



# 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 this **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00pm - 7:00pm**.

The event will include a nativity display, bake sale and dainties, hot dog sale, knitting, as well as children's activities.

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 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 6 pm, and Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm.

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

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Next month, we will celebrate the start of Advent on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as our next Children's Sunday on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## SHORTBREAD NOTICE

If you aren't baked out, we still need more shortbread and appreciate your ongoing efforts! **If you've already baked, your containers are waiting to be picked up next to the freezer.**

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[standrewspres-tbay.ca](http://standrewspres-tbay.ca)

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Nov 12 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm  
Wed Nov 13 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am  
Wed Nov 13 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm  
Wed Nov 13 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm  
Thurs Nov 14 - The Music Class @ 11:00am  
Thurs Nov 14 - Heritage Committee @ 11:00am  
Fri Nov 15 - Family Christmas Event @ 3:00pm

## LOOKING AHEAD

Every year around this time, a small bare tree will suddenly appear in Rowand Hall. At first it is bare, but with your help, it will soon be covered with gifts for two women's shelters.



Your gifts may include toys, puzzles, markers, crayons, notebooks and paper, scarves, gloves, mitts, and hats, personal care items, and small household items like can openers, batteries, etc. Small denomination gift cards are also welcome.

Over the years your continuing generosity has made this project a huge success. If you can't get out to shop, someone will shop for you. Gifts should be "under the tree" by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## FOOD BANK DRIVE

Mission and Outreach Food Bank Drive will continue during November. For most of us, November is the time to make lists, bake for the church, and make plans for holiday gatherings and special meals.



For others, special plans of any kind are not a possibility. There will be no special meals or extra treats for kids. You can help to change that. Your continuing generosity will make a difference. Thank you for your support of this vital project.

## HERITAGE WALL

Please check out the Heritage Wall in recognition of Remembrance Day.

The Heritage Committee has arranged a collection of pictures, poetry, and other items honouring this special day.



## From Joyce



The church has been a hub of activity the last few weeks and this coming week will be a whirl-wind of people coming and going with preparations. Shortbread baking and packing has been consuming a number of people in the congregation for the last few weeks and there are people who have gone above and beyond in baking so that we can fill the orders that are coming in for the shortbread. Though you are quietly making this happen, what you are giving of time, energy, and resources is a huge gift to our congregation both in terms of joy and in terms of fundraising. The leadership shown by individuals as well as the Seekers and St. Aidan's groups is also a gift as we prepare for the St. Andrew's Family Christmas event. All those in the planning stages of our events have had the courage to look at things and see what can be done, not relying on the past, yet honouring the past while being curious about how we can engage community with joy, hospitality, and welcome, providing much needed funding for our work as a congregation. It is a privilege to be the minister in a place where people are willing to look at the possibilities, embracing change, and looking with joy and curiosity at where God is leading.

## 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**.

## LAKEVIEW PRES. ORGAN CONCERT

Lakeview Presbyterian Church will be holding a concert on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our lovely Karl Wilhelm organ, which was installed in 1974. A varied program will be presented by eight organists, ThunderBrass quintet, and other musicians.

Please join us at 278 Camelot Street for this wonderful free concert & reception following.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Andrew's will be hosting a special community concert, "The Sounds of Christmas," on **Sunday, December 8th**, at **4:00pm**.



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).

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Be generous in giving, and grateful in receiving."

- *Unknown*

Donations can be sent via e-transfer to [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

## 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!