



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



SHORTBREAD BAKERS NEEDED



All of the shortbread orders are in, and we are fortunate to have received so many of them, which means more funds raised in support of St. Andrew's. It also means that we are still in great need of bakers in order to fulfill all of the orders. If you have shortbread at home, please bring it in as soon as possible (remember to label your tins if you want them returned to you). If you have not yet baked, but are willing to do so, you may sign out butter from the church freezer, and printed recipes are available in the front office. Please contact the office if you have any questions about baking.

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK

On **Sunday, December 14th**, the Seekers will be hosting a congregational potluck immediately following the worship service. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. This will also be the final **Children's Sunday** for the year, so we encourage all ages to join us for fellowship and some holiday cheer!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION



The next date for Coffee & Conversation will be next **Sunday, November 23rd at 10:30am**. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a hot morning coffee, and engage in fellowship with both new and familiar faces prior to the service. All are welcome! Please join us!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Nov 18 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Nov 19 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Wed Nov 19 - Lunch With a Difference @ 12:15pm
Wed Nov 19 - Music Class @ 4pm; 5:15pm
Wed Nov 19 - Bible Study @ 7pm
Thurs Nov 20 - Music Class @ 11am
Thurs Nov 20 - Bible Study @ 12pm
Thurs Nov 20 - Music Class @ 5:15pm
Sun Nov 23 - Coffee & Conversation @ 10:30am

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

The next Lunch With a Difference will be held this **Wednesday, November 19th at 12:15pm**. New guests are always welcome. The sign-up sheet is available in the front office. A blood pressure clinic will also be offered at this time.



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, and we encourage you to spread the word, and sell tickets to friends, family, and coworkers. 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.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Stewardship is partnership with God."

- Unknown

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



SOUPER SUNDAY

Please join us after the worship service **today** for a Souper Sunday lunch, hosted by the Seekers.

From Joyce



You may recall that last week I was counting the Sundays to Christmas. Many people are making their holiday plans. Families are organizing who is going to be where and when. The stores, hardly waiting for Halloween and Remembrance Day to be over, have been working overtime to get Christmas displays and stock out. Businesses and organizations are planning for Christmas parties and the Santa Claus parade just took place yesterday. Here at St. Andrew's much the same is happening. We are just wrapping up the shortbread sales which happen on purpose around this time of year. All that is left is more baking and the pickup dates. Then we have the St. Andrew's Community Christmas Concert on December 7th and our choir is working on the music that we will be singing for that event. Along with all of that activity is of course our regular Sunday worship with the first Sunday of Advent being November 30th.

This year, as we celebrate Advent, we are going to be using resources from Illustrated Ministry and their "*The Will to Dream*" Advent through Epiphany theme. Illustrated Ministry is the same group that creates the back pack tags in the fall and Nativity stickers at Christmas that we have been using for several years. They have been writing curriculum for all of that time as well and this year I found their theme and resources to have meaning for where our congregation and the world are at right now. Much of the thought going into this resource for Illustrated Ministry came out of reading the book *The Prophetic Imagination* by Walter Brueggemann. I will be reading the book and if anyone wants to read it with me let me know I would be happy to have a time of conversation around the book and how that connects with our Advent worship. I am looking forward to this time of worship as we learn together, sing, pray, rejoice, and as we are joined by guest musicians. December 14th is the next Children's Sunday, gathering also to enjoy a potluck lunch together. So much to look forward to! As you plan your Christmas schedule, remember to include Sunday worship. I promise it will deepen your experience of Christmas.

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES



Girl Guides will be selling boxes of their classic Girl Guide cookies in the front hall, following the worship service on **Sunday, November 30th.**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

This year, the theme for our advent series is "The Will to Dream." Advent services will begin on November 30th, and continue each Sunday at 11am leading up to Christmas. Please join us for advent, as well as other seasonal services, outlined below.



Advent I: Vigilant Hope

Sunday, November 30th, 2025 - 11:00am
Including communion and baptism

Advent II: Prophetic Peace

Sunday, December 7th, 2025 - 11:00am

Advent III: Unexpected Joy

Sunday, December 14th, 2025 - 11:00am
Children's Sunday and potluck lunch

Advent IV: Merciful Love

Sunday, December 21st, 2025 - 11:00am

Christmas Eve: Embodied Promise

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025 - 7:30pm
Candlelight service

Wassail Service

Sunday, December 28th, 2025 - 11:00am

UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

For 20 years, 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 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.

ST. ANDREW'S TO BE FEATURED IN BAYVIEW MAGAZINE

We are excited to announce that the winter issue of Bayview magazine, which will be released on November 22nd, will feature an article about St. Andrew's, focusing on its history and continuing evolution. The idea for this article came out of the New Beginnings process well over a year ago, and we are happy to see it finally come to pass. Keep an eye out for this issue! Bayview magazine is distributed by mail with the Chronical Journal, but can also be picked up for free at several locations across the city, including Central Car Wash, J.B. Evans, Equipment World, & more.