



# St. Andrew's News

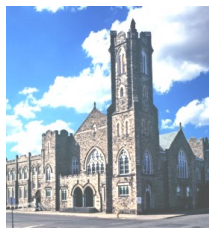
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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



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



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: Nathan & Mary Beth, Benjamin, Elisabeth Lawrence; Robert & Rhonda, Morgan Legros; Michael & Darlene, Jordan Lehto; Olivia Lehto & Sam Woodback; Elizabeth & Donald, Benjamin, Rebecca Lemieux; Joy Lempiala; Bryan, Merissa, Shylene Lesovich; Ron & Marlene, Gary, Richard, Ronald; Lesovich; Debbie Liddicoat; Bob Loney; Mary Loney; Michael Luski

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

**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

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**DEC 25, 2019 - JAN 5, 2020**

~ Merry Christmas & Happy New Year ~

## 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 **today**. Please sign up to support these hardworking athletes for this exciting event.

## 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.

## A PCC MISSION MOMENT

**The Gift of Giving**

As we reflect on giving and receiving this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are living out the gospel message through their generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation and creating new faith communities – and so much more! Every gift is a gift of hope. Every gift changes lives. This Christmas we will once again celebrate the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ our Lord—whose example of giving inspires our own.

*Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference*

## From Joyce

As we approach Christmas Eve and I reflect on the year I give thanks. It has been a tough year for me, both physically and emotionally. I know that what has held me together are two things, my trust in God who I know has my back and is faithful, and people who care about me. I have been so grateful for people who tell me to take care of myself, who inquire to see how I am doing, those who hug me after worship and during the week, and those who hold me in prayer. I give thanks for Elders on Session who support and uphold me and create a wonderful working team that does not give up on me or the future of this church. I give thanks for staff who do their best to make my job joy filled. I give thanks for this congregation. Your love and support strengthens and encourages me to be the minister and person I am called to be in this world. Most of all I would like to thank my husband Ken, without whom ministry would not happen, he is my rock! Finally, I give thanks for the Christ child, Emmanuel, God with us. I am so thankful to be a child of God who forgives, loves and gives hope to me and promises that to each of us. And no matter how you celebrate this Christmas may you know God with you. Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Merry Christmas.

## 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.....	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$10,502.74</b>

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

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**Sunday Worship - 11:00 am**

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

## JESSE TREE

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
Scalloped Shell – John the Baptist	Luke 1:57-80; 3:1-20; 7:18-30
Pregnant Woman – Elizabeth	Luke 1:39-56
Pencil & Tablet – Zechariah	Luke 1:57-79
Hammer – Joseph	Matthew 1:18-25
White Lily – Mary	Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38