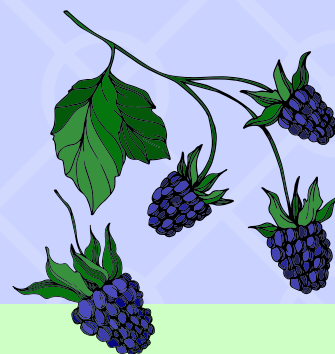


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# This Week at St. Andrew's

August 12, 2020



## What to do with all that summer fruit?

- 2 cups blackberries
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3 cups sliced peaches or nectarines (3 medium)
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar (can sub coconut sugar for diabetic friendly)
- 1/2 cup flour of your choice (white, whole wheat, gluten-free)
- 1/2 cup old-fashioned oats (use "pure oats" for gluten free)
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Heat oven to 375°. Place blackberries in large bowl. Sprinkle with cornstarch; toss until blackberries are coated. Carefully stir in peaches. Place fruit in ungreased square baking dish (8x8x2 inches). Mix remaining ingredients until crumbly; sprinkle over fruit. Bake about 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown and fruit is tender.

This recipe for Blackberry Peach Crisp uses some favourite summer fruits and is easily adapted for various dietary needs.



Please pray for Brian Titus and Colina in the death of Brian's mom, Joan Titus yesterday. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.



[Click here](#) to sing with Christine to "God of Mercy, God of Grace"



Our past service videos can now all be found on our [YouTube channel](#). This way the videos don't slow our website and they can be easily found by folks in our community and anyone you share them with.



## *A Presbyterian Connection to the Crisis in Lebanon*

**From the National Church:** The massive chemical explosion in Beirut has affected almost everyone in the city, including our long-standing partner, the Near East School of Theology (NEST). NEST trains 90% of the protestant pastors in the Middle East, keeping alive the faith in the region where Christ was born and taught.

With all eight floors and two basements of the NEST building affected, the glass windows, doors, panels as well as the internal wooden doors were completely shattered. It has been reported that the NEST community (as far as we can determine) are safe and uninjured.

Employees and workers of the school, along with a number of volunteers, have been working tirelessly since the explosion occurred to try and clean up the debris in the building. However, despite the dedicated efforts of staff and volunteers, extra hired help has had to be brought in to assist with the cleaning process, and the repair work will be financially difficult.

During this worldwide crisis, the devaluation of the Lebanese currency and border restrictions and fear will reduce the number of international students and only further contribute to the seminary's precarious situation.

In an update from NEST's President, Dr. George Sabra, he expressed his hope and tremendous gratitude for all of the support NEST has received thus far in response to the crisis: "Your response to our crisis has been overwhelming. I am truly moved by the expressions of sympathy, concern and support which my office has received in a shower of e-mails. To know that NEST has so many true friends and supporters is a great source of comfort and encouragement."

"We have hope that we can pull through with God's help and the support of our network of friends. After all, this institution made it through two World Wars and crises in the region, including a 15-year-old war in Lebanon."

Donations for relief through PWS&D are currently being matched by the Canadian government. To donate or for more information on the crisis and the PWS&D response [click here](#).

*Let love and faithfulness  
never leave you; bind them around  
your neck, write them on the tablet of  
your heart. Then you will win favour  
and a good name in the sight of God*

*and man.*

*Proverbs 3:3-4*



## *Message from The Committee to Re-enter the Sanctuary:*

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to usher when we re-enter the Sanctuary! The committee will be in touch with you soon regarding the new system for safely seating the congregation.



## *Read From Your Bible This Week*

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

