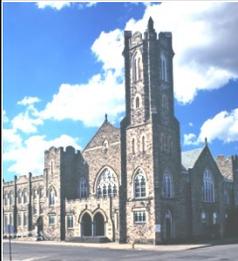


St. Andrew's News

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November 5, 2017



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.

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR

On Sat. Nov. 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm we will be holding our annual and much anticipated Tea & Bazaar!

Tickets for the Tea are \$5.00 and are now available from the office. There will be a variety of sandwiches, delicious dainties & beverages to enjoy. Get your tickets before they're gone!



The Bazaar areas of the church will have our fantastic shortbreads and baking along with crafts, jewelry, collectables & our very special Christmas Store. Anyone wishing to contribute items may drop them off at the church in the week prior to the Tea & Bazaar.



The Sunday School will once again be selling Christmas items (decorations & gifts), books, toys & puzzles. Come up to the 5th floor to find something to take home. We welcome donations. Questions? Contact Marian (577-1324).



Seekers are requesting donations of jewellery for the jewellery table. Please leave donations in the office marked "Seekers."

Shortbread will be made and packed on Thu morning at 9:30 am on Nov. 9th. Anyone interested in helping is welcome OR shortbread may be dropped off at the church.



Look for Judy Persian's 5x7 Note Cards available again this year specially crafted from her original Watercolour Paintings! All proceeds from sales will go to St. Andrew's.

Week of November 5—11, 2017

Mon. 6—Fun & Fitness—9:30 am

Tues. 7—Evening Guild—12:30 pm

Seekers Meeting—7:30 pm

Wed. 8—Fun & Fitness—9:30 am

Lunch with a Difference—12 noon

Thurs. 9—Shortbread Packing—9:00 am

Heritage Committee—9:30 am

Prayers in Chapel—2:00 pm

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:



Alana & Philippe Baron; Lee & Elaine Batstone; Eleanor Beauchamp; Peggy Beese; Darlene & Bob Belanger; Judy Bell; Sharon, Jonathan & Millie Bell; Debra & Lindsay Bennett; Mona Berry; Diane & Ben Berube.

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

We have much to teach

Pray for the 20 congregations attending the *Stewards By Design* conference in Orillia, Ontario this week (November 9-12). Keynote speaker Dr. Kennon Callahan will inspire participants as they learn how to nurture faithful giving and abundant living, expand and strengthen their mission and ministry and make generous giving an ongoing, joyful experience. Dr. Callahan will work with each team to develop a concrete plan suited for their unique situation. A past conference participant shared, "What a tremendous event! The worship was truly inspiring, the fellowship was joyful and the prayers are uplifting. The conference sessions were a true blessing for us all. We learned much and now we have much to teach." About half of the cost of *Stewards By Design* is funded by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* and undesignated bequests.

Presbyterians Sharing is inspiring generosity



From Rev. Joyce,

Though I have shared this from the pulpit, I am not sure how many of you are aware of my involvement in two ecumenical prayer gatherings that have happened in the city in the last few months. The first came in July when a prayer walk for the city was held at Marina Park. A second opportunity took place in September at the Spirit Garden, again at Marina Park, in which I was asked to address those gathered to share with them our experience as a downtown church, the challenges and the blessings. That evening, the group of just over 100 people prayed for St. Andrew's and laid hands on me for a blessing upon our ministry, as well as praying for many concerns that our city has. November 2, a group gathered on the banks of the floodway and on water to pray over that area where so many tragedies have happened in the last years and months.



This evening, Sunday November 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the 5th floor Chapel of St. Andrew's, people will once again gather to pray. I was approached to see if we would be willing to host an evening of prayer, particularly because we are situated across from City Hall, the place that holds power in our city. At this time, people who cross denominational lines, in other words, from many churches within our city will gather to pray for our Mayor and Council, the Thunder Bay Police Service and all first responders, for the challenges of the Indigenous homeless and those who struggle with mental illness and addictions, as well as for St. Andrew's and our ministry.

If you are able to come and pray, to be part of a larger Christian community for an evening, I would be most grateful. We need God to be present in all that we experience as individuals, as a congregation, and as a city. We are all part of God's creation and St. Andrew's as Christian community is called to be a part of the healing of our city. May we know God with us.

HERITAGE WALL

The Heritage Committee got into the holiday mood by putting up pictures of previous Christmas activities. Also included is information about how the Caring & Contact Committee started. Our Christmas tea & bazaar is on Sat. Nov. 18, so there are pictures of the many facets of that big event as well.



ST. ANDREW'S SHEPHERD'S PIE

The chefs of the Mission and Outreach Committee have once again donned their aprons to prepare yummy St. Andrew's Shepherd's Pie for you. Just heat, serve, & enjoy!



These mouth-watering dinners will go quickly so be sure to claim one or more to share or enjoy on your own. To pre-order, add your name to the sign-up sheet posted outside the office.

Pick up at the Bazaar on Nov. 18.

The price is the same as last year, so a single serving size is \$6 and the larger size, suitable to 2 or 3 persons is \$12. You will love them!

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference will begin its 2017-2018 season on Nov. 8 starting at 12 noon. Come out and enjoy great food and great fellowship!



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Please join us for coffee hour hosted by the Heritage Committee after the service on Nov. 12. Hope to see you there.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

-Colossians 3:15



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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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