

St. Andrew's News

Sunday, November 22, 2015
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Welcome to the worship of God this morning, and to our shared life in this church. It is a pleasure to have you with us today. Seat cushions are available at the back of the

sanctuary. Please ask a greeter for help. We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.



Get in the Christmas Spirit...

Members of The **Thunder Bay Community Choir**, under the direction of Mary McGhee, will perform their Christmas Concert here at St. Andrew's on

Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

The recipients of the free-will offering for charity this year are

The Lakehead Shrine Club (Khartum Children's Transportation Fund),

and

Lifewater Canada,
(a St. Andrew's Outreach project)



Week of November 22—28, 2015

Today IOOF Brunch after church 12 noon
Mon Fun & Fitness..... 9:30 a.m.
Wed Fun & Fitness..... 9:30 a.m.

EVENING GUILD



A special thank you to all who donated knitting, crafts, or items for the nearly-new table for our church bazaar.

All was greatly appreciated.

Members of Evening Guild

BOB

Bob Belanger, our long-time caretaker, Mr. Fixit (or MacGuyver), and friend, is leaving St.

Andrew's after 15 years of dedicated service. We hope you get time to wish him the best. His last day of work here is Monday, November 30.

**RETIREMENT
NEXT EXIT**

FIGURES FROM TEA AND BAZAAR (to date)

Ticket sales	\$1,638.00
Evening Guild.....	\$1,211.55
Bake table	\$1,360.00
Shortbread	\$1,734.00
Christmas Room	\$ 345.75
St. Aidan's Table	\$ 797.25
Shepherds' Pies.....	\$1,100.00

Thank you to all who helped out in any way.

CARING AND CONTACT TEA

Members of the Caring & Contact Group are hosting their annual Christmas Tea for seniors and shut-ins, on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 from 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.



We are requesting volunteer drivers to pick up those who need transportation; you may then join us for the tea. Please contact the church office at 622-4273.



Upcoming events around town...

- ⇒Lakehead Choral Group Christmas Concert Dec. 2 @ 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes RC Church. Tickets are \$15 in advance (\$18 at the door) and are available from Rollason Flowers, Music World Academy, Finnish Bookstore/Kitchen Nook, Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe, and all Lakehead Choral Group members
- ⇒Christmas Ham Dinner—Knox Shuniah United Church, Friday, Dec. 4 @ 5 p.m.
- ⇒Carol Sing-along with Lakeview & Friends Choir-Lakeview Presbyterian, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. with hot cider and cookies, in support of RFDA
- ⇒Christmas Tea—Westminster United—December 5 from 1—3:30 p.m.
- ⇒Gentlemen of Harmony Spring Show "Life could be a Dream" scheduled for May 7/16. Advance tickets (**gifts?**) \$20 until December 31/15.

Always check the bulletin boards

From Rev. Joyce

Happy New Year! Now before you think I have lost it, let me explain. Today, Christ the King or Reign of Christ Sunday, marks the end of the Christian calendar. It is the last Sunday before we begin again with Advent. Today is a day to celebrate that Christ is king and reigns in a kingdom that is not bound by borders created by human minds and hands. Christ's kingdom is also more than out there in some heavenly place. Christ's kingdom is in our hearts and in our relationships. The power that Christ holds over his people is the power of love and it is by that love given freely to us that we are able to live our own lives in the power of love.

This is not some airy fairy love, this is deep, genuine, and profound love that we are to have for each other simply because we are human and value life and each person's life. Not easy to do when you think about the people you may find difficult or challenging to deal with, and particularly given the violence that we have witnessed in the news. Still, we are called to love; that is who God is, and that is what God's kingdom is about, and love usually has a cost.

The cross is a testament to the lengths God was willing to go to show love. How far are we willing to go to show love in our own lives and as a community of faith?

May God grant us an overflowing capacity for love.



FACILITIES & FINANCE

Electricity costs to operate our facility are \$6,500 annually.

PRAYER INVITATIONS

As Christians, we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with this, we simply move through the church membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers:

Jamie, Mairi, Eilidh and Seonid Gerow; Dorothy Goose; Gerald, Lori, Michael, and Scott Gosselin; Peggy Graham; Kay Green; Allan, Alexander, and Mia Haapa-Aho; and Jennifer Haapa-Aho.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

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Serving God in Ukraine

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*

support David and Anna Pándy-Szekeres as they serve with the Reformed Church of the sub-Carpathian Ukraine (RCCU), a church of ethnic Hungarians. David helps post and supervise RCCU missionaries in Ukraine and coordinates external missions and mission outreach to Roma communities. He is an education consultant and public relations assistant for the RCCU, and serves as a consultant to four Christian secondary schools serving Hungarian students living in Ukraine. David also works with the Terra Dei Foundation, helping to develop agricultural practices in the region. Anna is a teacher, former principal and founder of Nagyberég Reformed Church Secondary School. She serves as an educational advisor and supervisor to the four RCCU schools.

Presbyterians Sharing supports international mission staff

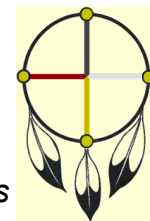
UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES

- November 29—Advent I—worship with Communion at 11:00 a.m.
- December 6—Advent II—worship at 11:00 a.m.
- December 13—Advent III—worship at 11:00 a.m., and White Gift Sunday
- December 20—Advent IV—Lessons and Carols followed by a potluck
- December 24—Christmas Eve—two services 7:00 candlelight; and 10 p.m. candlelight with Communion

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

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