



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

### Sunday, December 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Give us joy, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

**Monday, December 12** We pray for the medical staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Tuesday, December 13** We pray for chaplains serving in hospitals, retirement homes and other health-care facilities across Canada.

**Wednesday, December 14** We pray for Indigenous women in Guatemala as they learn their rights and are empowered to exercise them with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Thursday, December 15** We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

**Friday, December 16** We pray for those struggling with spiritual and mental health during the holidays. May they reach out for help and find faithful and supportive spiritual care providers.

**Saturday, December 17** O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church throughout the world. May God renew its worship, nurture its growth, empower its witness and restore its unity as we continue Christ's ministry.

*stay safe*

## 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!



## WEEK OF DEC. 11 - 17

Tues Dec 13 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm

Wed Dec 14 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Dec 14 - Music Pups @ 5:15pm

Thurs Dec. 15 - Music Pups @ 11:00am



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

**Sunday December 18** (Light of Love)  
Potluck Lunch following Worship with Christmas Craft Activity and a Visit with Santa

**Saturday December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
(Light of Light)

7:30 P.M. - Candlelight Service

**Sunday December 25 - Christmas Day**

11:00am Worship Service

**Sunday January 1 - New Years Day**

11:00am Worship Service



## PRESENTS FOR PEACE

The tree in Rowand Hall will happily welcome your gifts for the Women's Shelter until Dec. 18.

Personal items, socks, gloves, scarves, books, games, crafts and colouring items for kids and items we would all miss if we were not at home. If you want to donate but can't get out to shop, Jan will be happy to do it for you. Remember, we all have something to share.



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

*Romans 12:13 NIV*

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)



## From Joyce

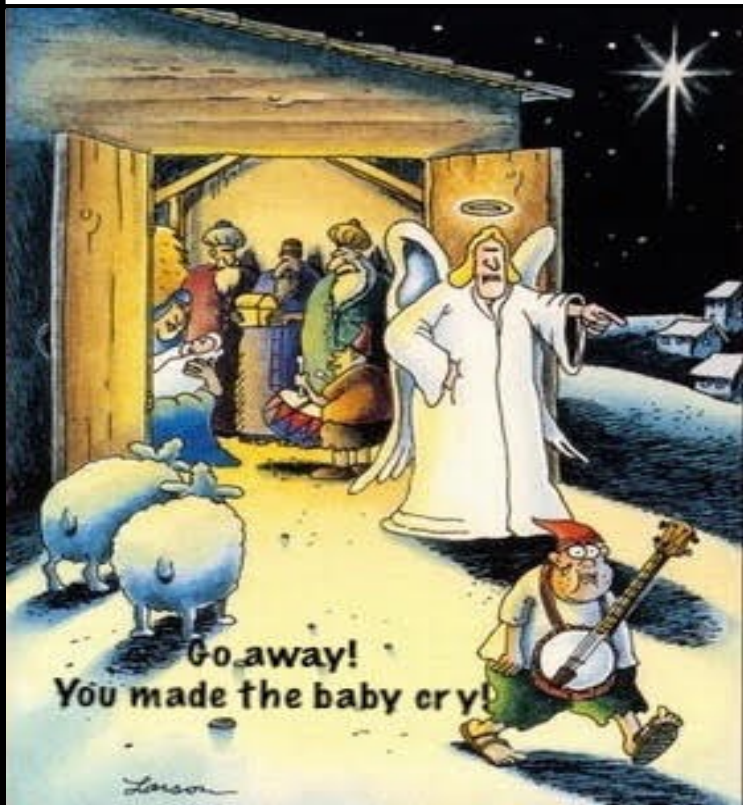
This week's good news has to do with the refrigerator in the St. Andrew's kitchen, the photocopier in the front office, and the gifts that people give through the Memorial and other funds.

Just before Covid hit and all things were shut down, we began having trouble with the refrigerator compressor and the fridge in the kitchen was not cooling properly. When everything in the world shut down, well we ended up shutting down our fridge as well. We knew that this machine that had served the congregation well for many years was ready for retirement. With nothing happening at the church, the Facilities and Finance team chose not to do anything about it. There was no reason to have a new refrigerator under warranty and not being used. Still the homework was done to find a suitable replacement. Once the okay was given late in the spring of this year that we could again host luncheons in Rowand Hall, the team got to work and a new refrigerator was purchased locally from Russell foods at a cost of \$4,782.16. The fridge was delivered in July. The cost was covered by money donated to the kitchen fund, another \$1,000.00 donation given specifically for the purchase of the fridge and \$1,200.00 from the Memorial Fund.

On another front, the front office photocopier was becoming obsolete and parts harder to come by. The Memorial Fund also enabled the purchase of a new photocopier. Well, it was new but a demo so we were able to get it for a good price. The copier, purchased from and now serviced by TBXI of Thunder Bay, was another \$2,938.00 but that too was able to be covered by the Memorial Fund.

All this is to say, we have been able to acquire much needed equipment for the church because of the generosity of donors and families who have this year and in previous years gifted the church with funds, through specific and memorial donations, that could be used for these kinds of purchases. It has been so important as none of this could have been paid out of our yearly church budget and for this, we are grateful.

As we continue to manage the finances of the church, with the awareness that the regular offerings/donations of the church are lagging far behind the cost of operations, it would be a blessing to the congregation and our work if you would be able to make a special Christmas donation or consider an increase to your regular donation in order to help us make up the deficit of our current yearly budget. There is much gratitude for all that you and others do to make sure the ministry of St. Andrew's continues. We have much to anticipate and look forward to in the coming year as God works in and through us!



### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY LOAN CUPBOARD

Wheelchairs, walkers, canes etc. are available for borrowing at no charge from the Loan Cupboard. These items can be signed out at the church office.

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