



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



SHORTBREAD SALES OPEN



St. Andrew's is now accepting orders for our annual shortbread sale! You may place your order on 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. The final day to place orders is Thursday, November 13th.

Whether you buy shortbread to enjoy yourself, to give as a gift, or to share with family and friends, St. Andrew's appreciates your support!

Please help to spread the word -
posters available in the front office!

CALL FOR SHORTBREAD BAKERS



Butter can be signed out of the church freezer to anyone who would like to volunteer to bake as part of our annual shortbread sale. Printed copies of our traditional shortbread recipe are available for pickup in the front office, or can be sent by email upon request. Shortbread can be dropped off at the church freezer during office hours, or on Sundays. Please be sure to label your containers if you wish to get them back.

A reminder that this is one of the most important fundraisers for St. Andrew's. Whether you bake every year, or are doing so for the first time, we welcome and appreciate your support!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun Oct 26 - Souper Sunday @ 12pm
Tues Oct 28 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Oct 29 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Thurs Oct 30 - Event Planners @ 10am
Sun Nov 2 - All Saints Sunday Service @ 11am

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, contact the office at 807-622-4273, or office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.



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 supporting this great initiative!

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. If able, please bring your own shopping bag. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available at the door. Wheelchair accessible at the parking lot entrance. For more information, please call Lakeview at 807-345-8823.

From Joyce



Rather than looking at what has been happening in the last while, I am looking ahead to what is coming up. Today, as those of you who are at church will see, I am away. I am in Edmonton this week with my youngest son Jonathan and his partner Hazel. I would ask that you keep them in prayer as Hazel will be in the U of A Hospital on Monday, October 27th having a brain tumor removed. I believe in the power of prayer, and so it would be a gift to us to be held in that way. This is also a good time to remind you that we do have a prayer chain in our church. Should you wish to have someone added to the prayer chain, you can contact me or the church office to make that happen. If you would like to be someone who participates formally in the prayer chain, please connect with me so we can have a conversation about that. Note that prayer requests are kept private with that group unless we are instructed that we can do otherwise.

To get you thinking about what is coming up...if you haven't figured it out yet from the rest of the newsletter...shortbread baking and sales are on the go. This is a major fundraiser for this congregation. Your support is deeply appreciated. If you can bake, connect with us; if you can sell, get the word out that people can order. You can even pick up order forms at the church office if people don't want to go online to order. These funds are critical to our ongoing work as a congregation.

And crazy though it may seem, by next Sunday Halloween will be over and November 2nd will mark All Saints Sunday. This has become a very special service for this congregation. It is a Sunday when we speak the names of people who have passed in the last year that either were a part of this congregation, or connected to someone in our congregation. It may be that we have guests as I also invite people for whom I have done a service or have been in contact with in their time of loss since last November. The names are spoken and a candle lit in remembrance. It is an act of remembering and holding of memories. It is a time to honour. There are always more candles throughout the sanctuary and an invitation is extended in the service for people to go and light a candle in memory of anyone that they may want to hold in a special remembrance that day.

November 9th is Remembrance Sunday in honour and anticipation of Remembrance Day. November 16th we will be doing a blessing of Prayer Shawls. November 30th marks the first Sunday in Advent. That Sunday we will celebrate both Communion, and the baptism of two little girls who are part of our church family. I could go on about all that we are planning for and going to be involved with, but that is for another time! Blessings on your day and the days to come.

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 info@harmony.ca.

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 info, call 807-345-5864.

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 non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank.