

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting our website, standrewspres-tbay.ca, or through the office by contacting us at 807-622-4273, or office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY



After a summer break, we look forward to welcoming children & youth back into worship with us. The next Children & Youth Sunday will be on **Sunday, September 20th** at **11am**, and include the **Blessing of the Backpacks**. We encourage children & youth returning to school or daycare to bring their backpacks to church to receive a special bag tag as a reminder that "God's got their back!"

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Sept 8 - Seekers @ 11am
Tues Sept 8 - TOPS @ 11am
Tues Sept 8 - Session @ 7pm
Wed Sept 9 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Thurs Sept 10 - Event Planners @ 9:30am

BIBLE STUDY: MATTHEW FOR EVERYONE

A five-part study using N.T. Wright's
Matthew for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1-15
(20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide)

Wednesdays: September 30th - October 28th
(7:00-8:30pm)

or **Thursdays: October 1st - October 29th**
(12:15pm-1:45pm)

N. T. Wright's updated translation and insightful commentary breathe fresh life into the gospel of Matthew. Here, Jesus emerges as a multifaceted figure: the long-awaited Messiah, a teacher surpassing Moses, and the compassionate Son of Man sacrificing for all. Matthew invites readers to embrace Jesus' wisdom and the transformative way of life he imparts. You can order the book yourself through Indigo or other online retailers (be sure to get the 20th anniversary edition), or ask Rev. Joyce to help you secure a copy. And please let her know if you plan to attend, either through contacting her directly or connecting with Jordan in the office. If you have been looking for a way to engage with scripture, glean new insights, and connect with others, this is a place for you.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love."

- Henri Nouwen (priest, professor, writer)

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



Please note that Sunday morning worship will move from 10am to 11am as of next Sunday, September 13th.

From Joyce

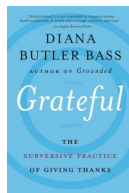


Hello! After a three-month hiatus from writing, I'm back! Actually, as you are likely aware, I was away from all congregational work from the beginning of June through the end of August. The first week of June I attended the Presbyterian Church in Canada's General Assembly (GA) as a commissioner and convenor of the PCC's Committee to Nominate Standing Committees. Yeah, longest title for a committee ever! General Assembly was, as always, an enlightening endeavour, learning more about this Presbyterian denomination of ours, strengthening bonds with those I have met over the years, and as always, meeting new people. I know there are many who would find attending these meetings rather onerous, but for me, it was and is a time of connecting, learning, and growing edges. I, and many others, can find the GA pretty daunting when we go before this gathering to speak or make motions, this year I did both. You would think that standing up in front of a congregation each week would prepare me for this, but nope! I have attended many General Assemblies over the years and I still shake in my shoes when I speak at a mic to address the court. I could go on about this, and things may sneak into upcoming newsletters about this experience, but to share more about my summer...

Ken and I camped a little, hung around home some, but the major excitement was going to Europe mid July to mid August. My parents are both immigrants from The Netherlands and I have a lot of family there. Three of my cousins were very gracious to host Ken and I, along with our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, into their homes. Arriving in the country we first spent three days in Amsterdam, just the five of us. Then we spent the next week and a half visiting family and sights. As I had travelled with my parents to The Netherlands twice before, once as a teenager, and then eighteen years ago, it was pretty special to share this experience with my daughter and her family. After two weeks together our daughter's family headed off to have another European experience, while Ken and I finished up our visiting and then took a week to visit Brussels, London, and then Cardiff, before flying back to Toronto. So that is the broad sweep of an overview. Again, likely that more about these past three months will show up in my writing. However, right now I am excited to get back to work, to spend time preparing worship, visiting, and generally doing ministry. I am really looking forward to what these next few months are going to bring and to being back with all of you in person, online, and in print. ☺

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.



BUTTER FOR SHORTBREAD

Our annual shortbread sale is coming up fast, and in preparation for that, we are starting to stock up on butter. If you see **salted butter** on sale (\$4.99 or less), please consider buying some for St. Andrew's. It can be brought to the church any Sunday, or during office hours, to be stored in the freezer until it is needed. We will gratefully accept butter donations, but receipts can also be submitted to the church office for reimbursement.



CLEANING CREW NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to help with a deep-clean of our sanctuary on **Monday, September 21st**. Clean-up will begin at **9am**, and the more people we have to help, the faster it will go! This will involve physical labour, so it's a great way to get your exercise in for the day if you are so able. If you are interested, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the front office. Please speak to the caretaker, Sheila, if you have any questions. Thanks so much to all who are willing to help out!

BOOKING CHURCH SPACE

As we head into the fall, things are going to start getting busy at St. Andrew's! With the return of regular church activities and fundraisers, as well as ongoing and increased interest in renting the building from various community groups, **it is important that all requests to use or access church space are submitted to the office with as much notice as possible.** (807)-622-4273, or office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.

