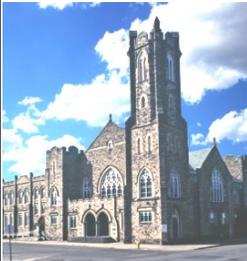




St. Andrew's News

Website: www.standrewspres-tbaytel.ca

December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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 assistance. We invite guests to sign our guest book

located at the back of the sanctuary.



Christmas at St. Andrew's

Please keep in mind the following dates for Advent:

Saturday December 24 – Christmas Eve

7:00 P.M. Family Candlelight Service
10:00 P.M. Candlelight Service with Communion

Sunday December 25 – Christmas Day

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Sunday January 1

11:00 A.M. Wassail Service (cider & cookies)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There will be a blood pressure clinic today after service in Grant Hall.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Rotary Clubs of Thunder Bay are holding their Rotary Christmas Carol Sing today, Sunday December 18th, from 7-9pm.



The Fort William group's Guest Artist will be the Sounds of Superior Chorus at St. Paul's Anglican Church (808 Ridgeway St).

The Port Arthur group's Guest Artist will be the Fort William Male Choir at St. Paul's United Church (349 Waverly St).



Both will also have a variety of talented local musicians and performers. Admission is free. Donations accepted for the Christmas Cheer Fund.

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:



Cheryl, Jordi, Jordan & Chantel Adams; Joanne Adams; Lance & Jan Alexander; Myrna & Andy Anderson; Kathleen Anderson; Kathryn Appelt; Jay & Meghan Arpin.

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

Accompanying people on their healing journey

The Rev. John Wyminga and Rev. Shannon Bell-Wyminga are ministers with the Nazko & Area Dakelh Outreach in the Cariboo region of British Columbia. Shannon shares, "This ministry is about walking the long road with the people of Nazko and the surrounding area. More and more we realize that God is calling us to accompany people on the journey. We walk with them through the tragedies, the grief and the trauma that continues due to poverty, racism and the legacy of the past. We celebrate with them new births, milestones and treatment centre graduations. The power in Jesus' ministry was all about incarnation – God being present in real flesh. As we live that incarnation of Jesus' love, we trust that God's power will also be manifest as we walk the long walk to healing in our communities. Thank you for sharing this love and vision through all your support.

Presbyterians Sharing walks with native peoples



CHRISTMAS CAROL SING



Jan Alexander is organizing a Christmas Carol Sing at Lakehead Manor for today, Sunday December 18th at 1:00pm. Please contact Jan at 622-6911 if you wish to participate.

CARING & CONTACT TEA

On December 7th, 2016, Caring and Contact held their annual Senior and Shut-In Christmas Tea. Approximately 33 guests were in attendance. A short communion services was held following the tea.

We would like to thank all those who attended as well as the volunteers who helped make the tea a success.



BAZAAR RESULTS

Bake Table.....	1,365.75
Evening Guild	1,662.10
Christmas Room (Sunday School).....	263.25
Shepherd's Pies.....	2,018.45
Shortbread.....	3,753.75
St. Aidan's.....	546.00
Christmas Tea	1,333.25
TOTAL	\$ 10,942.55



Thank you to all who helped to make this year's Christmas Tea & Bazaar such a tremendous success!

DONATIONS OF A DIFFERENT KIND

Did you know that you can donate a publicly traded security (ie. stocks, bonds & mutual funds) to the church, receive a tax receipt for the full market value of the security & not pay any tax on the disposition? If this interests you, please contact your investment advisor as soon as possible. In order to claim your donation in 2016, you must have the transaction completed prior to December 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Macaulay through the office (622-4273) or by email at accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.



Donations

GOAL REACHED!

This year we set a goal of sending \$16,000 to Presbyterian Sharing. We are very happy to announce that we have now passed that goal!



From Rev. Joyce,

Hard to believe this is the last Sunday before we celebrate Christmas Eve. Even stranger is that I am not with you. The Lessons and Carols service is one that I enjoy so much, and I trust that it will be a blessing to those of you who are able to be at worship. I give thanks for the many people who have agreed to participate in the worship service, Larry Hebert, the Choir, Rhonda and Morgan Legros, Marilyn Garton, and Greg Brown. Thank you to all of you, and to all who, throughout the year, give of time, energy, talent, and resources to the life and work of the church in service to God and one another.



I know that Christmas Eve can both bring families to church and take others away to be with families. So, at this time I would like to extend Christmas blessings to you. May the season be one of peace, joy, hope, and above all love. Merry Christmas and a prayer for a beautiful and grace filled 2017. Love Joyce

YEAR END IS APPROACHING...

Please note that the church's year end (Dec 31st) is fast approaching. Those who still have receipts from purchases made in 2016 must have those receipts in to the office before the end of the year in order to be reimbursed.



ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for February. In the new year, we will be looking for reports from all groups to put into our Annual Report. Please have your reports into the office by Jan 15th to allow the office time to compile, print and copy the Annual Report in advance of the meeting.



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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

Office Hours: Mon. to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm