



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS

St. Andrew's will be hosting a special Christmas event on **Friday, November 15th**, from **3:00pm - 7:00pm**.



The event will include a children's craft and activity, a bake sale, nativity display, and more! All are welcome - please drop in!

SHORTBREAD SALES

We are now accepting orders for shortbread cookies, to be picked up on November 15th between 3:00pm-7:00pm. Cookies are \$8 per dozen, and orders must be received by **Friday, November 8th**. The order form can be found on our website, or paper copies are available at the church.

UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

Since 2006, the Undercover Project by Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to ensuring that children in need, aged 4-14, receive essential undergarments. Through this program, over 1000 children benefit annually, receiving 7 pairs of new socks and underwear.

St Andrew's is happy to be participating in this program. We would ask that you drop off children's underwear and socks at the church, into a bin marked "Undercover," between **October 6th - December 22nd**.

Thank you for supporting this great initiative!

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**Please note our new office hours:
Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wed Oct 16 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed Oct 16 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed Oct 16 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Thurs Oct 17 - The Music Class @ 11:00am
Thurs Oct 17 - Roman's Study Group @ 12:15pm

FOOD BANK



Fall is in the air and the Mission and Outreach Food Bank drive has begun. Donations of non-perishable items will be accepted until November.

Items in demand include peanut butter, soup, pasta and sauce, baked beans, cans of fruit and vegetables, tuna, ham, chicken, and salmon.

Other items include tetra packs of juice and "milk," Kraft Dinner and other "quick" noodle, rice, and pasta meals and cereal.

Other suggestions are "lunch box" snacks, crackers, instant coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

The need is great. Please, put the Food Bank on your grocery list. Remember that St. Andrew's often leads the way in baby food donations.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference begins its Fall Season with a North Country Ham dinner on **Wednesday, October 23rd**, at **12:15pm**.

A blood pressure clinic will be offered at this time.

All seniors are welcome to attend this event. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested.

If your name is not already on the calling list, please sign up in the main office, or at the back of the church on Sundays. We hope that you will join us for food and fellowship on the 23rd.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

For the health & consideration of those who attend worship, please refrain from using perfume, cologne, & other scented products.



Like all areas in Thunder Bay, people go around checking for vehicles that are unlocked. When you come to the church, ensure that your cars are locked.



From Joyce



It has been a while since we have looked at this, so I thought it might be time to remember what we adopted as our Mission Statement at our annual meeting back in February of this year. As we continue to work out what God is leading us to, this is our guiding document. First off it states that St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is a community of God.

As a community of God our work is

RESPONDING - We reach out and offer help where there is need.

RESTORING - We work towards bringing wholeness, healing, peace and love to all.

REJOICING - We celebrate with overflowing gratitude.

What grounds our work, our decisions, our curiosity, and our worship, is that we believe in being...

CHRIST-CENTRED We are committed to our spiritual needs and strengthening our faith through Jesus Christ. We see ourselves as disciples of Jesus and are committed to spreading the word of God by demonstrating love through kindness, truthfulness, compassion and respect.

INCLUSIVE We are committed to our community of faith where we demonstrate God's love with openness, non-judgement and a welcoming approach to all.

INNOVATIVE We are committed to being forward-thinking and flexible; we adapt with the ever changing and evolving world we live in.

KNOWLEDGEABLE We are committed to promoting education, raising awareness and creating greater understanding so we may always be learning and growing.

COMMUNITY-BASED We are committed to understanding the needs of our community, establishing strong partnerships within it and fostering relationships. We reach out in community, as a community and with community.

There is much planning going on for wonderful partnerships, events, and ways to be a community and in community. I ask that you would hold all of it in prayer.

MISSION MOMENT

November 26, 2023, was a day of great joy and celebration for the Pinuyumayan Church District, one of the Indigenous groups of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. They gave thanks for 65 years of mission history and the publication of their very first New Testament translated into the language of their heart. It was the fruit of labour for the Pinuyumayan Bible translation team and the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean who worked on the project for eight years. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Paul works with 12 Bible translation teams preserving endangered Indigenous languages, promoting literacy, and when the Bible is read, proclaiming the Gospel.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. *-Proverbs 3:9*

CHURCH ACTION TEAMS

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has embarked on an amazing journey of New Beginnings and we invite you to join us in our revitalization!

We have three exciting ACTION TEAMS that could use your energy and ideas

Welcome and Fellowship Team: If helping to create meaningful relationships feels like a wonderful way to spend a bit of time, then this could be the right fit for you. Figuring out ways to keep current members engaged, and welcome future members, visitors and anyone else who may want to be part of St. Andrew's is an important piece of our journey together. Join us!

Mission and Outreach Team: What could feel better than helping to continue our work in organizing and directing the church's mission offerings and donations across our Thunder Bay community. There are community partnerships out there just waiting to be developed and we invite you to be a part of this critical work.

Fundraising Team: It takes faith and prayer to keep our St. Andrew's community vital, but it also takes money. This team welcomes your ideas, commitment and creativity to help identify reliable income opportunities that will continue to sustain us while we continue to do all the good work we do, for the community of Thunder Bay

Reach out to any elder in person, or through the office.

We welcome any level of involvement - whatever you feel is right for you!



GIRL GUIDE COOKIES

The Girl Guides will be selling cookies after worship next Sunday, **October 20th**. They will be offering chocolate-mint, and summer classics, all for \$6 a box.