

StAC Xtra

The latest news at St. Andrew's

August 2021 Updates for the St. Andrew's family members without internet technology or visually challenged.



Our Best Wishes to Rev Jared, Beth and the family as they move to Niagara Falls, Ontario



Grateful, Thankful, Blessed!

Yolande Chengwe and Martin Ghogomu are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby girl, Meira Yah, little sister to Kayla. Welcome to the world Meria! And welcome to your St. Andrew's faith family.



St Andrew's Nursing Health Ministry

This ministry is devoted to growing life together through wellness. Its members include registered nurses, or those with appropriate health-care training and experience, who, on a volunteer basis, promote health and wholeness for members of the congregation through health education and promotion activities, spiritual support and encouragement. This ministry reflects the faith and compassion of Christ's followers and calls on the resources of the church and community to carry out this ministry of healing body, mind and spirit. We are in the process of reviewing this ministry and the first step is to change the name to better reflect our purpose. *Wellness Ministry* reflects our new mandate to broaden the scope of health education information to groups and individuals, collaborating with other ministries within the church and with community partners. We would like to invite all professionals related to other health disciplines to join our team. Please contact Alice Williams at 403-281-4247 or by email alicemwilliams@shaw.ca if you are interested in joining our team.



- We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Bruce McVean, a long-time member who passed away on August 10, 2021.
- All of us miss our great friend and dedicated Elder, Shirley Davidson, who passed away on Saturday, August 21st.
- We extend sympathy to the family and friends of Fiona Bates, who passed away August 24, 2021. Fiona was the daughter of Hugh and Carol Bates, sister to Sarah and Edward, and stepdaughter of Margaret.
- Sympathy is also extended to Susan Cha and her family on the death of Susan's sister Hannah Shin early in August.

If you cannot use the computer to donate or register

- Send a cheque to: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary, AB T2V 2W4 (e.g. Residential School Reconciliation Fund – pg. 3)
- Call the church office: 403-255-0001 to arrange for registration to events



Sexuality and Faith Explored

Together with God

Last year, before Covid, the Human Sexuality Task Force was planning a series of workshops in May, the purpose of which was to explore together, with God, the intersections of sexuality and faith and how they fit into life here at St. Andrews.

In June the General Assembly of the PCC passed two resolutions: one, to ordain LGBTQ+ ministers and ruling elders and the other, to affirm both the traditional definition of marriage as "a covenant between a man and a woman" as well as marriage being a "covenant relationship between two adult persons".

Our Denomination offers a generous space at a time like this. There will be no immediate changes for us since each Session is required to work through these decisions and discern for itself. We too would like to provide generous space at St. Andrew's to engage as individuals and a community of faith in discussion and prayerful discernment in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information.



Love and Best Wishes to Judy Bridgemohan

As she heads to Qatar in September for a 3 year Completion & Workovers Engineering position with Qatargas in Doha

Her message is "Thank you for all the opportunities that St. Andrew's has given me for the past 3-1/2 years I have been at home and I look forward when I return to continue my service at St Andrews." Our message is that we look forward to your safe return and thank you for service to us in the areas of Communications and the Creative Growth and Care Team, among others!



At our Sunday, August 29th service we enjoyed hearing

"RefleXions" on Rev. Marion Barclay's fond memories of St. Andrew's Community

As contained in the "Book of Praise" we gave her in 2005



In response to the devastating confirmation of unmarked graves on the grounds of former residential schools, and in honour of the children who were lost and all the people living with the consequences of that legacy, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has established a new fund:

**Honouring the Children:
Reconciliation and Residential Schools**