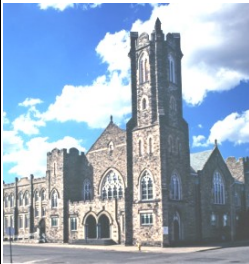




St. Andrew's News

Website: www.standrewspres-tbaytel.ca

December 4, 2016
Second 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.

Week of Dec 5 — 11, 2016

Mon 5 th	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30am
Tue 6 th	Seekers	7:30pm
Wed 7 th	Fun & Fitness.....	9:30am
	Facilities & Finance.....	10:00am
	Caring & Contact Tea	2:00pm

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:



Margaret Walker; Jack, Debbie, Kristen & Courtney Wall; Nancy Wallace; Kelly, Dawn, Ryan, Julia & Olivia Walsh; Larry & Paulette Waugh & Ashley Theriault; Mary West; Geraldine White; Shirley White; Bill, Louise, Hailey, Mallory & Tammison Whitelock;

Advent at St. Andrew's

Please keep in mind the following dates for Advent:

- Sunday December 11** (Advent III)
11:00 A.M. White Gift Sunday Worship
- Sunday December 18** (Advent IV)
11:00 A.M. Lessons & Carols Worship
- 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)

THANK YOU



Thank you so much to Maryellen Fleming for leading the service this week. Joyce will return next Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL POT LUCK!



Mark your calendars! Sunday Dec 11th after the service we will be having our annual Congregational Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share and we can also expect a visit from a very special guest! Ho! Ho! Ho!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Consider your possessions loaned to you by God.

St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), philosopher



THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

December 10 is Human Rights Day

In many parts of Haiti, a lack of resources, gender power imbalances and widespread poverty limit prevention and treatment for women who are victims of sexual violence. Presbyterian World Service & Development is working to protect and promote the rights of women and girls and ensure they have access to the services they need to combat this injustice. After she was attacked on her way to the market, Rodeline received medical care and psychosocial support from health workers and assistance from social workers so she could access legal support. "I am happy and grateful for the health centre's welcome," says Rodeline. "Every time I went there, the staff always took care of me."

PWS&D protects the rights of vulnerable women and girls





Youth Group ~ meets from October to June for all youth, grades 5 and up for a time of fun and fellowship. Outings, church sleepovers and summer camp are also part of the Youth Group. It's a great chance to develop life-long friendships and great memories. If you or someone you know is interested in the Youth Group, contact Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com) or Sarah Campbell (sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com).

Counting Team ~ teams consisting of 4 persons provide the valuable service of counting and reporting the offering after service each Sunday for the month that they are assigned. If you feel that this is an area where you might serve our church, please contact Rev. Joyce.

Visiting Team ~ offering the gifts of time and listening, these trained volunteers visit those who are unable to attend services due to life changes in health, family structure or the effects of aging. This team brings the message that these members of our church community are valued, remembered and cared about.

A GIANT THANK YOU!

A Big Thank You from the Evening Guild to all who helped or donated gifts for our table at the Church Bazaar!



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 email accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.

Donations

DAYLIN JAMES AT ST ANDREW'S

Mark it on your calendar! Daylin James will be playing two Elvis/Daylin James Christmas concerts at St. Andrew's: Dec 17th at 7pm and Dec 18th at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available in the office.



IN MEMORY

As many of you already know, Joyce has been called home to attend the death of her mother, Ann van Polen. Since the announcement of Mrs van Polen's passing the office has received several inquiries as to memorial donations. Joyce has requested that any donation received please be directed to Restoration. Please keep Rev. Joyce in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SING



Jan Alexander is organizing a Christmas Carol Sing at Lakehead Manor for Sunday December 18th at 1:00pm. If interested in participating please contact Jan at 622-6911.

PRESENTS FOR PEACE

The tree is up in Rowand Hall. Donations for the Women's Shelters, Elizabeth Fry Society, Children's Aid and Christmas Cheer may be left under the tree in Rowand Hall until December 18th. 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.

CARING & CONTACT TEA



Caring & Contact is hosting their annual Christmas Tea for seniors & shut-ins on Wed Dec 7th from 2-4pm. Volunteers are needed to pick up those who need transportation. Then join us for the tea. Contact the church office to volunteer.

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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