



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,
James 1:17a

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to
offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

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

Wed. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 7:30pm

Rev. Joyce will be 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.

Please connect with Rev. Joyce by email minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net and, if you plan to attend in person or online. You will be emailed the materials, or you will get a physical copy, whichever is your preference.

Not to worry if you can't be present for every date, join as you can. Please RSVP by November 28th

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!

GUEST MUSICIANS IN WORSHIP

Sections of the Thunder Bay Community Band will be joining us for Worship

Nov. 26 - Brass Choir

Dec. 10 - Sax Choir

Dec. 17 - Flute Choir

Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tues Nov 28 - St. Aidan's Meeting @ 11:30am

Wed Nov 29 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Nov 29 - The Music Class® @ 4:00pm

Wed Nov 29 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm

Thurs Nov 30 - The Music Class® @ 11:00am

Sun Dec 3 - Thunder Bay Community Choir @ 4pm

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 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.



## From Joyce

Today you will find a proposed Mission Statement attached to the bulletin, and also in the Sunday worship email should you be on that list. This proposed Mission Statement comes out of the work of the New Beginnings Implementation Team. As the team worked with all the information from the small groups, the reports, and the congregational conversations that have happened over the last couple of years, we became aware of a need for a Mission Statement to help guide decisions about ministry, use of space, and community engagement. Our conversations were filled with energy, challenge, joy, and hope. This statement is about who we are and who we hope to be as a congregation.

The Session approved the proposed Mission Statement at their meeting in November for distribution and comment from the congregation. The Implementation Team has spent hours with all of the information and in discussion to come to this place and the Session has already had opportunity for review and comment. Now we want to see what you, the congregation, have to say.

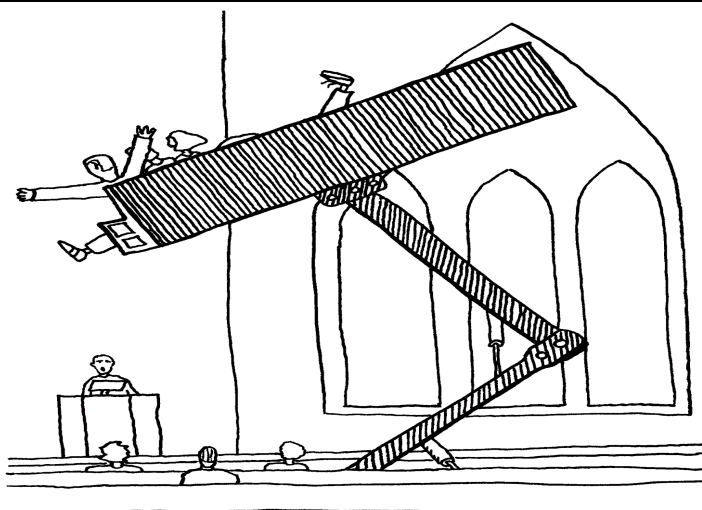
The intent is that our Mission Statement will be a living document. It is not to be hung up, or filed and ignored, but rather used to guide future decisions and directions. This is only part of the work the Implementation Team has been doing over the last year and a half but it has been an important piece. This statement came together through discernment and prayer and we hope that it resonates with you. Should you wish to comment on the statement please do so in writing (can be an email) to me at [minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net) by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.



SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED  
CHURCH TO BE MORE EXCITING

### MISSION MOMENT

Over the past two years, Canadian aid organizations advocated to remove legal barriers to much-needed aid in Afghanistan. The barriers prevented aid organizations, including PWS&D, from providing urgent humanitarian assistance since the Taliban took control in August 2021. The recent parliamentary adoption of Bill C-41 now enables Canadian aid organizations to provide crucial aid in Afghanistan safely and effectively. Bill C-41 is vital to improving access to health care, ensuring access to food, water and sanitation, education, and protecting human dignity. As winter approaches, the needs are even greater. PWS&D will now support work in Afghanistan once again—an important step in coping with political, economic and climate adversity for many in the country.

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