



# St. Andrew's News

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December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



*All Occasion & Seasonal Cards  
by  
Judy Persian*

Cards will be available in the front office to view and purchase.

1 card - \$5.00  
4 cards - \$19.00

If you have any questions please call either Judy at 624-8926 or the church office at 622-4273



## DONATIONS

Christmas may seem like a long way off but not really! We want you to consider, as in past years, generously supporting: Elizabeth Fry Society, the two women's shelters, Faye Peterson and Beendigen, and the Children's Aid Society. It is very simple this year; if you could please write a cheque to St Andrew's (memo Mission and Outreach; this will be added to your year end tax receipt), or provide a food gift card, or cash (please give directly to Jan Sewell). No items or merchandise can be collected/donated this year due to COVID. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Thunder Bay's Community Clothing Assistance has invited St Andrew's to participate in the Undercover Project from **Nov 15 - Dec 13**. The project is designed to provide 7 free pairs of new underwear and new socks for children aged 4-14, in need.

We would ask that you drop off children's underwear and socks at the church, into a box marked "Undercover". Thank you for supporting this great initiative!

## SHORTBREAD SALES

Last chance to place your shortbread order! Please contact our Office Administrator, Shaundra.

Customers can e-transfer their shortbread payment to the church at

[offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

before pick-up or can pay cash upon pick-up. E-transfers must include "Shortbread" in the notes. Curbside pickup will be available at the church during office hours.

Cost \$5/dozen

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Youth Clubs Make a Difference

In Malawi, 20-year-old Layton had been engaging in unsafe sexual behaviours. Several of Layton's friends attended Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported youth clubs, where they would get together and discuss how to achieve a world without AIDS. His friends warned him about the consequences of his actions and shared information they learned at the youth club. Layton never thought to attend these meetings until one day when his friends persuaded him to get an HIV test. Anxious about the results—which eventually came back negative—Layton knew he needed to change his life. Deciding to join the youth club himself, he reflected, "I think my friends from youth club saved my life. I joined them so that we can save many from such behaviours."



## ~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series: Be Not Afraid

**Sunday December 6** (Advent II)

**Sunday December 13** (Advent III)

**Sunday December 20** (Advent IV)

**Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Eve**

One service only at 7:00 P.M.

**Sunday December 27** (Wassail Service)





## From Joyce

In a year that has both dragged on and sped past we head into December and suddenly the Christmas season is upon us. With that, Session has been considering what Christmas Eve will look like at St. Andrew's. As with everything in 2020, Christmas Eve will be different for us. In order to get the word out in plenty of time, here is some important things to note. We will have only one service on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm. There will be no service of communion and our candlelight service will be modified to include our large candelabras rather than each person receiving a candle to light. As difficult as it is, we are finding ourselves in a position of asking that if you have guests from out of the region that you would refrain from attending the Christmas Eve service. Our concern is for the health and well-being of all and we are proceeding with utmost caution. An online service will be available on Christmas Eve for those who are unable to attend worship. Advent and Christmas are important and remarkable times in the Christian calendar, it is my hope that our worship, in whatever way you get to participate, will bring blessing to your heart and your home.

## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Prayer for our Time

Oh God let me sit quietly in Your Presence. You know my distractions with daily Covid numbers — 1450, 1780; listening to varied news between political factions; hearing my neighbour's unrest and questions about wearing masks for personal and public safety. All questions signalling change and transition.

May we recognize the difference between external distractions and the internal voices too.

Calm us.

And yet, you remind us that you came quietly and humbly. Let us recognize you in others and respond with help and kindness. Kindle an ability to hear your voice in our hearts to serve. We are asked to be Your Presence here and now.

May we, in gratitude, receive Your gift of Life and being enlivened to respond. I ask your special blessings on St Andrews community. We belong and are sustained by Your Presence.

Come Lord Jesus, Come Quietly.

Make Your Light of Love shine out in us.

Amen

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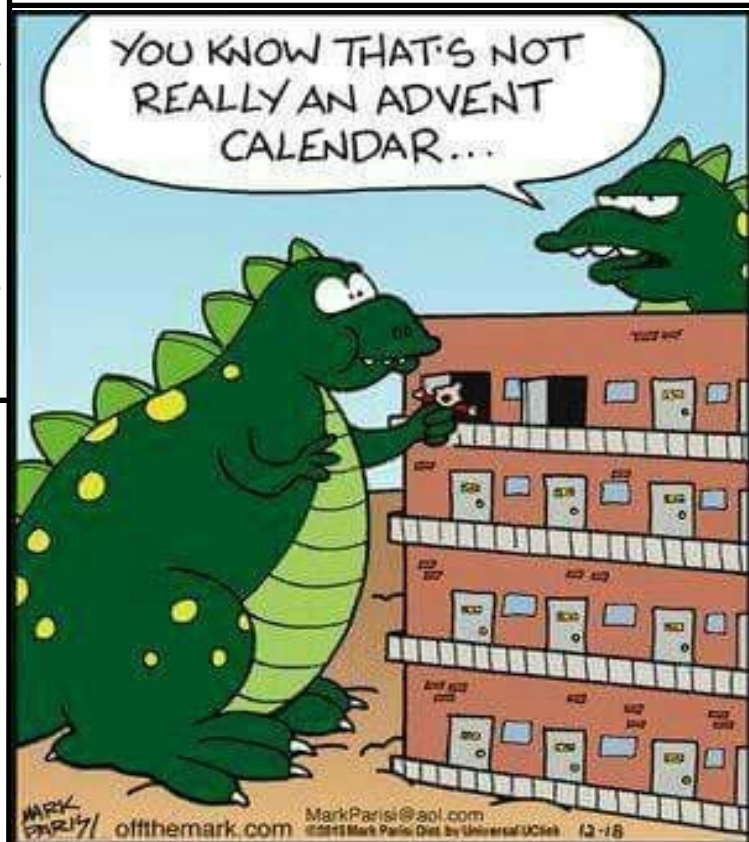
## ANNUAL REPORT

The deadline for committee reports is **January 5, 2020**. Please send them to the Office Administrator, Shaundra Benincasa, as soon as they are prepared so we can start work on the Annual Report. Thank you to all that have already submitted your reports. The annual meeting will be on February 7, 2020.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8



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**Sunday Worship - 11:00am**