



St. Andrew's News

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December 2nd, 2018



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 2 - 9, 2018

- Mon 2 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30 am
- Wed 5 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30 am
- Wed 5 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1:00 pm
- Wed 5 - Music Pups @ 6:15 pm
- Thurs 6 - Music Pups @ 11:00 am
- Thurs 6 - Prayers @ 1:15 pm
- Sun 9 - Christmas Potluck @ 12:00 pm
- Sun 9 - Advent Concert @ 4:00 pm

PRAYER INVITATION



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: Robert & Shirley Shaw; Lynda Siironen; Carol & Ron Silver; Trudy Silver; John Simons; Mary & Steve Sipos; Gary Smith & Joe Ehler; Lindsay & Jon, Isla, Sadie, Noelle Smith; Bruce Snyder

SHELTER HOUSE

This holiday season, give the gift of shelter, food, safety and hope. Available in the front office are envelopes and donation cards for Shelter House.

You can also contact Shelter House directly at (807) 474-4357

amber.prairie@shelterhouse.on.ca
www.shelterhouse.on.ca

There are four programs you can donate to that do great things for people in need.

"A little bit of caring goes a long way!"

Advent Journey Choral Music for Advent

Thunder Bay Community Choir
Directed by Mary McGhee

Accompanists:

Joy Fahrenbruck, Diana Hannahford-Wilcox

Special Guest Musicians and Bells United

Sunday **December 9, 2018** at 4:00pm
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Donations will be accepted in support of
Parkinson Canada

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who made our annual Tea & Bazaar a success. Thank you to all the volunteers to put in endless hours baking and making Shepherd's Pies & Shortbread, donating and collecting items for the various tables, doing set up & take down, selling tickets, manning booths, serving tea and goodies, welcoming guests, and helping in any other way including attending the event. This event would have never happened without all of you!



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

All are welcome
Sunday **December 9, 2018**

Special Guest Appearance

SANTA CLAUS



Join us downstairs after church for fun & fellowship.
Coffee, tea, juice provided.

PIPE ORGAN FUNDRAISING

This Casavant Pipe Organ was originally installed in 1909 and rebuilt in 1929 to change from Tubular Pneumatic to electro-pneumatic, add trombone, and add a roll-top console case.

Recognized in 2006 it is a historical instrument worthy of citation, now in need of maintenance to make sure it continues for another 100 years. We have raised \$9,370

towards our **\$20,000** goal, Thank You!
We continue to need your help.

~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~
Worship Series: Carols of Christmas

Sunday December 2 (Advent I)
1 John 1:1-4 ~ Isaiah 40:1-11
Good Christians, All Rejoice

Sunday December 9 (Advent II)
Luke 1:67-75 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6
Oh Come, All Ye Faithfull
Guest Vocalist - Grace Parker

Sunday December 16 (Advent III)
Psalm 98 ~ Peter 1:3-9
Joy to the World

Sunday December 23 (Advent IV)
John 1:1-14
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Monday December 24 – Christmas Eve
7:00 P.M. - Family Candlelight Service
10:00 P.M.- Candlelight Service with Communion

Sunday December 30
11:00 A.M. - Wassail Service (cider & cookies)

PWS&D MISSION MOMENT
World Soil Day (Dec. 5)

Soil gives life and supports livelihoods around the world. In Badin, Pakistan, Rabia's life depends on access to rich, fertile soil—she needs it to grow the crops she sells each week at the market. But an especially dry summer has led to severe water shortages in her village. Rabia's soil was too arid to yield the produce she needs. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Rabia has learned to adopt agricultural practices that use less water. She also received seeds to grow crops that can survive extended dry periods. "This is highly beneficial for farmers like me, who reside in water-scarce areas," shares Rabia.
PWS&D helps farmers adapt to climate change

MISSION & OUTREACH

The tree is up in Rowand Hall! This marks the opening of the collection of gifts for women and their children in the care of Thunder Bay's Women's Shelter. New gifts of clothing, personal need items, toys, school supplies, and small household items are welcome. Gift card are and easy and helpful choice. If you have any questions please see Jan Sewell on Sunday mornings. December 16th is the last Sunday to donate.



From Rev. Joyce

This Advent and Christmas we are celebrating Carols of Christmas: An Advent Worship Series. The outline for this series comes from an article written in the September 2018 edition of Reformed Worship, a worship resource magazine that I subscribe to. Each week of Advent you will find here the text for the lighting of the Advent Candle so that you can ponder it throughout the week. May these readings and our worship prepare your heart, mind, and body for the wonder of the Christmas message.

The Candle of Hope

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice. Jesus Christ was born today! Christ was born for this! Christ was born to save! As this lively carol reminds us, Christmas should be the most joyous season of the year for Christians. Our lives should be filled with gratitude to God for the immeasurable love shown to us in the gift of his Son. Out of joyous hearts we should be exuberant in "heart and soul and voice!" The festive spirit of Christmas, however, should not fade away as the holiday passes. The joy and peace that Christ brings to our lives should enable us to be continually rejoicing Christians regardless of the circumstances. The blessings that came to us on Christmas morn illuminate our lives forever! This ancient hymn impresses upon us that the birth of Christ won us "endless bliss" by opening the way to heaven and conquering our fear of death through his assurance of eternal life. As we light this first candle of Advent, let us determine by God's help to maintain the hope of Christmas in our lives. Seek to minister an encouraging word to some lonely person. Share this musical message.

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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