

St. Andrew's News

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.

Eleanor Roosevelt – former First Lady of the USA, political figure, diplomat, and activist

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun Dec 3 - Thunder Bay Community Choir @ 4pm

Wed Dec 6 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Thurs Dec 7 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm

Sun Dec 10 - Murder Mystery & Potluck Lunch

MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission and Outreach has begun our next 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.



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.



GIRL GUIDES COOKIE SALES

Girl Guides will be at St. Andrew's **Sun. Dec. 17** selling cookies at \$6 a box, in the hallway after Worship



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!



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 Northern Cancer Fund. Great music in support of a great cause.



ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Sunday December 3

Advent 1 ~ The Taste of Christmas

Matthew 26:1-30

Worship with Communion

Sunday December 10

Advent 2 ~ The Touch of Christmas

Luke 1:39-45

Murder Mystery & Potluck Lunch

Sunday December 17

Advent 3 ~ The Sounds of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20

Children's Sunday

Sunday December 24 (11:00am)

Advent 4 ~ The Smells of Christmas

Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday December 24 (7:30pm)

Christmas Eve ~ The Sights of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday December 31

Wassail Service



From Joyce



If your calendar is looking anything like mine, then December has a few things going on. For many there are the extra preparations and gatherings that come along with the Christmas Season, for others it just might be the number of appointments they have lined up. Whatever is going on for you, maybe St. Andrew's worship services can bless you this month.

Sunday worship throughout the month of December is filled with wonderful activity and special things happening during worship services. We begin with Advent 1 and Communion today. And though not our event, St. Andrew's is honoured to be the venue for the Thunder Bay Community Choir's concert this afternoon at 4:00pm.

Advent 2 which is next Sunday December 10, we have the Sax Choir from the Thunder Bay Community Band joining us in worship. This will be followed up after worship with a potluck lunch and an intergenerational and interactive murder mystery to be solved! This is a wonderful opportunity to be together for food, fun, and fellowship.

Advent 3 on December 17 includes the Flute choir from the Thunder Bay Community Band. During worship that day the children will be the focus as they start with us in worship, then go for specially planned activities, coming back to join the congregation near the end of the worship service as we add their experience and sounds to our worship!

Advent 4 lands on the morning of December 24th. This does not happen very often, but because it does, it will allow for people to come to a morning worship service on Christmas Eve. That evening we celebrate with the Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30pm.

But we are not done! The last Sunday of December is a Wassail service. It is a relaxed service of stories and songs, all enjoyed with a cup of hot apple cider.

May you find ways to anticipate the birth of Christ, the hope, joy, peace and love of this season in ways that are meaningful to you and bless you.

GUEST MUSICIANS IN WORSHIP

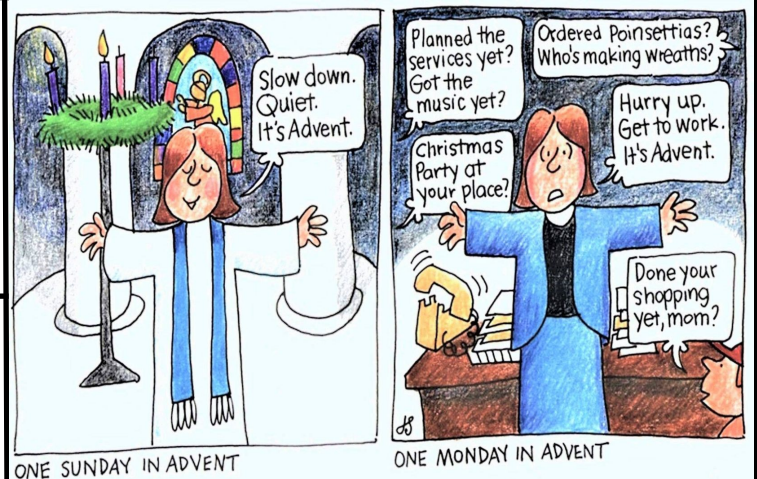
Sections of the Thunder Bay Community Band will be joining us for Worship

Dec. 10 - Sax Choir
Dec. 17 - Flute Choir

Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us.

MISSION MOMENT

In Malawi, Jennifer joined a program for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) supported by PWS&D. When she was in Grade 5, Jennifer lost both of her parents to HIV and was cared for by her great-aunt. Jennifer is also HIV positive and is undergoing treatment. Through the OVC program, Jennifer received training in tailoring as well as beekeeping. Now 19 years old, Jennifer has just had her first honey harvest, yielding 5 kg of honey, which she sold to buy food. Jennifer now dreams of volunteering with a local tailor, hoping to secure a paid job in the field. With the skills she learned from this program, Jennifer is able to live positively with HIV and earn a livelihood to support herself.



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