



St. Andrew's News

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December 15th, 2019

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



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: Bill & Sue Ann Johnston; Janice Joseph; Joanne Kembel & Peirre Nantais; Cheryl & Cedric Kibsey; Lois Kibsey; Allyson Kirk; Alyssa Kirk; Ann Korcheski; Lana Lang; Jennifer Larocque, Lexi Stewart, Cohen Russel; Tessa & Curtis, Bailey, Shayna, Melanie Larson; Jack & Lois Laughton; Fiona & Richard Lawrence

~ 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 15 - 22, 2019

Sun 15 - Christmas Family Potluck @ 12:00pm
Wed 18 - Advent Study Group @ 2:00pm

THUNDER BAY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Many of us are aware that Mykola Cuthbertson is a member of our Special Olympian Curling Team. Each team member is required to raise money to participate. If you wish to sponsor Mykola and her team she will be accepting pledges after church for the next two Sundays, Dec. 15 & 22. Please sign up to support these hardworking athletes for this exciting event.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Christmas is just around the corner and Mission and Outreach needs your help! Of our four holiday projects, only one has been completed. Donations of gift cards, socks, gloves and scarves, pjs, games, puzzles, craft and school supplies for the women's shelters, as well as, gift cards and food items for the CAS Holiday Hamper are needed. Donations should be in by Dec. 15th. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE DATE CHANGE

The January Lunch with a Difference will be held January 15, 2020 (third Wednesday). Mark the date on your calendar.

SCRIPTURE READERS

We are now looking for scripture readers for the new year! If you would like to be a scripture reader for Sunday worship please sign-up on the form located in the front office.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

The latest edition of *These Days Jan - Mar 2020* are now located in the front office.



Christmas Potluck



Special Guest Appearance
SANTA CLAUS

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

TEA & BAZAAR UPDATE

Below are the amounts that were raised by the various individuals and groups that were a part of St. Andrew's Tea and Bazaar on November 23. Note that this is the group totals. The St. Aidan's and the Seekers groups deposit their own fundraising amount to their accounts. However, and with much gratitude from all of us, they in turn gift most of their funds back to the church to help with operating expenses. The Mission and Outreach sales all go to support two missions, Shelter House and Lifewater.

Tea Room.....	\$2062.00
Christmas Room.....	\$596.90
Shortbread.....	\$2015.00
St. Aiden's Dainties.....	\$388.05
Knitting Table.....	\$835.05
Judy Persian Art.....	\$600.00
Santa Claus/Jamie Gerow.....	\$124.00
Bake Table.....	\$1129.05
Seekers' Country Kitchen.....	\$453.25
Seekers' Jewelry.....	\$1199.44
Mission and Outreach	
Shepherd's Pie Sales.....	\$1,100.00
Total.....	\$10,502.74

These numbers only reflect the amounts raised, it is hard to see all the hard work, joy, fellowship, and hospitality that was a part of what went into this day. Thank you to everyone for prayers, support, both financial and by the work of your hands, and to those who came out and enjoyed the day!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

David Steindl-Rast (1926 -), Catholic Benedictine monk

A PCC MISSION MOMENT

Understanding the past to light the way forward

The Rev. Robinson Christian is a Doctoral student and a pastor in the Church of North India, a PCC partner. While researching material on the impact of the colonial legacy on preaching in India today, Robinson came across the Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis of Knox College in Toronto, author of "Decolonizing Preaching." Robinson and Sarah began to correspond, and International Ministries invited Robinson to study in Toronto for two months. This is what mission is all about. Together we learn from the past, and God illumines a new understanding today. As partners in the Global Church, how can we not engage in these challenging conversations, learning from one another how God works through us?

Presbyterians Sharing supports partnerships

From Rev. Joyce

We continue our countdown to Christmas morning by adding ornaments to the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree began in Medieval times as a pictorial way to teach about Jesus' lineage starting from creation. Following is the list of ornaments and their meaning in order of the ornament, what it symbolizes and the scripture reference.

Earth – Creation

Gen 1:1-31, 2:1-4

Apple and Serpent – Adam and Eve

Gen 2:7-9, 18-24; 3:1-7

Rainbow – Noah

Gen 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17,23,24; 8:1,6-22

Star – Abraham

Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-11

Ram's Horn – Isaac

Gen 22:1-14

Ladder – Jacob

Gen 25:1-34; 28:10-15

Coat – Joseph

Gen 37: 1-4, 23-28; 45:3-15

Stone Tablets – Moses

Exodus 2:1-10; 20:1-21; 34:1-9

Lamp – Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-18

Shepherds Staff (crozier) - Jesse

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Six-pointed star – David

1 Samuel 17:12-51

Stone Alter – Elijah

1 Kings 17:1-16; 18:17-46

Whale – Jonah

Book of Jonah

Scroll – Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-13; 8:11-9:7; Luke 4:16-21

Tears – Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1-4-10; 2:4-13; 7:1-15; 8:22 -9:1-11

Stone Watchtower – Habakkuk

Habakkuk 2:1-4; 3:16-19

City Wall – Nehemiah

Neh 1:1-2:8; 6:15-16; 13:10-22

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

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