



St. Andrew's News

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December 5th, 2021

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series:

What Are You Waiting For?

Sunday December 12 (Advent III)
Waiting for Strength
Isaiah 40:1-11

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)



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**

BAPTISM

St. Andrew's welcomes the Stewardson Family on this day the baptism of their daughter, Emily Rose Stewardson.

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.

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

There are a number of things on my mind this week and it goes from sitting in prayer at bedsides as people are nearing end of life to meeting with the Facilities and Finance team as we prepare a proposed budget for 2022. To go to the first thought, to sit with people, knowing that they are going from life to life after death is truly profound. I was trying to explain to Ken how that felt for me as a minister, to be called to be with someone in those last hours. It is an honour and a privilege, but it is so much more than that, and that is where I am lost for words. Tuesday evening, I was called to be with an elderly woman who I had never met before, there was no family around, and I don't even know if she knew I was there. So, I sat and softly sang a couple of hymns, spoke to her, and prayed aloud in hopes that she might hear and feel my presence, and in that, know and feel God's presence with us. As I left the quiet of the room and building and walked back to my car with the crispness of the evening air and the dark of night enfolding me, I just breathed in the wonder of it all. I don't know how God uses me in those moments, but I pray that my presence is of some comfort and brings peace to mind, body, and spirit of those I am with.

Then I woke up on Wednesday morning and the realities of what needs to be done hit, requests from people for information, grant requests for the Synod that need to be submitted, writing and preparation for Sunday's bulletin and newsletter, planning for another funeral and family to be attended to, and that all important budget meeting where we talk about what we hope for, but also the reality of an aging congregation where many of our long time members who had been faithful givers have passed. Addressing the challenge of making up our budget shortfall this year and in the year to come. I give thanks for each person who has been able to fund this ministry through their offerings and for the fundraising that has gone on this fall. We hope that the Elvis concert on December 17th will also help. As we come near the close of the year, I ask that you might consider a special Christmas offering to help us meet our budget for the year. It is a privilege and an honour to be the minister of this congregation as your generosity, love, concern, dedication, and friendships inspire me.

stay safe

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

Supporting Vulnerable Children

Antony Misoya, a 15-year-old orphan from Mitumbira village in Malawi, is HIV positive. He attends a program managed by the Mulanje Mission Hospital where he receives care and support with his antiretroviral medication regimen. Staff began to notice Antony's visits to the program had become less frequent. When asked, Antony told them, "I go around looking for work to support my two brothers and sister; sometimes I miss my treatment because I am working." Program staff visited Antony and his guardian and discovered that it had become difficult for her to provide for all four children, so the team provided them with support that made it possible for Antony to attend the clinic regularly and focus on his studies. This project that provides care and support to orphans and vulnerable children in Malawi is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



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