

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



St. Andrew's News

Sunday, December 13, 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent
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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 Dec. 14—19, 2015

Mon Fun & Fitness9:30 a.m.
Wed Fun & Fitness9:30 a.m.

The **Caring and Contact** Group would like to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Senior/Shut In Tea a success. We were delighted that so many were able to attend and everyone had a wonderful time.



A MESSAGE FROM BOB...

I want to express my profound and heartfelt thank you to all my dear friends at St. Andrew's for the wonderful and emotional send off on my retirement. I have never in life received so many cards of appreciation. They have meant a lot to me. Thank you again.



Bob

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE OFFICE

Faye will be away for the month of December. Lori will be covering for her Monday to Thursday.

UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES

- December 20 - Advent IV - Lessons and Carols followed by a potluck
 - December 24 - Christmas Eve will have 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



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY



For all youth in grade 5 and up, please join us at Lakeview Presbyterian at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on **Sunday, December 13, 2015**. If you have questions, please contact Will or Sarah.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & CRAFTS

After the carols and lessons service on Sunday, December 20, please stay for our celebration of Christmas potluck and crafts.

We'll meet in Rowand Hall.

Please bring a dish to share.

Craft projects will be available after lunch.



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 2016 desk calendars 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 a case is \$15; and the cost for two is \$20.

From Rev. Joyce

Rejoice! Today being the 3rd Sunday of Advent we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. It is a reminder of the joy with which the message of the birth of the Messiah had been received. It was a time of rejoicing, particularly for the shepherds who received the news from angel choirs while tending their flocks. Overall, Advent is intended to be a rather solemn time in the church, a time of mediating and reflecting on the story of God come in the form of a human baby and what that has meant for people and the world. This birth changed the world and how we live in it! The 3rd Sunday signals that even in the midst of challenge there is a place for great joy and expectation. May hope, peace, and joy be yours in abundance throughout the Advent season and every day.



SESSION REQUEST...

Attention all Groups and Committees: We ask that your annual report submission for 2015 be forwarded to the church office by January 15th, 2016. Thank you

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING GIVINGS UPDATE...



We have committed to \$28,000 for 2015. We are predicting a shortfall of \$2,000 by year's end. Please help up reach our commitment if you can. Thank You

FACILITIES & FINANCE

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:

Roberta Haywood; Susan and Luke Heald; Larry, Kathy, Jeff & Kelly Hebert; Nancy & Brian Hicks; Janice Hill; Bruce & Ellen Hole; David & Sean Hole; Rob Hole, Jennifer Wiseman, Aidan & Britton Hole.



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING



Thinking outside the box Presbyterians Sharing provides grants to smaller congregations and pastoral charges as they work towards becoming self-sufficient. Central Grey-Bruce Presbyterian Cooperative Ministry in Ontario is made up of four small rural congregations with a focus on shared ministry, renewal and growth. Born out of a mixture of difficulty, necessity and an unprecedented willingness to do whatever it takes to maintain each of their individual churches as vibrant and meaningful God-centred presences in their communities, these congregations have chosen to step outside of their comfort zones. Members of each congregation hope to build on their strengths and gifts to continue their ministry in a new way.

Presbyterians Sharing supports congregational renewal

FACILITIES & FINANCE

Where does your money go?



Staffing (5 people) for the church including honorariums (2 people) costs: Salaries \$119,000; CPP \$4,400; Employment Insurance \$2,750; WSIB \$980; Pension \$14,000; Health & Dental \$4,300.

GIVING ENVELOPES...

Offering Envelopes



Recently, envelope #36 was used, yet our records indicate that #36 is unassigned. If you, or someone you know, is using offering box #36, please contact the office

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