



St. Andrew's News

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December 12th, 2021

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series:

What Are You Waiting For?

Sunday December 19 (Advent IV)

Waiting to be Satisfied
Joel 3:7-16

Friday December 24 – Christmas Eve

Love's Arrival
One service only at 7:00 P.M.

Sunday December 26 (Wassail Service)



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Not what I have but what I do is my kingdom.
Thomas Carlyle (1795 – 1781), historian, writer

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

We're Back!

Check out the Heritage wall to see pictures of Christmas at St. Andrew's over the years.

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY WEEKEND

On the weekend of January 28 - 30, 2022
St. Andrew's will be hosting a
Transformation Weekend.

Friday Jan. 28 - Open Workshop

This workshop is to help participants understand how ministry has radically changed and to get people excited about new possibilities in ministry that have never been open before.

Saturday Jan. 29 - Small Group Facilitators Training

During this time, facilitators will be trained on how to lead small groups effectively. They will be introduced to the content of the small group meetings. It is essential that small group leaders attend both days of the training event, as they will be provided with the necessary information to be effective group leaders.

Sunday Jan. 29 - Sunday Service

During the Sunday morning service, our coach, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford, will preach during worship and will take part in a covenanting service with the congregation. This act of public worship consecrates the process and asks for God's blessing upon the unfolding journey.

ERIGUS Productions Presents:

THE Original Gospel Christmas Music of the King Returns!
20th Anniversary Holiday CELEBRATION!

Starring: Thunder Bay's Very Own International Tribute Artist
Grand Champion and International Performer **Daylin James**

Fri. December 17, 2021 - 7pm
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

207 S. Brodie St. Doors open: 6pm

Proof of Vaccination & Masks Mandatory

Available at: **Tickets \$20.00**
Main Office or call **622-4273**

OFFERING BOXES



Offering boxes are now available for pick-up at the back of the Sanctuary. Please note that your offering number may have changed from last year, so boxes are organized alphabetically.



From Joyce

This past week I have been surprised by and joy-filled due to the number of conversations I've had with people who are asking questions of the Christian church, their faith, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus in our time. These conversations are some of my most coveted moments in ministry. As we talk, I pray to listen attentively and thoughtfully, which admittedly I am better at some days than others. Also, in such moments I have to really think on my feet. When writing a sermon, I have time to prepare, study and reflect. In conversations I need to think more quickly and call on my knowledge and experience to hopefully lead both the one I am with and myself to a deeper understanding of God at work, or at least a reason to go and do some homework and pray. It is not that I think I need to have all the answers. Clearly, I don't have all the answers. It is more about reflecting together on what God is possibly speaking into our lives through our questions, relationships, and experience. It is so wonderful to be called into dialogue with others, not because the discussions are so uplifting or productive, though many times they are, but simply because to engage actively in conversations of faith is part of growing in understanding of ourselves, God, and one another. Conversation enlivens our faith and our spirits. And to be sure the dialogue is not just between people. Jesus, through the work of the Holy Spirit is right there with us as guide, counsellor, advocate, teacher and more. Our faith grows and deepens as we walk with others, all of us trying to find our way to truth, light, and life.



PRESENTS FOR PEACE

The Presents for Peace Christmas initiative, led by the Mission and Outreach Committee, is underway and we need your help. St. Andrew's will once again financially assist the Elizabeth Fry Society (supports and advocates for women returning to society from prison) and the two Thunder Bay Women's Shelters (Faye Peterson House and Beendigen). We need your financial support to help women and children in these difficult circumstances at Christmas time. Gift cards suggestions include coffee and fast food spots, grocery stores and other familiar retail favourites. Please see Jan Sewell with your financial gift, large or small, to allow us to support the causes. You can also donate with an offering envelope or by e-transfer earmarked "Presents for Peace" no later than Dec. 19th. Thank you very much and Merry Christmas!

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

From Hopeless to Hopeful

"I didn't have any hope of living a meaningful life. My left leg was deformed by poliomyelitis at a young age, and I grew up with this challenge," said Monica Akamb, a 45-year-old woman living in northern Ghana. "My biggest challenge, however, transcends the impairment. It has been the negative attitudes and stereotypes of community members and even within my immediate family." Monica explained how her experience with the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Program (CBR) made a tremendous difference in her life. "Thank God that CBR and PWS&D came to my rescue. They taught my family and the community to treat persons with disabilities with dignity. I learned gardening skills and now grow vegetables for a living. I am able to produce onion, cabbage and lettuce for food and income." The Presbyterian Church in Ghana, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, manages this project.



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