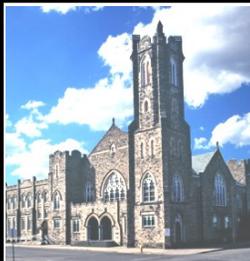




St. Andrew's News

Website: www.standrewspres-tbaytel.ca

December 11, 2016
Third 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.

Advent at St. Andrew's

Please keep in mind the following dates for Advent:

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)

CONGREGATIONAL POT LUCK!



There is a congregational Youth and Family potluck today after church. Even if you forgot to bring something, please join us anyway for a time of fellowship. Of course, you can also expect a visit from a very special guest. Ho! Ho! Ho!

ROTARY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Rotary Clubs of Thunder Bay are holding their Rotary Christmas Carol Sing on 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.

Week of Dec 12 — 18, 2016

Mon 12th Fun & Fitness..... 9:30am

Tue 13th Hogarth-Riverview Service 10:30am

Session Meeting 6:00pm

Wed 14th Lunch with a Difference 12:00pm

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:



Mary Willianen; Dennis, Catherine, Ken & Kevin Winko; Ruth Wright; Betty Wyer; Darlene Yahn; Joyce & Ken Yanishewski; Jill, Janna & Erinn Zachary; Gwen Zayots; Lorne, Susan & Maggie Zerabny.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

A thing is bigger for being shared.

Gaelic saying



PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

Sharing the Gospel
in people's heart languages

In order to preserve their cultures and promote the use of their ancestral languages, indigenous churches are working to enable indigenous peoples to read and study Scripture using the language of their hearts. The Rev. Dr. Paul McLean advises indigenous pastors and elders on translating the Bible into the languages of the Amis, Bunun, Drekey, Paiwan, Tayal and Pinuyumayan peoples. Paul shares, "I thank the Presbyterian Church in Canada for supporting multicultural multilingual Bible translation work in Taiwan. Thanks to everyone who faithfully prays and supports me and our partners in mission through *Presbyterians Sharing*. May our good and gracious God bless you for your part in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the ongoing Bible translation work with Taiwan's indigenous peoples."

*Presbyterians Sharing supports
Bible translation*



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.



BAZAAR RESULTS

Bake Table.....	1,365.75
Bazaar	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 you 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

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: Sat Dec 17th at 7pm and Sun Dec 18th at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available in the office.



From Rev. Joyce,

So many things have been on my mind. We are well into Advent and on our way to Christmas. There are numerous projects and tasks being undertaken by various committees and groups in the church that have nothing to do with the season, though I continue to prepare for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day services. As well, my part in the life and work of the church and, most importantly the people who are part of that life and work, need attention. With all that, I give thanks to all of you for giving me the ability to put all that on hold for a couple of weeks while I went back to AB to spend time with my family due to my mother's passing.



Before I left for AB, the love and hugs I got from so many at the Tea and Bazaar and then at worship strengthened me. The emails, calls, cards, texts, and Facebook messages were also part of that experience of being held in love and care. I had planned one week of vacation in AB already, but being given the extra week to deal with things and have the space to grieve was a gift. The death of my mom was in many ways unexpected, she had not been strong for sometime, but neither was she seriously ill. The experience has given me much to reflect on in terms of my own faith, ministry, and life. It has also given me a deeper understanding of loss. I know, as many of you do, that the grieving will take time, and I will have many tears yet. Thank you for being a family of faith, in which we can bring to each other the fears, loss, heartache, and tears of life, as well as the laughter, joy, hope, and celebrations. Peace be with you.

GOAL REACHED!



This year we set a goal of sending \$16,000 to Presbyterian Sharing. We are very happy to announce that we have not only met but exceeded that goal!

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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