



St. Andrew's News

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January 12th, 2025

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



FUN AND FITNESS



Fun & Fitness resumes this Wednesday, January 15th at 10am. Come join us for exercise and fellowship!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Jan 14 - Session @ 7:00pm
Wed Jan 15 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 9th**, following the worship service and lunch provided by St. Aidan's Guild.



SIGN UP FOR THE MUSIC CLASS®



For infants up to 4 yrs old, register for fun filled classes of singing, dancing, movement and instrument play. Parents learn how to enrich their child's music environment, increase music potential, and understand music development.

There is still space available on **Thursdays at 11:00am and 5:15pm**. Classes are 45 minutes each, and begin on February 6th, and run through April 17th. The cost is \$135 for the first child, and \$95 for the second child from the same family.

Contact Joyce at **807-632-8348** to register or for more information.

GUEST ORGANIST

Thank you to our guest organist, Carol Wehrstedt, for providing the music for this Sunday's service.



HERITAGE WALL

Check out the heritage wall! There is a new display highlighting baptism at St. Andrew's.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



- 1 Peter 4:10

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

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE



Lunch with a Difference will be holding its first meal of 2025 with a Valentine's lunch on **Wednesday, February 12th at 12:15pm**. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the front office.

If possible, a \$10 donation per guest is appreciated.

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

MISSION MOMENT

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Hummingbird Ministries promotes healing for Indigenous generations, addressing the trauma of a colonial past while nurturing hopes for a brighter future. Led by the Rev. Mary Fontaine, the first Indigenous moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the ministry fosters healing and reconciliation through cultural arts, including dance and drama performances. Additionally, Hummingbird Ministries connects with congregations across the PCC to provide healing through workshops and events like National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Christmas Circle, and the Peace through the Arts Festival.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry that we are doing together in Canada and around the world through Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D.

From Joyce

Wow! Now sure how I feel about seeing 2025 all over the place now. Even though it is a little overwhelming to think that we have gotten through another year – way too quickly! – and a new year has begun, one thing I feel is gratitude. St. Andrew's has been a place of hope and welcome. We don't do things perfectly, but I just commented today on the fact that it is a place of grace. It is a place where people strive to do their best, and when our best is not quite enough, others offer grace and help. It happens with the staff, with groups working together, and in worship. And in a time when so many ministers are often the target of frustration in their congregations, especially as change and transformation are happening, I too am offered grace in this place.

Over Christmas I found myself reflecting on the last three years in particular. I realized that I am only now able to reflect on that time as the work with First Presbyterian has ended and the bathroom renovations are pretty much completed, both of which took up more energy than I realized at the time, along with the responsibilities of ministry here at St. Andrew's and my work with St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. James Anglican Shared Ministry in Geraldton. Over Christmas I had the brain space to start to catch up on projects both work related and personal. I feel like I may have the ability to once again imagine and be more creative. It is a wonderful space to be in.

I know things will get busy again. The Music Class will keep me busy for ten weeks this spring, along with the planning, preparations, and actual work of ministry from Sunday worship, Bible study, and mid-week Lenten services. And if it feels like we just ended Christmas and I am already planning Easter, well, yes I am. This is why years fly by me!

I am excited for what 2025 holds for this congregation. I know it will hold heartbreak as members deal with the challenges and hardships that none of us escape in this life, but I also look forward to what God will be doing in, with, and through us. Thank you for being who you are as a congregation, for your grace given to me and to each other. May I be able to serve you as you need in this time and place at St. Andrew's.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 12 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 13 We pray for the Rev. Lora Nafziger and her family as she begins her second year as Staff Support and Counselling Advisor at the United Mission to Nepal headquarters in Kathmandu.

Tuesday, January 14 We pray for St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario as they engage in a community that is hurting from opioid addiction and homelessness, and for Hamilton Urban Core as it runs treatment and outreach services from its temporary home at St. Paul's.

Wednesday, January 15 We pray for residents of St. Andrew's Hall who gather on Wednesday evenings for soup and discussion on the Christian faith and mental health using the Sanctuary Course materials under the leadership of Chaplain Rev. Sumarme Goble.

Thursday, January 16 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls, Moderator of the 2024 General Assembly, as she connects with Presbyterians across the country in her visits and through letters and articles.

Friday, January 17 We pray for Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island as it works towards healing and reconciliation, serving Indigenous communities through spiritual, social and mental health services. We pray also for its Director, the Rev. Joey Cho.

Saturday, January 18 (World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

