



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Stewardship is partnership with God.
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Offerings can be sent via etransfer to
offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference will be held Wednesday November 15 at 12:15pm. If you are interested in this time of fellowship and food, please contact the church or Jan Sewell at 807-620-8226.

There are sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary and in the front office. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Blood Pressure Clinic will also be open during Lunch with a Difference

GUEST MUSICIANS IN WORSHIP

Thank you to Madonna Lee, violinist, for sharing her gift of music as part of our worship service today. November 5th Mary Welby, cellist, is our guest musician.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday **Nov. 5, 2023** our Worship Service will provide an opportunity to remember those that have passed and light a candle in their honour and memory. Lunch to follow.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach has begun their Food Bank Drive. Some of the most needed items include canned fish and meat, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, stew, canned juice, and cereal. This drive will end Sunday November 19. St. Andrew's is known for its generosity and its donations of baby food.

ST. ANDREW'S BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar will be held on **Saturday November 18** from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Admission to the Bazaar is free.

There will be hotdogs and refreshments, a bake table, knitting, jewellery, country store, Paintings and Cards by Judy Persian, book room, a Christmas room and...
PICTURES WITH SANTA!

~Everyone is Welcome~

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wed Nov 1 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Nov 1 - The Music Class® @ 4:00pm

Wed Nov 1 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm

Thurs Nov 2 - The Music Class® @ 11:00am

Thurs Nov 2 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm

Sun Nov 5 - All Saints Sunday/Souper Sunday

ELDER ELECTIONS

Today is the last day to vote for our new Elders! Ballots can be found at the back of the sanctuary and once filled out can be put in the ballot box.

You have up to six votes. Vote for any or all of those listed to the right.

NOMINEES:

Larry Eyres

Sandra Dewsberry

Kelli Eyres

Darlene Lehto

Jeff Rawana

Derek Butters

When you have voted: sign your ballot, fold it & deposit it in the provided receptacle.



GIRL GUIDE COOKIES

Girl Guides will be selling cookies **TODAY** in the hallway outside the sanctuary following Worship.

SOUPER SUNDAY

Next Souper Sunday is **Nov. 5, 2023**
If you'd like to bring soup, please contact the Office Administrator to volunteer.
Helpers are also needed for serving and cleanup.

SHORTBREAD ORDERS

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is selling their famous shortbread for \$7.50/doz.

Preorders will be accepted until Nov. 3, 2023.

Please call the church office at 622-4273 to order or visit

[St. Andrew's Famous Shortbread – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay, ON \(standrewspres-tbay.ca\)](http://St.Andrew'sFamousShortbread-St.Andrew'sPresbyterianChurch,ThunderBay,ON(standrewspres-tbay.ca)), to fill out the online order form.

Pickup is at the church during our Bazaar, Saturday Nov 18th from 1pm-4pm.

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

From Joyce



As anyone who reads this column would be aware I spent the last week on study leave. As I write this, I have completed part one of the study leave, which was a few days at a quiet/silent retreat at the Anglican Convent for the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in Toronto and entered into part two which is the Lester Randall Preaching Conference, also in Toronto. Last week I shared what the theme was for the Preaching Conference, but little about the retreat. Well, that was because I only planned the retreat around the conference itself. The retreat was something to fill in the time. Besides, I had done a couple of other retreats at the convent a number of years ago, so I knew that whatever it was I would learn something. But with ministry being pretty full I hadn't really paid attention to the retreat portion other than to know that it was entitled, *Our Spiritual Autobiography*, and that sounded interesting. Well, it turns out I had signed up for a writer's retreat. Again, not a bad thing when one is trying to become more intent about journaling, and also not a bad thing when you are a preacher. Any writing tips and learning are helpful. Turns out the facilitator of the retreat was the author of a book that had been required reading for me at seminary. Some of you will find the title amusing, *Never Call Them Jerks*, by Arthur Boers. This time he was using his recently published memoir, *Shattered*, as the model for his teaching.

Why I had really signed up for the retreat was to spend time in quiet. Even meals are eaten without conversation. You don't speak to people in the corridors, bathrooms, or public areas. The Sisters say that they offer a hospitality of silence. Of course, conversation is a part of the workshops, but that happens in one room. As soon as you walk out of that room silence is expected. The silence allows for different things for different people, but for many it seems to act like a reset, which is part of what I experienced. Not surprisingly there is learning in times of quiet. One learns something about themselves, but in my case, I also had the bonus of learning some writing techniques that I will experiment with. I give thanks again, for the opportunity to set aside time for learning whether it be in the stillness of a convent or the hustle and bustle of a preaching conference.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

On **Nov. 5** Daylight Savings Time kicks in, so please remember to set your clocks back an hour.

UKRAINE DONATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who made a donation in honour of Sue Heald. Your generosity helped raise \$400 for the war efforts in Ukraine.



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"If I count my blessings and some of them are heavily taxed, do they still count as blessings?"

SHORTBREAD 2023

Shortbread orders are piling in and we need all the help we can get to fill them. Butter is still available for pickup and we are planning to start packing shortbread on Nov. 2, 9, & 16 at 1pm. If you are able to bake or help on any of the packing days, please contact the church office to volunteer or get in touch with Susan Dynes.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. Many hands make light work!



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