

## St. Andrew's News

Sunday, December 13, 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent www.standrewspres-tbaytel.net





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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## Week of Dec. 14-19, 2015

Mon	Fun 8	& Fitness	9:30 a.m.
Wed	Fun 8	& Fitness	9:30 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.



#### **UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES**

- <u>December 20</u> Advent IV Lessons and Carols followed by a potluck
- <u>December 24</u> 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 are and applied while.

atmosphere and enjoy cider and cookies while we worship

### **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.





## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** 

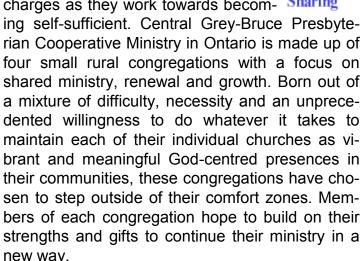
## **PRAYER INVITATIONS**

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 Presbyterians

Thinking outside the box Presbyterians Sharing provides grants to smaller congregations and pastoral charges as they work towards becom-



Presbyterians Sharing supports congregational renewal

#### **FACILITIES & FINANCE**

Where does your money go?

Staffing (5 people) for the church including honorariums (2 people)

costs: <u>Salaries</u> \$119,000; <u>CPP</u> \$4,400; <u>Employment Insurance</u> \$2,750; <u>WSIB</u> \$980; <u>Pension</u> \$14,000; Health & Dental \$4,300.





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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