



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

Nourish our hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Monday, November 28 We pray for the safety of all those whose lives have been uprooted by the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, and we give thanks for the emergency support that Presbyterians in Canada are helping to provide through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, November 29 We pray for congregations participating in the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program as they work to discern God's call for their future and plan a way forward.

Wednesday, November 30 We pray for theological students who are graduating this winter and beginning to seek a call to a congregation.

Thursday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS. We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who provide vital support to those living with HIV/AIDS and also pray for improved access to health care and life-saving treatments.

Friday, December 2 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Saturday, December 3 On the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, we pray for the empowerment of differences in gifts and abilities, along with the removal of barriers that keep people from participating fully in community and church life.

WEEK OF NOV. 27 - DEC. 3

Sun Nov. 27 - TBCC Concert @ 4:00pm

Wed Nov 30 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Nov 30 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm

Thurs Dec. 1 - Music Pups @ 11:00am

~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series: Light of Light

Sunday December 4 (Light of Peace)

Sunday December 11 (Light of Joy)

Sunday December 18 (Light of Love)

Lunch following Worship with
Christmas Craft Activity

Saturday December 24 – Christmas Eve
(Light of Light)

7:30 P.M. - Candlelight Service

Sunday December 25 - Christmas Day
Worship Service

Sunday January 1 - New Years Day
Worship Service

THUNDER BAY COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

The Thunder Bay Community Choir, under the direction of Mary McGhee, presents an Advent Journey **today** at 4pm - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Brodie St. S.

In support of the Food Bank. In addition to your donation food items are also welcome.

Great music in support of a great cause.

PRESENTS FOR PEACE

Today marks the beginning of Advent, the season of anticipation and preparation, as we await the coming of the uninvited guest.

During the time of Covid, Advent's purpose has been subdued. This makes Advent 2022 more meaningful than we expect as we once again open ourselves to the Advent message of sharing and generosity.

The Presents for Peace tree is in Rowand Hall waiting for your gifts to the Women's Shelters. Gifts of personal items, small toys, etc. will be accepted until Dec. 18.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



DONATE

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh - aviator and writer

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From Joyce



Each week of Advent I will be sharing Good News stories. This week's good news is that the St. Andrew's New Beginnings Implementation Team has been named! Each person on the team took the time to prayerfully consider their calling to this work.

Darlene Letho, Derek Buttars, Sandra Dewsberry, Jeff Rawana, Sheila Berry, Joseph Osei Ababio, and Kelli Eyers, are the team!

I am also part of the team by virtue of being the minister. Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crawford, as the coach and guide, will regularly meet with the team over the next six months.

Personally, I am so deeply grateful that each one said yes. This group of people brings knowledge, wisdom, gifts, and experience that will be a gift to all of us. The Session too has approved the team and is excited to support its work. And it will be work, but the plan is for it to be joyful work as we take all that has been done by the congregation and the small groups, based in the initial assessment report and the report discussed at the congregational conversation on September 29, and redefine the mission of St. Andrew's for our own time, with the people we have, from this corner of Donald and Brodie streets.

When the team met with Jeff Crawford on November 12th one of his first statements was, "Let's make excellent mistakes together." That might seem a strange thing to say, but the reality is that New Beginnings is not a magic fix. There is no formula or laid out plan that will grow the church both in numbers of people and offerings. This is a process of trying things on. Some of what we do will work well, some things will need to be adjusted, and some of what happens will be excellent mistakes that teach us and move us in a different direction or to make adjustments to plans. It is a process of growing spiritually, of reaching out to each other and our community. As Christians, and especially with our online presence and mission work, our community is Thunder Bay but also stretches beyond any man-made borders.

The work of the Session and congregation as a whole in this endeavor is to hold this team in prayer and support them, as each of them...Kelli, Joseph, Sandra, Sheila, Jeff, Derek, and Darlene, give of their time and energy to do the back ground work of researching our community, working out possible partnerships and ministry opportunities, and implementing, along with the congregation, ways in which St. Andrew's can do God's work in the world in such a way that St. Andrew's becomes known, recognized, and valued for it's love of God and love people. May God's grace go with us.

OPERATION UNDERCOVER

St Andrew's will once again be supporting the Operation Undercover Project, which provides new socks and underwear to children aged 4 to 14 years whose families are in need. We are supporting Community Clothing Assistance (May St.) in this endeavour. We ask that you donate children's socks and underwear to this very

worthwhile cause, and bring those items to the church, anytime until December 11th. Thank you for your support!

Project Undercover



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SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ... GOD HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE TONIGHT

HERITAGE

Checkout the Heritage Wall!
The Heritage Committee has put up a display of "A Christmas at St. Andrew's". Including pictures of bygone events, right up to packing this years shortbread and making the shepherds pies.

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