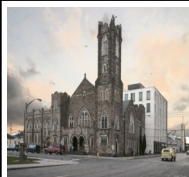


# St. Andrew's News

Sunday, November 29, 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.

## Week of Nov. 30— Dec. 5, 2015

**Mon** Fun & Fitness .....9:30 a.m.  
Office closed at..... 11:40 am  
**Wed** Fun & Fitness .....9:30 a.m.

## **GREETERS**

Thank you to the members of St. Andrew's Session who greeted in November.

Members of the Caring & Contact Group will greet in December.



## **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.

Members 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 to confirm.



## **THUNDER BAY COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Remember to come and enjoy **the Advent Journey** concert **TODAY** at 4:00 pm here at St. Andrew's.



## **UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES**

- 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
- December 27—Wassail Service at 11:00 a.m. come and join in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy cider and cookies while we worship



## **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*

## **PRESENTS FOR PEACE**



It's time! The tree is up, and Advent has begun! Donations for the Women's Shelters, Elizabeth Fry Society, and St. Andrew's Children's Aid family may be left under the tree in Rowand Hall, until December 13. Suggested personal needs include socks, mitts, hats, gift cards, or small kitchen items. Can't get out to shop? Call Jan Sewell at 622-3110.

## **DESK CALENDARS FOR SALE**

The Parish Health Ministry is once again selling desk calendars for 2016, featuring more of the windows of St. Andrew's. Proceeds will go to the church operating budget. The cost for a refill is \$10; the cost for a calendar in case is \$15; and the cost for two is \$20. Available in church office.

## **FACILITIES & FINANCE**

This week's message is to advise that the annual cost of water for St. Andrew's is \$1,700.

## From Rev. Joyce

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.



These familiar words, the beginning of a poem which includes more verses like the first, are believed to have been penned in Latin in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The words along with the haunting melody of Gregorian plainsong (think monks singing), and which we now sing, are heard in stark contrast to what we are experiencing each time we walk into a store at this time of year.

Even our sanctuary, beautifully decorated as it is, does not reflect the sense of waiting that is really the essence of the season of Advent. If you desire to truly honour the story of Christ's birth and the Christmas story, your spiritual practice could include times of quiet reflection on the truly amazing gift of God, come in the most vulnerable form possible – a human baby.

Emmanuel – God with us.

## Upcoming events around town...

- ⇒ Lakehead Choral Group Christmas Concert  
Dec. 2 @ 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes RC Church.  
Part of proceeds go to Regional Food  
Distribution Association
- ⇒ 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.; hot cider and cookies, in support of  
RFDA
- ⇒ Fort William Male Choir concert both Friday,  
December 4, and Saturday, December 5, at  
7:30 p.m. at the Community Auditorium
- ⇒ Christmas Tea—Westminster United Church  
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.

## PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Presbyterians

### World AIDS Day



December 1 is World AIDS Day. The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Presbyterian World Service & Development, continues to support HIV and AIDS programs that fight stigma and discrimination, teach and equip people to prevent the spread and the transmission between mother and child, and provide home based care and medications to those living with the disease. PWS&D also works with partners at Titukule Ana—a program in Malawi that provides counselling and support for orphans and vulnerable children.

Janet Machemba's parents passed away when she was young. With support from the program, Janet was able to participate in a tailoring course and is well on her way to creating a brighter future. “I am very happy that I have been given this opportunity,” she shares.

*PWS&D is restoring hope for vulnerable children*

## 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:

**Ken and Elaine Haggerty; Florence Haire;  
Alan Halverson; Edith  
Halverson; Katharine  
Hamilton; John, Janet, and  
Ian Hannan; Beth Hanson;  
Ellwood Hanson; Murray  
Hanson; and Margaret, Jim,  
Casey, and Kathryn Harding.**



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