

# SIGN UP FOR MUSIC PUPS



For infants up to 4, register for fun filled classes of singing, dancing, movement and instrument play. Parents learn how to enrich their

child's music environment, increase music potential and understand music development. Wednesday evening or Thursday morning classes are available. Contact Rev. Joyce at **632-8348** to register or for more information.

## LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

At noon on the second Wednesday of each month from October to June seniors who, usually eat alone gather at St. Andrew's for a time of food and fellowship. Over its twenty year history, lunch with a difference has seen many changes in staff, guests and programs but continues to be popular and well received by the church and the community.

Volunteers take on tasks from cooking turkeys and slicing ham, searching for bargains and gluten-free products to clearing tables and doing dishes. Often guests also help with some of these tasks. Our volunteer team includes present and former choir members, current and past church staff and other willing workers. New guests and volunteers are always welcome. If you haven't been part of Lunch with a Difference, consider making 2020 the year you become part of the "Lunch" gang.

> New guests information - <u>suggested</u> lunch donation is \$7.00. Drivers are welcome to join us for lunch.

Special thanks to Dorothy Buttars and Jim MacLean for their work behind the scene.

#### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

The only right stewardship is that which is tested by the rule of love. John Calvin (1509-1564), French theologian, reformer, pastor

#### A PCC MISSION MOMENT Sowing Seeds of Hope

Through Justice Ministries, the PCC works with congregations to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. At the centre of this work is engagement with Presbyterians across Canada. Staff visit and speak to congregations, presbyteries, synods, youth groups and camps. They provide workshops, respond to the TRC's calls to Action, facilitate the Blanket Exercise in many different places and speak on reconciliation. Justice Ministries has recently produced resources on the Doctrine of Discovery, how to "green" your congregation, Earth Day, and materials to engage the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls final report.

Presbyterians Sharing sows seeds of hope

## From Joyce

Oh my goodness, context is everything. I was really pleased on Monday when someone asked me about something I said in the sermon last Sunday. My first thought was, "Someone really is listening! Yeah!" Second was, "Hope I can answer their question." In the sermon I had used the phrase, "If this church is going to survive..." After talking with a few others about it turns out that a number of people were stopped short with that phrase and the context in which it was said got lost. So, let me share with you that our church is doing more than surviving, we are thriving. Yes, we have challenges, but this congregation, its leaders, its volunteers, all of you, are part of the work and worship that makes this a vital ministry.

I want to share with you the context in which the phrase that caught attention was said. Last Sunday was focused on the Baptism of Jesus and our own baptism and that baptism was something to remember, celebrate and respond to. It was with this in mind that I said the following, "Our response is to love God and love others. We are all God's beloved. Love is something that we are to share generously and freely. It will be love that people respond to. If this church continues it will be because people experience love from each one of us, both inside these walls and when we leave this place, because we carry God's love within us." I stand by that statement, it will not matter how much money we have or how many programs or events we host, if people do not experience love they will not return. Thankfully, this place is a place of much love and care. Never lose that, in fact, expand that love and the scope of those who experience God's love because of you and because of the church. Love is not all that is needed for a church to continue, but it is the most important element.

#### ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN

207 S. Brodie Street, Thunder Bay, P7E 1C1 Phone: (807) 622-4273 **Rev. Joyce Yanishewski** minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net (807) 632-8348 Choir Director ~ Jamie Gerow Organist ~ Rebecca Krawczuk Clerk of Session ~ John Mason Office Administrator ~ Shaundra Benincasa Bookkeeper ~ Barb Silvey office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net Jim MacLean ~ Caretaker **Sunday Worship - 11:00 am** Office Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm