

# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

We do not live by what is possessed  
but by what is promised.

*Walter Brueggemann –  
scholar, theologian*

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## WELCOME ELDERS

The current Session members are  
pleased to welcome

Larry Eyres

Sandra Dewsberry

Kelli Eyres

Darlene Lehto

Jeff Rawana

Derek Buttars

Today we celebrate the ordination/admission  
service for our new Elders.

## 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 17th. Thank you  
for your support!

## LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

The lunch crowd at Lunch with a Difference  
gathered for the last lunch of 2023. With food,  
fellowship, guest speakers and of course,  
dessert. We look forward to seeing you all  
again for a special Valentine's Lunch,

## GUEST MUSICIANS IN WORSHIP

Sections of the Thunder Bay Community Band will  
be joining us for Worship Nov. 26, Dec. 10 & 17 to  
share their gift of music with us.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wed Nov 22 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Nov 22 - The Music Class® @ 4:00pm

Wed Nov 22 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm

Thurs Nov 23 - The Music Class® @ 11:00am

## MISSION & OUTREACH

Today is the last day of the 2023 Food Bank Drive.  
Thanks to all who were able to donate. Mission  
and Outreach now begins the next important



project as we give our  
support to Thunder Bay's  
Women's Shelters. From  
today until Dec. 17, your  
donations of hats, socks,  
gloves and mitts, clothing  
(new) for women and  
children, small household  
items, toys and games, as well as personal need  
and gift cards may be placed under the tree in  
Rowand Hall. If you are unable to shop, we will do  
it for you. See Jan Sewell any Sunday.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

Our Hymn of Grateful Praise

November 19 In Everything  
*Philippians 4:4-13*

November 26 After Giving Thanks  
*John 6:5-23*

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Upcoming Advent & Christmas Series  
The Senses of Christmas  
*Meeting Jesus through  
Taste, Touch, Sound, Smell, and Sight*



## THUNDER BAY COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT



The Thunder Bay Community Choir,  
under the direction of Mary McGhee,  
presents an Advent Journey  
**Sunday December 3** at 4pm -  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on  
Brodie St. S. In support of the  
Northern Cancer Fund. Great music  
in support of a great cause.

Advent Study: Online and in Person Event  
FEAST OF THE SENSES

Wednesdays November 29, December 6, 13, and 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Christmas is a time when all of our senses are heightened by the taste of the foods, the touch of a cold breeze on our bodies or the wrapping of presents, the sound of Christmas music, the smell of a Christmas tree, and the sight of lights and décor that normally does not don stores and our homes. During Sunday worship in December, we will be exploring the Christmas story through our senses of taste, touch, sound, smell, and sight. And so, to augment the experience I am offering an Advent study that will give participants an opportunity to go beyond the worship service and look more closely, in a personal way, how our senses can bring a “down to earth” meaning to our faith and understanding of the Christmas story.

If you would like to participate, please connect with me by email [minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net) and let me know if you plan to attend in person or online. I will send you the materials, or get you a hard copy, whichever is your preference.

Not to worry if you can't be present for every date, join as you can. Please let me know of your intent to participate by November 28<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to a time of contemplating in a new way this Advent Season with others.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual bazaar and shortbread sale a success. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy, all your hard work was much appreciated.

### SINGING SANTA

On **Friday December 15** at 7:00pm, St. Andrew's welcomes you to an evening with Santa where traditional and secular Christmas songs will be performed. Donations and non-perishable items will be accepted at the event for the Thunder Bay Food Bank.



### MISSION MOMENT

The friendship between the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Rev. Manias Chang Yu-fa began in 2012 when they first started working together on the Bunun Bible translation project, one of the Indigenous languages in Taiwan. In March 2023, they had just finished finalizing the entire translation when Manias was hospitalized. He passed away three months later. Although Manias did not live to see the complete Bunun Bible, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he knew that his translation work of many years was completed before he passed away. We give thanks for faithful servants. Paul receives support from Presbyterians Sharing for his work in Bible Translation.



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*stay safe*



"Everyone here? Good. Meeting topic: Setting world record for shortest meeting. All in favor say aye. Ayes have it. Meeting over."