



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



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).

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.

CHECK OUT THE HERITAGE WALL



Christmas is coming, and the Heritage Committee has arranged a collection telling the story of Christmas at St. Andrew's over the years.

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Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Wed Nov 20 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed Nov 20 - Lunch with a Difference @ 12:15pm
Wed Nov 20 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed Nov 20 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Thurs Nov 21 - The Music Class @ 11:00am

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

The last Lunch with a Difference of 2024 will take place at 12:15pm on Wednesday, November 20th. Our first Lunch with a Difference of 2025 will take place on Wednesday, February 12th. If you have not been to Lunch with a Difference, please leave your name and phone number with the office, or sign the list at the back of the church on Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"The person who gives to me teaches me to give."
- Danish Proverb

Donations can be sent via e-transfer to
offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to ensuring that children in need receive essential undergarments. Through this program, over 1000 children benefit annually.

We would ask that you drop off children's underwear and socks at the church, into a bin marked "Undercover," until **December 22nd**.

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 15th.

From Joyce



Get ready to be swept away by the spirit of the season! On Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will open its doors for "The Sounds of Christmas," a community Christmas concert that promises to be a heartwarming celebration filled with music, poetry, and community connection. This special event will bring together local musicians, vocalists, and poet in a vibrant program that embodies the joy and unity of the holiday season.

The concert lineup features an impressive array of talented performers from across the community. Here's who you can expect to see (in no particular order):

- **Sean Kim** – Organist
- **Ash Moreau** – Indigenous Drummer
- **Tara O'Brien & John Barro** – Guitar and Vocals
- **Thunder Bay Community Band** - Brass Section
- **Mary Welby** – Cello
- **Equality Rocks** – Choral Group
- **St. Paul's United Church Hand Bell Choir**
- **Rebecca Krawczuk** – Trumpet
- **Naomi Cohen** – Harpist
- **Kathryn Ferrazo** – Poet
- **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Choir & Friends**

This extraordinary lineup brings together a blend of instruments, voices, and cultural traditions, each adding its unique sound and energy to the season's festivities. From the gentle resonance of the harp and the evocative rhythm of Indigenous drumming, to the uplifting tones of the hand bells and choir harmonies, the concert will create an immersive experience of joy.

The event is more than a concert; it's a testament to St. Andrew's mission of community partnership. By collaborating with local artists and bringing people together, this concert is a celebration of the shared spirit that makes the season so special. Moreover, proceeds from ticket sales will go towards supporting the church's work, allowing everyone who attends to be a part of this effort.

So come and be part of this special day. Invite family and friends, fill the sanctuary with warmth and cheer, and let's make this a season of music, togetherness, and goodwill. Purchase your tickets and help us spread the word—let's fill the sanctuary with joy, music, and people this Christmas season!

ADVENT STUDY

Heaven and Earth by Will Willimon

Thursdays, November 28th, December 5th, 12th, and 19th, 12:00 - 1:15pm

It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we're to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now.

In *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, Will Willimon introduces you to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way.

Excerpt taken from: [Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation: Willimon, William H.: 9781791029036: Books - Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca/dp/9781791029036)

Contact Rev. Joyce if you would like to participate. You can order the book yourself, or she can order it for you.

LAKEVIEW PRES. ORGAN CONCERT

Lakeview Presbyterian Church will be holding a free concert **this afternoon at 3:00pm.** 278 Camelot Street. Reception following.

CHURCH ACTION TEAMS

St. Andrew's invites you to join us in our revitalization! We have three exciting ACTION TEAMS that could use your energy and ideas:

Welcome and Fellowship Team: Help to create meaningful relationships by 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!

Mission and Outreach Team: Help us 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 through 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 creativity to help identify reliable income opportunities that will continue to sustain us.

Reach out to any elder in person, or through the office. We welcome any level of involvement - whatever you feel is right for you!