

Dear St Andrew's Family,

Since we ARE like a family, who care for each other I wanted to share some news with you that I know you would want to know. Janice MacLean, our office administrator, has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. This news came as a shock to her and her family, and she asked me to share it with you. They do not yet know the stage or the course of treatment. Janice will be out of the office starting Wednesday, April 14th for surgery and analysis of cancer. She plans to return on Monday, April 26th. Even at that time, she may not yet have the results of the biopsies which will determine her treatment. As you know waiting is very difficult on a person. And having people ask "have you heard yet" isn't helpful.

Janice wanted you to know, because of the closeness of our community. But we request that you give her the privacy she and her family need to process this and make decisions about next steps. Janice knows you care about her which is why she wanted you to know. We will let you know when her treatment plan is established, but please wait until we share it with you instead of asking Janice.

Here is what you CAN do... hold Janice, her family and the doctors in prayer. Pray for comfort, courage, strength and healing. Also, if you want to send her a card letting her know you are thinking about her and wishing her well. Here is her address: 3-21 Mineral Place, Central Onslow, NS B6L 0E7.

I will keep folks up to date on Janice. If you have any questions or concerns, I am Janice's appointed spokesperson. Please come to me.

Also, the office hours will be affected with Janice being out and I am looking for some volunteers who might be able to sit in the office and answer phones, do some photocopying etc. Please let me know if you are able.

Blessings,

Rev. Shannon 902-221-6449

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