

St. Andrew's News

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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 Feb. 15 - 21, 2016

Mon Family Day Office is Closed
Tue Evening Guild..... 12:30 p.m.
Wed Fun & Fitness..... 9:30 a.m.
Mid Week Lenten Service 12:05 noon

DINNER AUCTION APRIL 7TH



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Dinner Auction on April 7th, 6:30 p.m., at the Columbus Centre (corner of May & Arthur Streets) in support of the Restoration

Committee and ongoing efforts to renovate and repair St. Andrew's. This very popular evening of fellowship and good fun will consist of a Live Auction let by auctioneer Peter Kantola, and a Silent Auction let by Jan Sewell. Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$10 for Children under 12. We ask for your support by purchasing tickets for this night of great food and entertainment PLUS we ask that you consider donating a prize for auction (examples include: art, antiques, service items, restaurant/hotel gift certificates, new tools/tackle/sporting goods/entertainment items, etc)

Contact John Mason at 620-3836 to buy tickets (feel free to invite neighbors and friends) and donate a prize.

Thank you!



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21, 2016**, following the service.

To stay informed, please plan to attend.



The Seekers group will host a *fundraising Chili Luncheon* after the service and prior to the meeting. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, and **are available in the main office.**



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

This month's Blood Pressure Clinic will take place on Sunday, February 28th, due to the Annual Meeting taking place on the 3rd Sunday. Please make a note in your calendars for anyone who is wanting to attend.



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:



Murray and Rose Macdonald; Michael, Evelyn and Laurel Macgray; Julie Maciver; Barbara MacKay; Colin and Doreen MacLean; Rod MacPhail; Stanley, Lea and Keith Madge; Duncan and Beverly Malcolm; Nonie Marsh; and Marjorie Marshall.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

A series of Three Lunchtime Lenten Events
Seasonal organ and vocal selections, reflective readings, prayers and devotionals. Presented by the Thunder Bay Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Week of Lent One, February 17: St. Paul's United Church, 349 Waverly. Week of Lent Two, February 24: Holy Family Church, 2055 Rosslyn Road. For Further Information, please contact your church musician or Nancy Wallace at 623-4907



From Rev. Joyce

Today is the first Sunday of Lent! Lent is traditionally a time that people may choose to give something up. Its purpose has always been to allow for a time of self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter. I have to admit that rarely have I ever chosen to give something up, but on many occasions I have chosen to do something that I would not normally do. One year, I decided that I would make time to call, text, or write to someone each day and it had to be a different person each day. This year, I made it known that I wanted to become more disciplined and accountable in my own prayer life, and I give thanks for the people who contacted me to let me know that they would walk with me on what I am coming to call my Lenten Prayer Journey. It will be my practice throughout the 40 days of Lent to spend at least 45 minutes in prayer each day. Each Thursday afternoon of Lent, I will be in the 5th floor chapel from 3:30 – 4:15 to pray and would welcome anyone who might care to join me even if you can only get there one time. One of my daily prayers will be to ask for God's will in the ministry and mission of our church. When you pray I would ask that you might also hold that in your prayers as we discern God's will for us. May God's blessing overflow, as we seek to serve God.



Sensing the Gospel: A Mid-Week Lenten Series...

that explores the story of Jesus through the senses. Each service runs Wednesday 12:05 – 12:25 in the 5th Floor Chapel of St. Andrew's and is followed by a light lunch of soup and bread for those who can stay for fellowship. The March 9th service only is followed by Lunch with a difference in which a meal is served. Service dates are February 17 and 24 & March 2, 9, and 16.



YOUTH GROUP MEETING



There will be a Youth Group Meeting at Lakeview Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 28th from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. All youth grades 5 and up are welcome.

If you have any questions please contact:

Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com) or Sarah Campbell (sarahcampbell@hotmail.com)

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

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Stay related to us; keep us in your prayers



Canada Youth: We are Home

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Canada Youth, a gathering of youth, young adults and youth leaders from across the country, with guests from around the world. Since 2000, CY has been a gathering place for Presbyterian youth to worship, play, create, learn, dance, act, make new friends, study scripture, share joy, laugh, discover, play crazy games, reflect, pray, sing and share. CY is a time and a place to celebrate youth and youth ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Registration for CY 2016 began on February 1! This year's theme is *Joined Together as God's Dwelling Place - We are Home*. Find out more at presbyterian.ca/cy2016. *Presbyterians Sharing is engaging and inspiring young people*

BABY FOOD DRIVE

Mission and Outreach Committee is asking the congregation for donations of canned baby food for the RFD (Regional Food Distribution) food bank. Children are the most vulnerable segment of Thunder Bay's poor. The drive will go until March 6th



Your support is appreciated.

TAX RECEIPTS

Your tax receipts are prepared & are available at the back of the church for pickup. Any that are picked up will save us on postage
Thank you!



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Church Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.