



ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

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UNDERCOVER PROGRAM



For over 20 years, the Undercover Project by Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to providing children in need, age 4-14, with 7 pairs of new socks and underwear, ensuring their dignity and comfort. This program supports well over 1000 children annually, with over 1800 benefiting last year alone.

St Andrew's is happy to be participating in this program once again. We ask that you drop off new children's underwear and socks at the church, into a bin marked "Undercover" by **Sunday, November 22nd**. If you prefer to give financially, please visit clothingassistance.com.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Thus human freedom is freedom to respond with thanksgiving."

- Karl Barth, "The Humanity of God"



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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

FIRST-WESLEY TEA & BAZAAR

First-Wesley United Church (130 N. Brodie St.) is hosting their Christmas Tea & Bazaar on **Saturday, November 7th** from **1:00pm-3:30pm**. Admission is \$10 and Children under 5 are free. Call Kathleen at 807-577-1297 to reserve tickets in advance.



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon Oct 19 - Welcome & Fellowship Team @ 6:30pm

Tues Oct 20 - TOPS @ 11am

Wed Oct 21 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed Oct 21 - The Music Class® @ 4pm, 5:15pm

Wed Oct 21 - Bible Study @ 7pm

Thurs Oct 22 - The Music Class® @ 11am

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Thurs Oct 22 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm

SHORTBREAD SALES OPEN

St. Andrew's is now accepting orders for our annual shortbread sale! You may place your order on our website, standrewspres-tbay.ca, or by



contacting the church office. The cost is \$11 per dozen. Pickup dates will be Friday, November 27th from 11am-3pm, and Saturday, November 28th, from 10am-2pm. **The final day to place orders is Friday, October 30th.** No late orders will be accepted, so get your order in soon!

Whether you buy shortbread to enjoy yourself, to give as a gift, or to share with family and friends, St. Andrew's appreciates your support!

SHORTBREAD VOLUNTEERS

St. Andrew's annual shortbread sale is one of our most important fundraisers.

But in order to carry this out, we need numerous volunteers. If you are able to



help wash shortbread tins between **9am-12pm** **this Thursday, October 22nd** and/or **Friday, October 23rd**, please contact the office to sign up. Of course, **we also need bakers** as the orders are rolling in! Whether you have volunteered to bake in the past, or are interested in doing so for the first time, we welcome your support! Butter can be signed out from the church freezer. Printed copies of our traditional shortbread recipe are available for pickup in the front office or can be sent by email upon request. Shortbread can be dropped off at the church during office hours or on Sundays. Please be sure to label your containers. If you wish to support this work but are unable to bake, we welcome monetary donations to cover the cost of butter. Contact the office with any questions!

From Joyce



This week has been an interesting one. Sometimes I think that ministry is not for the faint of heart. The rollercoaster of emotions I can experience in one day can be a little mind blowing. This week alone Ken and I enjoyed not one, but two thanksgiving dinners that I did not have to cook and was blessed by the hosts with their wonderful hospitality. I led a service of baptism and communion in Geraldton and enjoyed one last weekend in our RV. On Tuesday I was back at St. Andrew's to lead a funeral for a lovely and gracious woman and spend time with her family. Wednesday, I sat by the bedside of the oldest member of our congregation, Flo Haire, knowing that it would likely be the last time I would be near her. Tears flowed as I prayed and sang some hymns over her. From there I went back to the church and sang some more, this time with young families filled with joy as The Music Class is just joy filled time. The juxtaposition of going from the eldest who was dying to the youngest that were filled with life hit me hard. The evening ended with great conversation about the Bible, God, and faith during the Bible study. When I got home, I learned that Flo had passed away. She was 101 years old, and I loved her.

But that wasn't the end of the week, more music with young families, and great conversation again at a Bible Study where we were and are discussing the Gospel of Matthew. The days of the week included planning for Sunday and the weeks beyond for worship as I am already preparing for special services in November and the season of Advent. We seem to have a number of our members in the hospital and that brought me to visits with them. Then a gathering to remember our beloved Gus Barclay, meetings, conversations, time spent in my own church office culling old files that have been gathering dust for up to 30 years, were also part of the week. Oh, and a world premiere of a play at St. Andrew's! Wow! I have to stop here and say, the time, talents, organization, and gifts that people have donated to make that happen was incredible. Thank you is not nearly enough, but, Thank You! And now there are three more funerals/internments coming up along with the time with those families. More planning, phone calls, visits. It has been and continues to be a lot! But I wouldn't change it.

It is a blessing that our ministry is filled with activity and people willing to participate in that work and support our work. Your continued desire to serve God, others, and the church does not go unnoticed. Our staff is incredible, Sheila, Jordan, and Barb, are continually giving more than is in their job descriptions and they do it with such grace and love. I am filled with gratitude that families still reach out to the church and to me in times of struggle, grief, and recovery. Do I get tired? Of course. Do I love what I get to do with and among all of you? Without a doubt! I am deeply grateful for all the ways I get to interact with people and in all kinds of circumstances. I get to cry, laugh, reflect, learn, and be present with so many people. Thank you for being the church, thank you for letting me be me among you.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Sunday.

During the service, we will say the names of people from or connected to our congregation who have passed in the last year. We will light candles in remembrance. Anyone wishing to remember someone by lighting a candle during the service will have the opportunity to do so.

On **Sunday, November 8th**, we will observe **Remembrance Sunday** during the regular service at 11am. We also invite you to join us prior to the service for **Coffee & Conversation** at 10:30am.



Sunday, November 15th is the next **Children & Youth Sunday**. All are invited to be a part of this special service, and to join us afterwards for a **Souper Sunday lunch**, hosted by the Session.

MISSION MOMENT

Journey for Hope is a Canada-wide fundraiser for Presbyterian World Service & Development food security work around the world. For the 6th year, participants from coast to coast will walk, roll, bike, or take part in other activities their communities love in order to raise funds for worldwide food security. Ultimately, Journey for Hope is about partnership—people across Canada working together to plan local events that raise funds for the church's work to ensure that marginalized families in places like the Sudan, Gaza, Malawi, Pakistan, Nepal, Guatemala, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia have reliable access to nutritious food. Journey for Hope is just one way to get involved.

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.