

# St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



# **UNDERCOVER PROGRAM**

Since 2006, the Undercover Project by Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to providing children in need, age 4-14, with 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." Please keep in mind that larger sizes are most needed at this time. Thank you for your support!

#### LAKEVIEW TEA & BAZAAR

Lakeview Presbyterian Church (278 Camelot St.) will host a Christmas Dessert Tea and Bazaar on Saturday, November 8, from 1pm -**3pm**. A variety of specialty desserts will be offered, along with tea and coffee. Featuring a bake table, craft table, and a Toonie Plus table. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door. Wheelchair accessible at the parking lot entrance. For more information, please call 807-345-8823.

#### ST. PAUL'S TEA & BAKE/CRAFT SALE

St. Paul's United Church (349 Waverly St.) is hosting a tea on Saturday, November 15th, from 1pm - 3pm, including bake and craft tables. Admission is \$10, and children between the ages of 3-7 are \$5. For more information, please call 807-345-5864.

#### ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon Nov 3 - Welcome & Fellowship Team @ 6:30pm

Tues Nov 4 - Seekers @ 11am Tues Nov 4 - TOPS @ 11am

Wed Nov 5 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed Nov 5 - Music Class @ 4pm; 5:15pm

Wed Nov 5 - Bible Study @ 7pm

Thus Nov 6 - Music Class @ 11am

Thurs Nov 6 - Bible Study @ 12pm

Thurs Nov 6 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm

Thurs Nov 6 - Music Class @ 5:15pm

Sun Nov 9 - Remembrance Sunday Service @ 11am

#### LAST CALL FOR SHORTBREAD

The last day to place orders for shortbread is Thursday, November 13th, and it's coming up fast! Get your orders in now! And please spread the



word. Order forms are available in the front office just make sure they are submitted by the 13th.

Orders can also be made through our website, standrewspres-tbay.ca, or by contacting the church office. The cost is \$10 per dozen. Pickup dates will be Saturday, November 22nd from 9:30am-1:30pm. and Friday, November 28th, from 9:00am-3:00pm.

As well, more shortbread is still very urgently **needed.** If you have shortbread at home, please bring it in as soon as possible. If you are willing to bake in support of this important fundraiser, you may sign out butter from the church freezer, and recipes are available in the front office. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about either ordering or baking, at 807-622-4273.

#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

St. Andrew's is proud to present The Sounds of Christmas: A Community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 7th at 4pm. Come out and



enjoy a selection of holiday favourites (including some sing-a-longs), performed by a variety of talented local musicians, all within the atmosphere of our beautiful sanctuary! This event is a fundraiser for our church. Tickets are \$25, and children under 10 are free. Tickets can be

purchased through the church office, or reserved online via our website. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

# From Joyce

I would like to welcome everyone to worship today who is here because they have had a loved one pass away in this last year. Today is a day that we honour these loved ones. Though All Saints Sunday is one that many faith communities observe, it was only in 2020 that our St. Andrew's church took this day to remember those who have impacted our lives, or the lives of others with connections to this church. With all that changed in that year, we realized that we needed to find a way to celebrate, grieve, and honour those who had been a part of our congregation. What we learned through that experience, and what has become the trend, is that funerals or celebrations of life are happening less and less. Still, as human beings we need moments to pause and reflect, to cry and to laugh, to rejoice and to grieve in regard to those who have touched our lives in some way but have now died. And so this service has become part of our special traditions. I pray that today each of us has a chance to catch our breath, be still, be healed, and be welcomed into the love of Christ and each other.

As well, an update...On Monday my daughter-inlaw had surgery to remove a brain tumour and I know many of you were praying for her for which I am deeply grateful. Everything has gone pretty much best case scenario so far. The next weeks will be continued healing and seeing if outcomes remain as hopeful as they are now. I want you to know that she had such peace throughout this process and she truly believes, as do I, that it is because of the many people holding her in prayer. We didn't know how things would turn out, but the morning of the operation she was calm in a way she could not have anticipated and that feeling remains. Wonderfully, Hazel was discharged on Thursday afternoon, and will be going home to continue to recuperate and heal. Thank you again, for holding all of us, but particularly Hazel in your thoughts and prayers.

#### TRIBUTE SHOW & FOOD DRIVE

On **Sunday, November 9th**, Ray Smith will perform a tribute show of "Golden Hits" from the 1950s-1970s at the West Thunder Community Centre (915 Edward St. S.) in support of the Dew Drop Inn. Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted between **12-4pm**, with the show beginning at **2pm**. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door, West Thunder, or the Dew Drop Inn.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially."

-Uknown



Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

### STRENGTH IN SOLIDARITY

On Friday, December 5th, Harmony Movement, in partnership with Diversity Thunder Bay, will be hosting Strength in Solidarity: Educators and Communities for Racial Justice. This full-day conference will feature both speakers and interactive workshops, and share tools and strategies for advancing inclusion in schools and community services. The event will be held at Lakehead University. Tickets are \$45 for community members attending without sponsorship of an organization. For more information, please visit Harmony Movement on Facebook, or email <a href="mailto:info@harmony.ca">info@harmony.ca</a>.

# **WESTMINSTER UNITED BAKE SALE**

On **Sunday, November 30th**, Westminster United (650 River St.) will be holding a "Stocking Stuffer" and Bake Sale from **1:30-4:30pm**. There will also be tea with Santa! Please bring your own bag. Admission is free; cash only accepted.

#### THANK YOU FROM FOOD BANK

The Thunder Bay Food Bank recently shared the following expression of gratitude following a donation made by St. Andrew's:



"We were so pleased today to receive a large and varied supply of groceries from St. Andrew's congregation - 394 pounds! We very much appreciate the ongoing support of your church community, especially as we share the same neighbourhood. We continue to serve hundreds of individuals and families monthly, with the priority to provide a nutritious and varied supply of food items for our clients. The rising cost of food means that more families are struggling to buy enough groceries to last until the next paycheque. Our food bank relies on the generosity of donors in order to continue our operations, and allow us to help those in need."

St. Andrew's continues to collect nonperishable food donations for the Food Bank.