

St. Andrew's News



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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



SHORTBREAD SALES

Time to order shortbread cookies is running out! Cookies are \$8 per dozen, and orders must be received by **Friday, November 8th** at **1:00pm**. The order form can be found on our website, or paper copies are available at the church.



Orders are to be picked up during our Christmas event on Friday, November 15th between 3:00pm-7:00pm.

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 & activity, a baking and hot dog sale, nativity displays, and more! All are welcome - please drop in!

BAKING FOR ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

We invite all who are able to donate dainties or baking to be sold at our Christmas event! If you choose to do so, dainties can be dropped off at the church on Wednesday, November 13th from 9 am - 6 pm, and Thursday the 14th from 9 am - 1 pm.

Baking can be dropped off on Thursday, November 14th from 9 am - 6 pm, or Friday the 15th between 9 am and the start of the event at 3 pm. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Wed Oct 23 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

UPCOMING SERVICES

Please note that next Sunday, November 3rd, we will observe All Saints Sunday with a special service, **followed by a Souper Sunday lunch**, hosted by the Seekers. On November 10th, we will observe Remembrance Sunday during the service.



The following month, we will celebrate the start of Advent on Sunday, December 1st, as well as our next Children's Sunday on December 15th.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Andrew's will be hosting a special community concert, "The Sounds of Christmas," on **Sunday, December 8th**, from **4 - 5:30 pm**.



It will feature performances from a variety of talented local musicians. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors (60+), and children under 10 are free. Tickets can be purchased online (e-transfer), through the church office, or at the door (cash only).

TIME CHANGE

It's time to **fall back!** Don't forget that clocks move back one hour at 2am on Sunday, November 3rd.



UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

Since 2006, the Undercover Project by Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to ensuring that children in need, age 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," until **December 22nd**.

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.

MISSION MOMENT

In Guatemala, gender-based violence has been and continues to be one of the most obvious forms of gender inequality. To address this, Presbyterian World Service & Development is supporting a project that speaks to the problem of violence against women. Adolescents and young women participate in workshops where they learn about their rights and build their self-esteem and dignity. In addition, the project raises awareness among young men through workshops where they learn about machismo, identify what violence against women looks like, and promote commitments to eliminate it.



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 into 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.


STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Extravagant generosity is about living on less and giving more to make a difference in our world.



-Dr. Phil Maynard, ministry coach and consultant
Offerings can be sent via e-transfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

From Joyce

 Just a quick note to let you know that I am away on Study leave this week and what I will be doing with my time. I am spending the weekend with my daughter, her husband, and my one and only grandchild. Also getting a start on catching up on work and planning. The first part of next week I will be at the Lester Randal Preaching Fellowship. Feel free to check it out at [Home - The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship](#). Come Tuesday evening through to Saturday morning I will be at the Presbyterian Church in Canada's conference and retreat centre at Crieff Hills near Guelph. There I am going to take some time to be renewed in a wonderful retreat setting while continuing to get caught up on work and hopefully be able to take time to do some future planning for worship. You can check out their website, even do a virtual tour of the property at [Crieff Hills - Retreat & Conference Centre](#). I look forward to being back for worship on November 3 with our special All Saints Sunday Service.



A special thank you to Rev. Pamela Hogewoning for leading today's service, and to our guest organist, Connor Curran!