



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



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.



## PRAYER INVITATION

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*  
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: Florence Haire; Edith & Alan Halverson, Kara Kornylo; Katharine Hamilton; John & Janet Hannam; Ellwood Hanson; Margaret & Jim Harding; Charlotte Harmatiuk; Megan & Chris, Cameron, Isabel Harri; Janice & Brian, Amanda, Michael, Andrew Hartford; Roberta Haywood; Sue Heald; Larry & Kathy Hebert; Nancy Hicks; Bruce & Ellen Hole

## ~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series: The Jesse Tree

**Sunday December 1** (Advent I)  
Isaiah 11:1-9 Stump of Jesse  
Service with Communion

**Sunday December 8** (Advent II)  
Genesis 28:10-19 Jacobs Ladder  
White Gift Sunday

Recognition of 30 Years of  
Caring and Contact Group at St. Andrew's

**Sunday December 15** (Advent III)  
Book of Jonah – Jonah and the Whale  
Church Potluck after Worship hosted by the Faith  
Education Committee of St. Andrew's

**Sunday December 22** (Advent IV)  
Luke 1:57-79 Zachariah's Pencil and Tablet  
Intergenerational Worship Service

**Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
Luke 2:1-21; John 1:1-14 Jesus and the Manger  
7:00 P.M. - Candlelight Service  
10:00 P.M.- Candlelight Service with Communion

**Sunday December 29** (Wassail Service)  
A relaxed service of worship  
that includes cookies and hot apple cider

## WEEK OF NOV 24 - 1, 2019

Sun 24 - Blood Pressure Clinic @ 12:00pm  
Sun 24 - Chocolate Sale @12:00pm  
Mon 25 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30am  
Tue 26 - St. Aidan's @11:30am  
Wed 27 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30am  
Wed 27 - Advent Reading @ 2:00pm  
Wed 27 - Music Pups @ 5:30pm

## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: A DISPLAY OF NATIVITY COLLECTIONS

The Seekers will be hosting a collection of nativities on **December 7, 2019**. If you or anyone you know has a nativity set they'd like to loan out, we would love to feature it in the collection.

All nativity sets can be dropped off on **Dec. 6** and will be returned to their owners after the event.

Permission forms to use your display are available at the front office. That form needs to be filled out and provided with your display.

All displays are welcome!

## ADVENT JOURNEY CHORAL MUSIC FOR ADVENT

*Thunder Bay Community Choir  
directed by Mary McGhee*

Accompanists Joy Fahrenbruck,  
Diana Hannaford-Wilcox and  
Special Guest Musicians

**Sunday December 1, 2019** at 4:00 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
207 S. Brodie Street

Donations will be accepted in support of



## CHOCOLATES FOR SALE

Mykola Cuthbertson will be selling chocolates to raise funds for her curling team to attend the 2020 Special Olympics National Winter Games. Sales will be in the hallway **TODAY** following Worship.

Chocolates are \$3.00 a bar.  
Thank you for your support!

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The clinic will be open following worship today.

## ADVENT BOOK STUDY

The 4 week book study begins **Wednesday Nov. 27 to Dec. 18, 2019** at 2pm @ our church.

We will be using the book by Walter Brueggemann titled *Celebrating Abundance*.

“Advent is not the kind of ‘preparation’ that involves shopping and parties and cards. Such illusions of abundance disguise the true craving of our weary souls. Advent is preparation for the demands of newness that will break the tired patterns of fear in our daily lives.”

—An excerpt from *Celebrating Abundance*

## HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

On Saturday Nov. 30 at 9:30am, St. Mark's Anglican Church will be hosting a card making workshop. The fee is \$30. Contact Marlene Rogers at 939-1390 to register. Deadline to register is Nov. 23. Please bring double sided tape, liquid glue & scissors.

## HERITAGE WALL

Check out the Heritage Wall!  
Christmas is coming and there is now a new collection on the wall highlighting Christmas celebrations past and present.

## A PCC MISSION MOMENT

### Making connections and finding community

For many years, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ont., has been a congregation that deeply loves both Jesus and their neighbourhood, a church where the gospel is preached in word and action each week. Now Erskine has a vision to become a beacon for health and wholeness in the community—a “Neighborhood Wellness Hub” where individuals and families can connect with services and groups that will lead them to greater wellness. Already partnerships are forming—with youth shelters, food banks, government agencies and other local churches—that will enable Erskine to offer new services to neighbours and to foster connection, community and well-being.

*Presbyterians Sharing is bringing people together*



## From Rev. Joyce



St. Andrew's Day is November 30, so as promised here is a little bit more on the saint our church was named after. For the first article, you can refer back to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter note.

St. Andrew's Day is a feast day in honour of this apostle. St. Andrew is the patron saint not only of Scotland, but also of Cyprus, Greece, Romania, Russia, and the Ukraine. On all Saints Sunday at the beginning of November during the children's time I pointed out that the stained-glass window on the main sanctuary floor (North West corner) was entitled, *St. Andrew's and the Loaves and Fishes*. Here, “glass and leadlines are patterned by the artist in rays that seem like heavenly light, indicating the bestowal of God's grace and the occurrence of a miracle. St. Andrew's symbol, the diagonal or saltire cross, can be seen above his head. The Chi-Rho symbol for Christ is a reminder of His divine presence in the miracle.”

There is a second stained glass window in the sanctuary that also portrays St. Andrew. It is at the back main floor of the sanctuary or entrance wall. If you face the wall it is the stained-glass to your right. It is named, *Christ Calling the Disciples*, St. Andrew is the one in green. “The colours are of sunlit sky, sea and shore.” These descriptions are taken from the pamphlet, *Windows of St. Andrew's*. There are copies in the front office if you are interested in learning more about our stunning and beautifully crafted windows.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

*Albert Pike (1809-1891), attorney, soldier, writer*

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**Sunday Worship - 11:00 am**

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